

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	6 July 2017
Officer	Andrew Martin Service Director - Highways and Emergency Planning
Subject of Report	Scoping Report - Task and Finish Group for Road Traffic Collisions
Executive Summary	The purpose of this report is to set out the scope and responsibilities for a small task and finish group comprising a lead member, lead officer and a champion for outcome based accountability (OBA) in regard to the number of road traffic collisions.
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: Not applicable.
	Use of Evidence: Not applicable.
	Budget: Not applicable.
	Risk Assessment: Not applicable.
	Other Implications: Not applicable.

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Recommendation	The Safeguarding Committee is asked to consider this scoping report and elect members to the task and finish group.
Reason for Recommendation	An action was taken at Safeguarding Committee in March 2017 to establish a task and finish group to scrutinise the existing work undertaken by the County Council and partner agencies to improve road safety.
Appendices	Appendix A - Copy of SAFE population indicator - Number of people killed or seriously injured - December 2016
Background Papers	Report to Safeguarding Committee in March 2017 - Causes and forces of road traffic collisions Minutes of November 2016 Health & Wellbeing Board Road Safety Education Update Report to Health and Wellbeing Board – November 2016 Minutes of August 2016 Health & Wellbeing Board Minutes of June 2016 Health & Wellbeing Board Road Safety Report to Health & Wellbeing Board – June 2016 Minutes of September 2015 Health & Wellbeing Board Report to Health & Wellbeing Board in September 2015 – Reducing hams from road traffic collisions in Dorset
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1. Background

- 1.1 In March 2017, Safeguarding Committee considered a report on the causes and forces of road traffic collisions. This report outlined the factors contributing towards the occurrence of collisions and the 'story' behind the population indicator 'number of people killed or seriously injured on Dorset's roads'.
- 1.2 Part of the County Council's Outcome Framework for the 'Safe' outcome is for there to be fewer accidental injuries and deaths - including those on Dorset's roads.
- 1.3 Improving road safety has a wider importance than safety. For example, fewer collisions on Dorset's roads would result in lower levels of traffic disruption.
- 1.4 It was agreed at Safeguarding Committee on 15 March to establish a task and finish group comprising of a lead member, lead officer(s) and a champion for outcome based

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accountability (OBA) to scrutinise road safety related interventions by the County Council and its partners.

2. **Scope of Task and Finish Group**

- 2.1 The scope of the task and finish group is to take a holistic review of existing interventions and work streams that aim to improve road safety. This will include work undertaken directly by the County Council and also its partners.
- 2.2 There are a wide variety of services that the County Council deliver that aim to improve road safety. The task and finish group will consider various work streams and scrutinise their effectiveness.
- 2.3 The task and finish group will review the existing road safety priorities and consider the context within which road safety interventions exist by using available evidence and existing policies and procedures.
- 2.4 The task and finish group will make evidence led recommendations to be discussed and debated by Safeguarding Committee.
- 2.5 The task and finish group will review the previous work of the Health and Wellbeing Board on this issue to ensure that evidence is considered and to avoid duplication. Reports considered by Health & Wellbeing Board in September 2015, June 2016 and November 2016. Copies of these reports and associated meeting minutes are available as back ground papers.
- 2.6 Any recommendations agreed by Safeguarding Committee will be taken forward for debate and discussion at Cabinet.
- 2.7 The timeframe for this task and finish group is yet to be decided.
- 2.8 Key lines of enquiry that the task and finish group are invited to consider are:
 - If we do nothing new or different where is the trend heading? Is this okay?
 - What's helping and hindering the trend?
 - Are local services and partnerships making a difference and providing value for money?
 - What additional information/research do we need to properly understand the causes and forces?
 - Who are the key partners we need to be working with?
 - What could work to turn the trend in the right direction including 'low cost and no cost solutions'?
 - What is the Council's elected members role and specific contribution?

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Committee agree the scope of the task and finish group and appoint members accordingly.

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