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

Subject:	Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2010
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Forum of the provisional number of fatal and serious casualties resulting from road accidents occurring in the Council area during the year 2010. The report also compares the trend in casualties with the Government's casualty reduction targets.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) the Forum is asked to note the contents of this paper.

3. Background

3.1. In the year 2000 Central Government set a target of reducing the number of road casualties by 2010. The target reductions are 40% for all fatal and serious casualties and 50% for child fatal and serious casualties. The base figure for this reduction was the average of the road accident casualty figures for the years 1994 to 1998.

3.2. The figures for 2010 are provisional on the basis that the police may still add records but the numbers in such an event will be minor. Therefore the general trends described below are accurate.

4. Road Accident Casualty Statistics for South Lanarkshire

4.1. The statistics for all fatal and serious casualties, including child fatal and serious casualties, within South Lanarkshire are detailed in the tables and graph in Appendix A to this report.

4.2. It can be seen from Appendix A that the reduction in fatal and serious casualties in South Lanarkshire have exceeded the Government's 2010 target, the target was actually achieved in 2004. During 2010 there were 88 casualties compared with an average of 266 in the mid-nineties, a 67% reduction compared to the 40% target. This is the lowest number of casualties recorded since the Council was formed in 1996.

It can also be seen from Appendix A that the reduction in child fatal and serious casualties has also exceeded the Government's target. Again the target was achieved well ahead of schedule, being achieved by 2003. During 2010 there were 12 casualties compared with an average of 50 in the mid-nineties, a 76% reduction compared to the 50% target.

5. Discussion

- 5.1. The provisional figures indicate that we have exceeded the Government's targets on casualty reduction by a significant margin. Up until 2005 there was a general downward trend in fatal and serious casualties but the next three years showed an increase. This trend has now been reversed and casualty numbers have shown a significant downward trend since 2008. This coincides with the introduction of two very significant road safety initiatives. The Route Action Plan programme commenced in 2007 with major investment during the summer of 2008. The Pass Plus initiative for young drivers was also launched in 2008.
- 5.2. The Council's investment in numerous road safety initiatives, in particular Route Action Plans and the Pass Plus initiative, have contributed to it achieving the 2010 targets. The Scottish Government has set new and challenging targets for the next decade. The national and local pressures on finance will add to the challenge and, whilst the 2010 statistics are very encouraging, the Council cannot be complacent.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no risks associated with this report.

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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Appendix A: Totals for South Lanarkshire Council

	1994 to 1998 Ave.	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 T'get
KSI	266	238	190	191	169	151	114	135	136	144	139	88	159

All Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) Casualties within South Lanarkshire

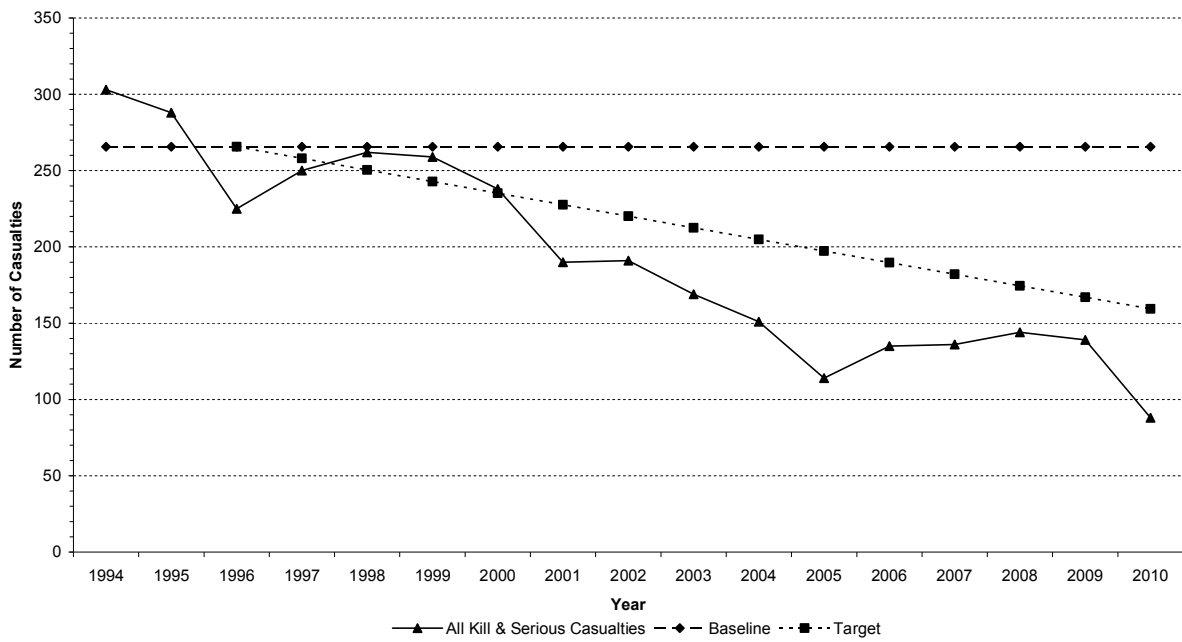
	1994 to 1998 Ave.	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010 T'get
KSI	50	30	34	27	23	21	10	19	16	22	15	12	25

Child Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) Casualties within South Lanarkshire

Notes

- i. For all ksi casualties, the target for 2010 is a 40% reduction from the base figure which is the average for the years 1994 to 1998 inclusive.
- ii. For child ksi casualties, the target for 2010 is a 50% reduction from the base figure which is the average for the years 1994 to 1998 inclusive.
- iii. A child is considered to be aged 15 or under.
- iv. Averages and targets have been rounded up or down to nearest whole number.

All Killed and Serious Injured (KSI) Casualties within South Lanarkshire



Child Killed and Serious Injured (KSI) Casualties within South Lanarkshire

