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Report to:	Road Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	16 February 2010
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Safety Cameras
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Forum of the effectiveness of the road safety cameras deployed throughout South Lanarkshire.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

3.1. In order to deter speeding drivers 12 safety cameras are deployed across South Lanarkshire. The cameras are operated by Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership, of which the Council is an active participant. Accidents are monitored by the Partnership at all of their sites to ensure that cameras are continuing to improve safety at these locations.

4. Casualty Statistics at Camera Sites

4.1. During the three years prior to the cameras being installed there were an average of 48 injury accidents per year at the camera sites throughout South Lanarkshire, of which 13 were fatal or serious. In the most recent three years there has been an average of 22 injury accidents per year, 6 of which were fatal or serious. This is a reduction of 54% for all accidents and 56% for the more serious ones.

4.2. This level of casualty reduction is consistent across Scotland, where an evaluation of all 466 camera sites throughout the country established a 56% reduction in fatal and serious casualties at these sites. In comparison, the number of people killed or seriously injured on all of Scotland's roads reduced by 38% over the same time period.

5. Discussion

5.1 Evaluations of the safety camera sites, both in South Lanarkshire and throughout Scotland, establish that their use results in significant casualty reduction. Their continued use at suitable locations should therefore be encouraged.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. There are no financial implications as the costs associated with the work of the Safety Camera Partnership are met by Scottish Government grant.

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no risks associated with this paper.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. 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.

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

- Improve community safety
- Improve the road network and public transport

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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