

## ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 3 February 2010

**Chair:**

Councillor John Murray

**Councillors Present:**

John Cairney, Ian Gray, Eileen Logan, Jim McGuigan, Mary Smith

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Lynn Filshie, Michael McCann, George Sutherland

**Attending:**

**Corporate Resources**

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

**Enterprise Resources**

N Chisholm, Engineering Officer; M Halligan, Traffic and Road Safety Engineer; G Mackay, Engineering Manager; C Park, Assistant Engineering Manager; C Smith, Assistant Road Safety Training Officer

**Also Attending:**

**Strathclyde Police**

Chief Inspector S Carle

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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### 2 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

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A report dated 5 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on requests for school crossing patrols at various locations within South Lanarkshire which had all been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria.

The following locations had failed to meet the Council's criteria:-

- ◆ Miller Street, Larkhall
- ◆ Auldtou Terrace/Douglas Drive, Ashgill
- ◆ Greenfield Road, Blantyre
- ◆ Avenue Road, Carstairs
- ◆ Priors Avenue, Lesmahagow
- ◆ Manitoba Crescent/Cree, East Kilbride
- ◆ Manitoba Crescent/Vancouver Drive, East Kilbride
- ◆ Markethill Road, East Kilbride
- ◆ King Street/Church Place, Rutherglen

**The Forum decided:**

that the requests for crossing patrols at the 9 locations detailed above be refused.

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### **3 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives**

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A report dated 6 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the range of road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire.

**The Forum decided:** that the road safety education, training and publicity initiatives being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

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### **4 Effectiveness of Vehicle Activated Signs**

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A report dated 6 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the effectiveness of the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) throughout the Council area.

An investigation into the effectiveness of VAS had been undertaken and the results indicated that the signs had been effective in reducing vehicle speeds.

**The Forum decided:** that the report be noted.

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### **5 Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative**

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A report dated 6 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative. The initiative aimed to equip school children with skills to assist them to:-

- ◆ choose safer places and routes to cross the road
- ◆ cross safely between parked cars
- ◆ cross safely at junctions

12 primary schools had indicated they would participate in the Kerbcraft Training. Of those 12, 5 had participated in the scheme during August to December 2009 and the remaining 7 would undertake training from January to summer 2010.

**The Forum decided:** that the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative being undertaken in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

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### **6 Revised Criteria for Assessing Potential Locations for Pedestrian Crossings**

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A report dated 25 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the proposed revised criteria for assessing requests for potential pedestrian crossing locations.

Current requests for pedestrian crossings were assessed using criteria based on the traditional PV<sup>2</sup>. However, it was proposed, in order to address the deficiencies in the existing assessment process, that a new assessment criteria be adopted. Details of the assessment criteria were provided in the report.

**The Forum decided:** that the revised criteria for assessing requests for potential pedestrian crossing locations, as detailed in the report, be supported.

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## **7 Setting Local Speed Limits**

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A report dated 25 January 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress made in relation to the review of speed limits on Class A and B roads in South Lanarkshire.

The speed limits on 12 Class A and Class B roads had been assessed in South Lanarkshire which represented one third of all Class A and Class B roads. As a result of those assessments, it was proposed that the speed limits on 28 lengths of road in South Lanarkshire be lowered, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

It was anticipated that the review of speed limits would be concluded by the end of 2011.

**The Forum decided:** that the progress in relation to the review of speed limits on Class A and Class B roads in South Lanarkshire, as detailed in the report, be noted.

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## **8 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.