

Subject: Rossendale Interim Road Safety Strategy

Status: For Publication

Report to: Policy Overview and Scrutiny

Date: 10th March 2009

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Communities and Neighbourhoods

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the Rossendale Interim Road Safety Strategy and make recommendations in relation to the implementation.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- Delivering quality services to our customers
- Improving health and well being across the Borough

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1.1 There is no specific budget within the Council to address road safety issues locally. Publishing the Strategy and associated Action Plan without having the funds to deliver could negatively impact on the Council's reputation.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The Road Traffic Act 1988 placed a statutory duty on local authorities to provide a road safety service. In Rossendale, this is provided by Lancashire County Council through the Traffic & Safety Service, which includes Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety, Safety Engineering and Road Safety Groups.

4.2 Targets were set by the Department for Transport in March 2000 which have to be met by 2010. The responsibility for meeting the targets falls largely with the County Council but links with other priority areas in terms of health, education, crime and social inclusion. It is recognised therefore that road safety will be most effectively achieved through a partnership approach.

- 4.3 The Community Safety Partnership historically has taken the lead in relation to road safety which is incorporated into the Community Safety Partnership Plan (previously Crime & Disorder Strategy). The Partnership is required to produce an annual Strategic Assessment which identifies local issues in terms of crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues.
- 4.4 Road Safety has once again been identified in the current assessment and will form part of the Community Safety Partnership Plan for the coming 12 months. The actions within the plan complement the Lancashire Road Safety Strategy (which is signed up to by all 12 District Councils within Lancashire and Partner Agencies) as well as the Local Area Agreement. The Road Safety Target within the LAA also falls within the 'Safer' theme and relates to 'the number of People killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions' (NI47).
- 4.4 As the Government targets run until 2010, it would be impractical to produce a local strategy which will run longer than this time.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 There are no specific resources identified within the Council's budget to support Road Safety initiatives.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 No comments.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 No Human Resources implications arising from the report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Strategy is intended as an interim document prior to the introduction of new Government targets in 2010. Consultation will be required in relation to whether a Rossendale Road Safety Strategy is required or if Rossendale Council continues to work in partnership with Lancashire County Council as lead provider for road safety services.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That Overview & Scrutiny recommend that Cabinet agrees to continue to work to the [Lancashire Road Safety Strategy](#) until the review in 2010.
- 9.2 That Overview & Scrutiny recommend that Cabinet adopts the attached interim Rossendale Road Safety Strategy and it forms part of the Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2009/2010.

9.3 That a further report is presented following the introduction of new Government targets.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Partner agencies and public through the Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment in relation to Road Safety

10.2 Report to Overview and Scrutiny on 5th November 2008

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached Yes

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Rossendale Interim Road Safety Strategy	Appendix 1
Lancashire County Council Road Safety Strategy	Hyperlink in recommendations

Equality Impact Assessment Form

Name of Strategy/Policy:	Rossendale Road Safety Strategy	
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Date Assessment:	Commenced:	Completed:

1. Impact Assessment – Policy and Target Outcomes

- a) Summarise the main aims/objectives of the strategy, policy, procedure or project (refer to “**Notes for Guidance**” for details).

- b) Is the policy under review (please tick)

New/proposed Modified/adapted Existing

- c) Who will be the main beneficiaries, targets or users of this strategy, policy, project or procedure?

- Customers/citizens of the district
- Targeted/specific groups of customers/citizens (indicate below in [d]).
 - Elected Members/Councillors
 - Internal colleagues/customers or other public authorities e.g. government agencies
 - Community Groups/voluntary sector groups or campaign/interest groups
 - Staff/employees (in their contractual position) and/or potential employees/trainees.
 - Any other stakeholder e.g. trade unions, contractors, suppliers, district partners, public agencies (not directly under Council control), intermediaries representing interest groups e.g. tenants, developers, legal agencies or third parties.

Specify in box below:

d) Please detail below specific equality groups – for example disabled citizens, elderly or infirm/female or non-traditional users who are seen as intended beneficiaries from this policy/strategy/project/procedure (see “**Notes for Guidance**”).

Key equality groups as intended beneficiaries (where appropriate):
Any equality group which is represented by a community or charitable organisation.

- e) To assist with the assessment you may need to consider collecting the following information you require, before completing the table in Section 2:
- ✓ NATIONAL DATA eg surveys, reports, statistics, etc which point up specific areas/issues.
 - ✓ LOCAL DATA eg demographics, service mapping studies & relevant research.
 - ✓ MANAGEMENT INFO eg data collected for operational/financial or other purposes.
 - ✓ MONITORING DATA eg information already available or collected. For example: disability type, age band, gender, location. (ref existing BVPIs).
 - ✓ CONSULTATION/CONTACT DATA eg user group feedback, representations, specific consultation events etc.
 - CUSTOMER COMPLAINT/FEEDBACK eg results of investigations, inquiries, elected member cases, normal complaints/compliments etc.
 - ✓ Views of LSP Officers, independent externals, contractors/suppliers, partners and academia (if relevant).
 - ✓ OTHER eg frontline employee feedback, other research, experiences of other agencies/local authorities, councillors mailbags/surgeries.

f) Is further consultation, data collection or research still required?

Yes

No

x

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Key Actions (note responsible officer(s)):

1. Impact – Evidence

a. Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy has a negative, positive or neutral impact on any of the equality groups listed below

		Positive Impact – it could benefit	Negative Impact – it could disadvantage	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
Gender	Women	X		Implementing road safety measures would benefit all members of the community.	
	Men	X		As above	
Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)	Asian or Asian British people	X		As above	
	Black or black British people	X		As above	
	Chinese or other ethnic people	X		As above	
	Irish people	X		As above	
	White people	X		As above	
	Chinese people	X		As above	
	Other minority communities not listed	X		As above	

		Positive Impact – it could benefit	Negative Impact – it could disadvantage	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
	above e.g. traveller/European (please state below):				
Disability	Physical/learning/mental health	X		As above	
Sexuality	Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals	X		As above	
Gender Identity	Transgender people	X		As above	
Age	Older people (60+)	X		As above	
	Younger people (17-25), and children	X		As above	
Belief	Faith groups *				X
Other Groups (e.g. carers, rural isolation)		X		As above	
Equal opportunities	Note impact on group				X

		Positive Impact – it could benefit	Negative Impact – it could disadvantage	Reason	Neutral Impact (Neither)
and/or improving relations	relations <u>between</u> and any effects on social cohesion.				

Notes: * Faith groups cover a wide range of groupings, the most common of which are Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Hindus. Consider faith categories individually and collectively when considering positive and negative impacts.

b) If the table above is not fully completed, what further information does the Assessor need?

No further information required at this stage.

c) Based on a summary of the evidence obtained, are there specific equality groups more affected than others by this policy/project etc area? If so indicate briefly below.

No

2. Impact – Nature/Type

a) Could you further improve the strategy, project, policy or procedure's positive impact?

YES NO

If "Yes", briefly summarise below how the positive impact could be improved upon.

Key Actions:

b) If you indicated that there is neutral impact, could this be changed to become positive?

YES NO

If yes, briefly summarise below how this impact could be minimised or removed:

Key Actions:

N/A

c) You need to think about how you can mitigate any adverse or negative impact or use the policy to promote a positive impact. If the proposed policy or project has a:

High Impact – you have identified that the policy or project will have a high, negative impact i.e. that it may be or is unlawfully discriminating against some groups, you will have to take immediate action to mitigate this.

Or:

Lower Impact – if you have identified that the policy would have a negative or adverse impact (that may not be lawful) you will also need to consider what changes you could make to remove this impact.

If you have identified adverse impact you must determine whether you will recommend that the Council should:

- Change the policy, stating what the changes should be
- Revise the policy, stating the revisions
- Consult further if you feel that you do not have enough information

Actions arising from the impact assessment should form part of the Service Planning Process.

Key Actions:

3. Impact Assessment - Summary

a) Key Findings

Please list the major outcomes/results/findings of this assessment in relation to equality which require action by the Council:

Key Findings:

b) "Public Duty" Issues

Refer to "**Notes for Guidance**". Given the three strands of legal duty, please identify which particular issues are essential for the Council to address:

To not discriminate on the grounds of race, gender or disability – it is stated in the policy that organisations who practice or promote such prejudice will not be funded.

4. Impact Assessment – Further Action

a. As a result of collecting evidence (including consultation) have any changes been made, or are planned, to this policy, strategy, procedure or project?

Yes

No

(If yes then complete Action Plan)

Key Actions (note responsible officer(s) or political body as required):

Review Strategy when new targets published by Government

b. Has a monitoring/evaluation/review process been set up to check the successful implementation of the policy/strategy including improved outcomes?

Yes

No

If yes, briefly summarise below:

The actions will be monitored through the Community Safety Partnership

c. Please briefly describe how the above monitoring/evaluation will ensure the policy/strategy will be reviewed/monitored for impact (indicate timescale):

Please complete the Action Plan overleaf

d. If no further action is to be taken as a result of this assessment:

1. Are you convinced that no discriminatory action is evident in the implementation of this policy, procedure, etc?

Yes No

2. Have you weighed up and considered any negative impact and the options to change, alter or adapt?

Yes No

3. Do you intend/recommend a further review? If yes, indicate timescale.

Yes No (Timescale:.....)

IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN

Please list below any recommendations for action that you plan to take as a result of this impact assessment (refer to Sections 3 & 4).

Issue	Action required	Lead officer	Timescale	Resource implications	Comments

Equality Impact Assessment

Checklist & Signature Sheet

Name of Strategy/Policy:	Grants Policy
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Please check the following steps have been completed before signing below:

- ✓ Sections 1 to 4 completed
- ✓ Action Plan completed
- ✓ Notified all relevant Officers/Service Areas/Partners

Signed: ...Catherine Taylor.....

Job Title:...Area Officer..... Department: ...Communities Team.....

Date commenced Assessment:...6/11/08..... Date completed:7/11/08.....

Date received in HR:.....

Received in HR by:.....

Please sign the EQIA as indicated above, retain a copy and send a copy of the full EQIA, including the Action Plan, to:

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MANAGEMENT ACTION REQUIRED (to be completed by the Head of HR)

- Referred back to Assessor for amendment(date)
- Refer to Committee (specify committee & date)
- Considered by Corporate Equalities Implementation Group..... (date)
- Published/made publicly available on (date)

Signed:..... (Head of HR) Date:.....

Date of Review:.....