

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of a meeting of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

PRESENT

Cllr Dave Norman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, GCC
Nick Evans, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Nathaniel Hooton, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, GFRS
Jason Humm, Director of Transport and Highways, GCC
Philip Williams, Assistant Director of Traffic and Transport, GCC
Claire Procter, Assistant Director of Prevention, Wellbeing and Communities, GCC
Emma Wild, Strategic Communications Business Partner, GCC
Debbie Powell, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Rhianon D'Arcy, Registrar, Public Health, GCC
Supt. Alistair Barby, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Ian Thompson, Programme Development and Stakeholder Relations Manager, National Highways

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Cllr Dave Norman was re-elected as Chair for the 2024 – 2025 Civic Year.

Gloucestershire Constabulary were elected to hold the position of Vice-Chair for the 2024 – 2025 Civic Year.

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings held on 2 November 2023 and 8 February 2024 were approved.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Partners gave updates on actions from the previous meeting.

5. OPERATIONAL BOARD UPDATE

The Board noted a verbal update on the activity of the Operational Board work streams from the Vice-Chair.

He shared with partners that Operational Board colleagues had raised that agreed funding for the Partnership's workstream was preventing them from taking the 'next steps' on progress. There was a need for central funding, and coordination, for the



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Partnership to achieve its collective goals going forward.

It was also noted that absence of data around less serious incidents (or 'near misses') which could have potentially ended as a KSI statistic. This was something he suggested the Strategic Board should explore.

6. ROAD SAFETY DATA - NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL

The Partnership had identified the need to arrive at a 'single source of truth' for road safety data. Partners had historically collected individual data sets depending on their organisational need.

In response to this, Public Health colleagues presented an offer to the Board to undertake a 'Road Safety Needs Assessment'. The aim of which would be to:

- a) Appraise the different types of data collected by members of the road safety partnership and identify how this data can generate intelligence to best inform the priorities of the road safety partnership going forwards
- b) Collate and synthesise the available data to create a road safety profile for Gloucestershire based on the components of the safe systems approach.
- c) Use the road safety profile to make recommendations on key target areas for future attention or development by the road safety partnership.

The Board approved for the assessment to proceed and hope to receive preliminary findings in October.

7. ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR - PROPOSAL

The Chair put forward a proposal for the recruitment of Road Safety Coordinator to support the Partnership. He stated that this position was well established among other Road Safety Partnerships and had positive discussions with other county areas of its benefit.

It was a position aimed at enabling and facilitating the work of the Partnership as a collective, working with and supporting all partners, providing updates to the Strategic Board on activity and monitoring/applying for funding road safety funding opportunities.

The position would be joint funded by the Partnership and would require the individual to travel around to visit all partners on a regular basis.

It was noted that the position would have to be employed by a single employer as required by law.

During discussion, partners concluded that the position should remain as a strategic oversight role, rather than a tactical delivery role. Delivery of the road safety agenda



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and work streams remained with each partner. It was added that it would be appropriate to produce a Service Level Agreement.

Partners agreed to create a small working group to produce a draft job description for agreement at the next meeting.

8. COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH PLUS

Officers from the Road Safety department at GCC gave an update on the delivery of Phases 1 and 2 of the Community Speedwatch Programme, which included the delivery figures to date, the identified success of the programme and any lessons learnt. There was then a briefing on the proposed Phase 3 (Community Speedwatch Plus) programme, which took into account some improvements taken from the first phases.

It was noted the need to engage with operational partners who had been involved in the delivery of the first 2 phases to ensure appropriate capacity was available.

10. FUNDING

It was agreed that a funding summary paper would be circulated to Partners ahead of the next meeting, where a decision will be made on funding allocation.

11. REPORT TO SAFER GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Partners noted the suggested inclusions for the Partnership's next update to Safer Gloucestershire.



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