

ROADS SAFETY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 5, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 29 June 2011

Chair:

Councillor John Murray

Councillors Present:

John Cairney, Eileen Logan, George Sutherland

Councillors' Apologies:

Jackie Burns, Lynn Filshie, Ian Gray, Jim McGuigan, Mary Smith

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J Davitt, Public Relations Officer; N Docherty, Administration Assistant; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

Enterprise Resources

E Gibson, Road Safety Training Officer; S Laird, Traffic and Transport Engineer; C Park, Engineering Manager

Also Attending:

Strathclyde Police

Inspector K Prentice

Chair's Remarks

The Chair, on behalf of the Forum, welcomed Stuart Laird, Traffic and Transport Engineer to the Roads Safety Forum.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Roads Safety Forum held on 16 February 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Forum decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 School Crossing Patrol Assessments

A report dated 27 May 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on requests for school crossing patrols at 2 locations within South Lanarkshire which had both been assessed in terms of the Council's approved criteria.

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

- ◆ Thornhill Road, Hamilton

- ◆ North Street, Strathaven

The Forum decided: that the refusal of the requests for crossing patrols at the 2 locations detailed above, which had both failed to meet the Council's criteria, be supported.

4 Education, Training and Publicity Initiatives

A report dated 7 June 2011 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.

5 Road Safety Capital Programme 2011/2012

A report dated 8 June 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Road Safety Capital Programme 2011/2012.

The monies received from the Scottish Government Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets, together with the funding from the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), totalling £646,000, would be utilised as detailed in the appendix to the report.

The Forum decided: that the Road Safety Capital Programme 2011/2012, as detailed in the report, be noted.

6 School Travel Plan Co-ordinator Initiatives

A report dated 8 June 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the progress made by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator in providing guidance and resources to facilitate the development of School Travel Plans. Co-ordinators were now in contact with all primary, secondary and additional support needs schools in South Lanarkshire.

The Forum decided: that the report be noted.

7 Revised School Crossing Patroller Assessment Criteria

A report dated 8 June 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on revised criteria for assessing requests for school crossing patrollers.

Current requests for school crossing patrollers were assessed using criteria broadly based on national best practice. However, the Council's criteria differed from national best practice in that it allowed patrollers to be appointed at controlled pedestrian crossings.

As part of the Council's efficiencies budget settings exercise, it had been agreed that school crossing patrollers at controlled pedestrian crossings be removed. It was proposed that the assessment criteria be revised to reflect that school crossing patrollers would no longer be approved at controlled pedestrian crossings.

The Forum decided: that the revision to the criteria for assessing requests for school crossing patrollers, as detailed above, be supported.

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 31 January 2011 (Paragraph 2)]

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.