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

Subject:	Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Forum of the progress of the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative 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 and future Kerbcraft Training is supported.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative is an on-road pedestrian training scheme which was introduced to South Lanarkshire in 2004. It was initiated by the Scottish Government and backed by the Department for Transport to target areas of deprivation where children were found to be more at risk of being injured in a road traffic collision.
- 3.2. The Kerbcraft model necessitates collaboration with families and the local school community in order to provide effective road safety education.
- 3.3. Creative and critical thinking is essential in order to solve problems at the roadside, particularly during "safer places" training.
- 3.4. Communication between children and with an adult volunteer is an integral part of the roadside training. Children are also encouraged to relay their experiences back in the classroom and with their parents at home.
- 3.5. Each part of the Kerbcraft model provides children with a problem to solve through the creation of starting positions and roadside destinations.
- 3.6. Throughout the Kerbcraft training, children are encouraged to comment on the suggestions of others. The use of open questions as part of the safer places programme helps to facilitate constructive comments by the children.

3.7. The Kerbcraft initiative was initially funded by the Scottish Government for three years between 2004-2007. Schools situated in the Hamilton and Blantyre Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) area were chosen as part of the bid for funding to the Scottish Government and these schools are still currently involved in the project.

3.8. Due to the benefits of the initiative South Lanarkshire Council have continued to provide the Kerbcraft Pedestrian Training initiative and the initial thirteen schools take part every year.

3.9. The training is completed on a rolling programme co-ordinated by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator. The schools which completed the Kerbcraft training between August and December 2016 are as follows:-

School	Number of pupils and stage	Number of volunteers
High Blantyre Primary School	33 Primary 2 pupils	2 Volunteers and 3 school staff members (2 from supported class).
St. Cuthbert's Primary School	36 Primary 2 pupils	4 Volunteers
St. Joseph's Primary School	48 Primary 2 pupils	3 Volunteers
St. Paul's Primary School	11 Primary 1 pupils	1 Volunteer, Home School Partnership Worker and 1 / 2 school staff members.
Townhill Primary School	49 Primary 2 pupils	8 Volunteers

3.10. Schools which participated between January 2017 and Summer 2017 are as follows:-

School	Number of pupils and stage	Number of volunteers
Auchinraith Primary School	39 Primary 2 pupils	2 Volunteers, 2 teachers and 1 school staff member.
Beckford Primary School	20 Primary 1 pupils	2 Class teachers, 1 student teacher, Home School Partnership Worker, 8 Volunteers and 1 school staff member.
Glenlee Primary School	38 Primary 2 pupils	3 Volunteers
Hamilton School for the Deaf	3 pupils from younger class	Class teacher
St. Blane's Primary School	43 Primary 1 pupils	1 Volunteer and 2 school staff members.
St. John's Primary School, Hamilton	41 Primary 2 pupils	3 Volunteers and 2 / 3 school staff members from supported class.
St. Ninian's Primary School	26 Primary 2 pupils	2 Volunteers
Udston Primary School	45 Primary 2 pupils	5 Volunteers

3.11. The following schools participated between August and December 2017:-

School	Number of pupils and stage	Number of volunteers
High Blantyre Primary School	41 Primary 2 pupils	2 Volunteers and school staff member from supported classes.
St. Cuthbert's Primary School	38 Primary 2 pupils	4 Volunteers
St. Joseph's Primary School	35 Primary 2 pupils	3 Volunteers
St. Ninian's Primary School	34 Primary 2 pupils	2 Volunteers
St. Paul's Primary School	21 Primary 1 pupils	4 Volunteers, 2 school staff members, Home School Partnership Worker and 1 class teacher.
Townhill Primary School	50 Primary 2 pupils	7 Volunteers

3.13. The following schools commenced further training in January 2018 and will continue to Summer 2018:-

Glenlee, Hamilton School for the Deaf, Auchinraith, St. John's, Hamilton, Beckford, St. Blane's and Udston Primary School.

3.14. Looking to the future, we are considering the effects of the recent changes where the SIP areas have been replaced with the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation which has identified the worst 15% of areas in South Lanarkshire. In addition, consideration will also be made in respect of the ongoing community engagement process in relation to the areas associated with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and the priorities identified in the Area Wide Accident Action Plan.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. The Kerbcraft Pedestrian Training programme is co-ordinated by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator. The programme accounts for 60% of the Officers working time.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. 2016/2017 – Promotional items for pupils and volunteers were funded by Road Safety Scotland.

6. Other Implications

6.1. Risk assessments of the routes used are undertaken by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator prior to training commencing. A dynamic risk assessment is carried out at every training session.

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 with Head Teachers, volunteers, parents and pupils to ascertain the effectiveness of training received is completed at the end of training. Previous feedback from the consultation has produced the following results from August 2016 to Summer 2017:-

- ◆ all parents who responded rated the Kerbcraft Pedestrian Training Scheme to be worthwhile
- ◆ 93% of participating children enjoyed their Kerbcraft training
- ◆ all participating teachers stated that the children gained valuable road safety knowledge
- ◆ 100% of volunteers who responded thought that the Kerbcraft Pedestrian Training Scheme was worthwhile initiative to participate in, with 82% indicating it was very worthwhile.

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Link(s) to Council Values /Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration
- ◆ Get it right for children and young people
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

Previous References

Road Safety Forum 27 June 2016

List of Background Papers

None.

Contact for Further Information

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