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NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene & Engineering Scrutiny Committee

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Report of the Head of Engineering & Transport

David W. Griffiths

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All

Road Safety Strategy Update 2015-2020

Purpose of Report:

To report on NPTCBC's current position against the targets set within our Road Safety Strategy 2015–2020.

Executive Summary:

During the life of our current Road Safety Strategy 2015–2020, the following has been achieved:

Latest available quantified data shows significant reductions across the key Welsh Government road safety indicators when measured against the 2004–2008 baseline data.

- **Child casualties (0-15 years)** - 93% reduction against a Welsh Government target of 40% reduction.
- **Pedal cyclist casualties (all ages)** - 85% reduction against a Welsh Government target of 25% reduction **Young Drivers (16-24 years)** 75% reduction against a Welsh Government target of 40% reduction on 2004 - 08 baseline data.

- **Motorcyclists (all ages)** - 64% reduction against a Welsh Government target of 40% reduction.
- **Older Drivers (75 years and over)** - 96% reduction against a Welsh Government target of 25% reduction.

Background:

Road Safety is a statutory responsibility for Local Highway Authorities with the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 39 placing a duty to prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety.

Welsh Government produced their Road Safety Framework for Wales in July 2013 with the then Welsh Government Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, setting National Targets for local Authorities to be achieved by 2020.

In response to the WG Framework our Road Safety Strategy 2015–2020 was developed and sought to reflect NPT local road safety requirements, identified through an evidence based approach to road safety education and engineering; taking into account the most up to date recommendations, guidance, targets and strategies available.

In delivery of the Strategy, the following education/training has been delivered across the County:

- **School Education** Primary/Secondary over **35,000 pupils** have taken part in our road safety education programme.
- On road 12 week **Child Pedestrian Training** programme delivered to **3,500** six year olds.
- Walk to School/**Active Travel** Events with **2,500** pupils having taken part.
- In line with the **WG Learner Travel Wales** Guidelines, our newly appointed Learner Travel Officer (first in Wales) has carried out **131 assessed routes**, for 73 schools across the County. They have engaged **1,200** pupils in a transitional education programme producing bespoke travel journey information to each pupil for their feeder comprehensive school to assist with their journey planning.

- **Cycle Training** delivered to over **9,800 pupils**, ranging from cycle maintenance through to Level 1 and Level 2 on road training for Year 6 pupils.

Driver/Rider Training:

In line with WG target for casualty reduction we have delivered further training to over **1,000 newly qualified drivers**, a further **1,000 motorcyclists** have also received DVSA (Driver Vehicle Standards Agency) accredited training, with **180 mature drivers** partaking in our Drive for Life scheme; all resulting in an upskilling of these identified vulnerable driver/rider groups and a sharp decline in killed/seriously injured statistics as detailed above.

Professional Driver Training: (Income generation)

Over **1,800 of our in house** drivers have received accredited training from CPC (Certificate of Professional Competence) driver licence requirements, through to B+E, C1 and D1 Licence acquisition.

The Road Safety Manager has been heavily involved in the current WG Framework review 2013–2020. We are therefore awaiting WG new five year Framework due later this year, before producing our next Strategy for consideration.

Financial Impacts:

No implications.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertaken an Integrated Impact Assessment, as this report is for information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

No implications.

Risk Management Impacts:

No implications.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

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