

## DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

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| Proposal:                      | Road Safety Services |
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### Section 1: Background Information

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| <b>1.</b> | <p><b>What is the proposal / issue?</b></p> <p>The proposal is to reduce the Road Safety budget by £68k if additional income cannot be generated to fund this service.</p> <p>If additional income cannot be generated then this would result in the cessation of funding to the Road Safety Officer posts (2FTE). There is no statutory duty to provide Road Safety Officers and the Council can choose the level at which it provides road safety services.</p> <p>Road Safety Officers provide a range of educational and early interventions to reduce the risk of serious injury and deaths on the road.</p> <p>The Road Safety staff also line-manage the school crossing patrol service – as a result of this proposal an alternative management structure would be required.</p> <p>School Crossing Patrols are currently paid for by schools therefore there will be no change in this service.</p> <p>Each local Highway Authority has a legal requirement under s39 of the 1988 Road Traffic Act (9) to prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to improve road safety for all road users. This can be delivered through engineering works and signposting to other information.</p> |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>What is the current situation?</b></p> <p>The Council currently employs 3 staff in Road Safety (2FTE). These staff deliver Road Safety interventions to the public and schools to provide a range of educational and early interventions to reduce the risk of serious injury and deaths on the road. These staff also line manage the school crossing patrol service.</p> <p>There is no statutory duty for the council to provide the service in this way.</p>   |

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| 3.  | <p><b>What options have been considered?</b></p> <p>The Council can chose the level at which is provides road safety services.</p> <p>In order for the service to be sustainable the primary consideration is to identify a source of income for this service, so that it can continue. In order to be sustainable the service will also need to prioritise the interventions which it delivers to ensure that it is focused on tangible, measurable outcomes. One of the income options would be for schools to buy back this service from the council, at full cost recovery.</p>                 |
| 4.  | <p><b>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</b></p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use reducing resources to best effect</li> <li>• Reduce demand through prevention and innovation</li> </ul> <p>Targeted actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life</li> <li>• Promoting healthy lifestyles across Torbay</li> <li>• Protecting and supporting vulnerable adults</li> </ul> |
| 5.  | <p><b>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</b></p> <p>Those affected by the proposals will be the general public, schools, community groups and other stakeholders involved in a variety of road safety partnerships.</p>   |
| 6.  | <p><b>How will you propose to consult?</b></p> <p>The consultation will include specific key partner/stakeholder consultation. This proposal will also be consulted upon as part of the wider budget setting process - online and paper questionnaires will be made available to members of the public.</p>   |
| <p><b>Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment</b><br/>(These sections will be updated and expanded following the consultation period.)</p> |   |
| 7.  | <p><b>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</b></p> <p>If external funding cannot be secured from schools, or other stakeholders then the implications will be that the 2FTE posts will be at risk of redundancy, and Road Safety interventions by the council will cease.</p>   |

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**What are the expected risks?**

- Reputational damage
- Risk of road safety performance being eroded
- Cost recovery model not achievable
- Loss of road safety staff