

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES of a meeting of the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership held on Thursday 28 November 2024.

PRESENT:

Cllr Dave Norman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, GCC
Nick Evans, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
Jason Humm, Director of Transport and Highways, GCC
Emma Wild, Strategic Communications Business Partner, GCC
Debbie Powell, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Superintendent Jessica Loxley-Clark, Gloucestershire Constabulary
Jack Mason, Road Safety Team Manager, National Highways
Donna Potts, Prevention Manager and Head of Safeguarding, GFRS
Miguel-Angel Serrano Santos, Road Safety Manager, GCC
Claire Procter, Assistant Director of Prevention, Wellbeing and Communities, GCC
Rhiannon D'Arcy, Registrar, Public Health, GCC

2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 September 2024 were approved.

3. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Partners gave updates on actions from the previous meeting.

7. FUNDING REQUEST PROCESS

It was agreed that by the next meeting, Partners would need to confirm the availability of funding for the next two financial years. This would need to cover the cost of the new Road Safety Coordinator position, the agreed twice yearly joint communication campaigns and available funding for other organisations to bid for.

It was clear that the Board's priorities would be driven by the outcome of the Road Safety Needs Assessment, but funding needed to be available to proceed once the hierarchy of focus was agreed.

The Chair of the Operational Board had also asked Partners to begin to produce bids which could be used as and when external funding opportunities arose. This was also one of the key roles for the Road Safety Coordinator post.

There would also be an ask once the coordinator was in post, for them to produce a funding request process for any other organisations who were looking for support with road safety initiatives e.g. schools.



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4. OPERATIONAL BOARD UPDATE

Partners noted that the Operational Board were currently reviewing their working groups to refresh their focus, ensure no overlap in work streams and to make sure they focused on tactical delivery required by direction from the Strategic Board.

At its next meeting the Board would be examining 3 – 5 years' worth of collision data to identify trends and themes for any initial action that could be taken prior to the outcome of the Road Safety Needs Assessment.

It was advised that the Constabulary would be supporting Operation Limit again this year which was focused on driving under the influence over the Christmas period and Operation Dark Night which was around road worth eyesight.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

This years Christmas communication campaign would mirror last years in terms of message, artwork etc. focusing on driving under the influence and would link in with the Constabulary's Operation Limit. A full evaluation report would be brought to the Board's meeting in February.

The Board had a discussion about the first Road Safety Remembrance Service which was held on the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. It was agreed that a small group would be established to review this year's event and discuss arrangements for the future.

6. ROAD SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Assessment was progressing well. Colleagues were now looking at driver and casualty characteristics and beginning a deep dive into groups highlighted as vulnerable road users. They were due to have a meeting with the South Western Ambulance Service to look into their data around response to collisions. It was noted that national data showed the time taken to reach and transfer victims was really significant in terms of their recovery chances, and particularly in places like Gloucestershire where there was a mixture of rural and urban communities.

Colleagues would confirm early in the New Year when it was possible to bring findings report to the Partnership.

9. UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE

An update to the Partnership's Terms of Reference was approved and for the updated version to be published on the Partnership website.



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