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Report to:	Road Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	16 February 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Pass Plus
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Forum of the subsidised Pass Plus Scheme within South Lanarkshire.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of the report are noted and continued promotion of the Pass Plus Scheme is supported.

3. Background

3.1. Within South Lanarkshire in 2009, there were 159 injury accidents resulting in 189 casualties where the causation vehicle was a car or van driven by someone in the 17 to 25 year old age group. The Royal Society for 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. 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 subsidy of £75 towards the total cost of approximately £120 for the Pass Plus training aims to encourage more newly qualified drivers to participate in this initiative. It is a pro-active approach to road safety and provides newly qualified drivers with the necessary skills and knowledge to cope with varying road conditions.

3.4. The subsidised scheme was launched at the Driving Test Centre in Hamilton on 26 July 2007. Since its launch, 860 newly qualified drivers have benefited from this initiative. So far this year 232 drivers have taken part and it is anticipated this will rise to around 300 by the end of the financial year.

Participants in Pass Plus Scheme			
2007	2008	2009	2010
175	271	182	232 (to date)

3.5. The South Lanarkshire Council subsidised scheme features on numerous websites including that of Road Safety Scotland, South Lanarkshire Council and the Pass Plus website.

3.6. The subsidised Pass Plus scheme in South Lanarkshire is dependent on funding from partners. Due to the success of the project and positive feedback from the evaluation, it is hoped that future funding will be made available.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

5.1 2010/2011 Position

Funding

£4,400 Carried forward from 2009/10

£10,000 funding from Community Safety Partnership

£5,000 funding from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue

Total funding £19,400

Estimated Expenditure

£22,400

Any shortfall will be met from the Road Safety Revenue Budget.

6. Other Implications

6.1. There are no risks associated with this paper.

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 Road Safety Section.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- Improve community safety
- Improve lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Increase involvement in lifelong learning
- People focused

Previous References

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List of Background Papers

None.

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