

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee
Date:	19 September 2017
Title:	Road Safety Task and Finish Group
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. To establish a Task and Finish Working Group on the topic of Road Safety.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. In 2016 the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee pre-scrutinised proposals to revise the traffic management policy to focus on schemes responding to safety led issues. Data suggested there had been a slight increase in serious and fatal accidents between 2003 and 2014, and the revised policy would prioritise activity to address accidents.
- 2.2. As a result of scrutiny of this topic during 2016 the Select Committee resolved to initiate a Task & Finish Group on Road Safety, to review the approach to casualty reduction (safety engineering) and casualty prevention (road safety education) to form a view on future service priorities. However, it was subsequently decided to defer this piece of work, due to the county council elections in May 2017.
- 2.3. At the meeting of the Policy & Resources Select Committee held on 22 June 2017 the annual corporate performance report for 2016/17 was considered, which reported that the performance indicator for the number of people killed or seriously injured on Hampshire roads was rated as a risk, as the three year average figure was higher than the target. The Policy & Resources Select Committee referred the topic to the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee for further consideration. At the 30 June 2017 meeting of the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee, the Select Committee resolved to look in to this topic by reinstating the previously planned working group.

3. Task and Finish Working Group

3.1. A draft terms of reference for a working group on the topic of Road Safety is attached at Appendix 1. It is proposed that the working group comprise up to 6

Members of the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee, on a proportional basis.

- 3.2. It is proposed that following agreement of the membership of the working group at the September meeting, the working group hold an initial meeting in the autumn of 2017, with further meetings convened as required. The Working Group to report it's findings and any recommendations to the full Select Committee in 2018, for approval and forwarding to the relevant Executive Member for consideration.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. That the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee agree the terms of reference for a Task & Finish Working Group on Road Safety.
- 4.2. That the Membership of the Task & Finish Working Group is agreed (to be confirmed at the meeting).

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	no

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Road Casualty Reduction	<u>Date</u> 30 June 2016
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.3. This report is about setting up a working group, it is not recommending any action. If any changes in policy etc are recommended as a result of this working group, impact assessments will be undertaken as necessary for consideration when the changes are considered.

2. Climate Change:

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- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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