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Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	27 February 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 annual 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. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) has reported that one in five new drivers is involved in an accident within their first year of driving.

3.2. 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.

3.3. 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.

3.4. The subsidy of £75 towards the total cost of approximately £140 for the Pass Plus training aims to encourage more newly qualified drivers to participate in this initiative.

3.5. Since its launch, over 1,750 newly qualified drivers have benefited from the subsidised scheme. So far, during financial year 2017/2018, 52 drivers have taken part and it is anticipated that this will rise to around 70 by the end of the financial year. Details of the number of participants is detailed in the table below:-

Participants in Pass Plus Scheme										
Year	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012	2012/ 2013	2013/ 2014	2014/ 2015	2015/ 2016	2016/ 2017
Participants	175	271	182	265	196	156	146	150	105	74

3.6. South Lanarkshire Council's subsidised scheme features on several websites including that of South Lanarkshire Council, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and Pass Plus.

3.7. An evaluation of the project has been completed and detailed reports are now available. The main findings for 2016/2017 are:-

- ◆ 89% of participants reported that the main reason they took part in the Pass Plus scheme was to improve their driving
- ◆ 35% stated that they participated in order to gain cheaper insurance
- ◆ 24% expressed the view that their participation was mainly due to parental influence
- ◆ 77% of Pass Plus participants reported that the scheme had a major impact on their technical ability to drive
- ◆ 78% reported that it had significantly improved the safety of their driving
- ◆ 89% stated that Pass Plus had resulted in major improvements in their attitude and behaviour in a positive way
- ◆ the main benefit to most participants was the opportunity to experience motorway driving

3.8. Casualties involving young drivers have also been studied and are listed in the following table:-

Year	Injury accidents where driver of car/van in 17 to 25 age group was vehicle 1	Casualties where driver of car/van in 17 to 25 age group was vehicle 1	Total casualties in SLC (Reported Road Casualties Scotland)	Young driver casualties as percentage of all casualties
2006	197	271	958	28.3
2007	194	274	946	29.0
2008	155	206	869	23.7
2009	138	196	760	25.8
2010	110	147	705	20.8
2011	105	154	671	22.9
2012	95	137	640	21.4
2013	95	138	621	22.2
2014	96	127	658	19.3
2015	85	118	599	19.7
2016	108	127	601	21.1

The number of casualties in South Lanarkshire continues to show a downward trend over recent years. However, it is noted that in 2016, there had been an increase in accidents and casualties involving drivers between the ages of 17 to 25. Despite the slight increase in 2016, the figures are significantly lower than they were 10 years ago.

4. Employee Implications

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

5 Financial Implications

5.1. Funding for this financial years' Pass Plus Scheme has been met by the Community Safety Partnership and they have allocated £7,000. It should be noted that due to the level of interest being slightly lower this year, expenditure will be approximately £5,250.

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 Values/Ambitions/Objectives

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

Previous References

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List of Background Papers

None.

Contact for Further Information

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