

Report

Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	15 May 2018
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Pass Plus
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Forum with an update for the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the report are noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. In order to provide newly qualified drivers with the necessary skills and knowledge to cope with varying road conditions, South Lanarkshire Council launched the Pass Plus subsidised scheme on 26 July 2007.
- 3.2. The Pass Plus road safety initiative aims to assist newly qualified drivers to gain valuable driving experience, which builds on the existing skills and knowledge gained during training for their Learner Driver Test. The topics covered in this project are driving in town, all weather driving, driving out of town, night driving, driving on dual carriageways and driving on motorways.
- 3.3. The current subsidy of £75 towards the total cost of Pass Plus training aims to encourage more newly qualified drivers to participate in this initiative.
- 3.4. The subsidy of £75 has remained the same since the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme was launched in South Lanarkshire in 2007. The initial cost of the scheme, as at 2007, was approximately £120. Following the Road Safety Forum Meeting on 27 February 2018 it was agreed that officers would review the level of subsidy on offer versus the cost of the initiative. Contact was subsequently made with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency who confirmed the current cost of the Pass Plus scheme is approximately £150.

3.5. The uptake of Pass Plus has reduced in recent years as illustrated below:-

Participants in Pass Plus Scheme											
Year	2007/ 08	2008/ 09	2009/ 10	2010/ 11	2011/ 12	2012/ 13	2013/ 14	2014/ 15	2015/ 16	2016 /17	2017 /18
	175	271	182	265	196	156	146	150	105	74	59

3.6. While cost alone is not the reason for the reduced uptake, in order to stimulate the scheme and encourage more newly qualified drivers to participate in Pass Plus, it may be advantageous to increase the level of subsidy albeit this would have to be considered relative to continuing financial pressures.

3.7. Below is a comparison of other participating Councils' Pass Plus subsidies within Scotland:-

- ◆ Argyll and Bute - £75. Cost of scheme fluctuates between £150 to £250 due to increased cost of travel to reach motorways
- ◆ Inverclyde currently offer 50% of the cost of the course up to a maximum of £80
- ◆ Fife - £90. Pass Plus costs approximately £130 in this Council area

4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

5 Financial Implications

5.1. Funding for this financial year 2018/2019 Pass Plus Scheme will be met by the Community Safety Partnership who have allocated £7,000. Should demand exceed the available funding, consideration will be given to utilising the Road Safety Revenue Budget.

6. Other Implications

6.1. There are no significant risks associated with this report, nor any environmental implications.

6.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

7.2. Consultation on the effectiveness of the initiative was completed by participants and results are available from the Traffic and Transportation Section.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Ambitions/Values

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

Previous References

- ◆ Road Safety Forum 27 February 2018

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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