

**Subject:** Road Safety Task and Finish Group      **Status:** For Publication

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**Report to:** Cabinet      **Date:** 30 July

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**Report of:** Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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**Portfolio Holder:** Communities and Neighbourhood

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Cabinet the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Road Safety Task and Finish Group

## 2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
  - Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live and visit (Economy)
  - Improving health and well being across the Borough (Health, Housing)

## 3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

## 4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 As part of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08 it was agreed to look at Road Safety. A Task and Finish group was established and had its first meeting in February 2008.
- 4.2 The Terms of Reference for the review were as follows –
- To establish what was happening throughout the Borough in relation to Road Safety, in particular around built up areas ie schools, health centres
  - To establish the long term plans for Rossendale

- 4.3 In scoping the review the Task and Finish Group agreed to seek evidence by interviewing a variety of ‘witnesses’, which included a Lancashire Police Representative on road accident statistics and Officers from the County Council.
- 4.4 To enable the Task and Finish Group to engage with the community, a press release was produced which gave the public the opportunity to send their views to the Council on any road safety issues and a questionnaire was also produced which was distributed at neighbourhood forums and was also available on the Council’s website. Details of consultation responses are set out in the report.
- 4.5 The report of the Task and Finish Group is attached at Appendix A..

#### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

##### **5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report.

##### **6. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 6.1 No comments at this stage.

##### **7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 7.1 The Strategy contributes to the Council’s Strategy in relation to Children and Young People and the Every Child Matters outcome of “keeping Children Safe”.

##### **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet considers the report of the Task and Finish Group and the recommendations detailed within the report.

##### **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 9.1 That the Cabinet be requested to consider the recommendations of the Road Safety Task and Finish Group as set out below and in the report:

That the Community Safety Manager as lead officer, be requested to develop a Road Safety Strategy for Rossendale in consultation with Elected Members and that key partners be invited, as required to help develop the Strategy

That the Strategy be submitted to a meeting of the Cabinet for consideration.

**10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

- 10.1 Questionnaire distributed at Neighbourhood Forums  
Press Release  
Council's website

**11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No
- Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

**12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No
- Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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