

Scrutiny Review – Scoping Document

Review Title:	Strategic Road Safety Plan
Scrutiny Board:	Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment
Date of Review:	2022


Reasons for undertaking the review:

On 18 January 2022 the Council asked the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board to conduct a review into the current Strategic Road Safety Plan. The current Strategic Road Safety Plan covers the period 2017-2022 and is therefore due to be re-written in 2022.

Taking into account global, national regional and local strategy and policy and the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 39), as well as the Council's statutory obligations, the review will consider the growing challenges that Sandwell faces, including an increasing number of vehicles on the road, climate change, adaptations to public transport and other such imperatives and will make recommendations how these challenges can be addressed in the revised Strategic Road Safety Plan and accompanying Action Plan.

Intended Outcomes:

- Understand how the Plan takes account of the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 39) and global, national regional and local policy.
- Determine whether they key priority groups in the current Plan are still appropriate.
- Determine whether the key performance indicators in the current Plan are appropriate.
- Understand how funding is allocated regionally and locally.
- Understand the criteria/prioritisation methods for the various methods of traffic calming measures and their effectiveness.
- Understand the criteria for determining targeted campaigns.
- Review data on road causality analysis to support the implementation of 20mph zones.
- Understand enforcement practices (WMP) and the impact of.
- Understand the Fatal Collison Protocol with WMP and the impact of this.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the recent data on accidents and how Sandwell’s performance compares to other metropolitan areas. • Identify how neighbouring authorities are meeting their statutory obligations and compare data. • Determine whether our work with partners is effective and can be strengthened. 	
Officer Group (including partners):	Robin Weare Simon Chadwick Karen Hale (RS Education presentation)
Links to Corporate Plan:	 A connected and accessible Sandwell  Strong resilient communities
Links to Terms of Reference:	(d)highways management; (f)transport and public infrastructure;
Scoping undertaken by:	Stephnie Hancock and Robin Weare
Council Chief Officer (or partner equivalent):	Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy
Existing data/references for consideration:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Road Safety Plan 2017-2022 (Sandwell Council) • Government’s latest road safety statement – https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/817695/road-safety-statement-2019.pdf • Latest data on user groups and Sandwell’s performance. • WMP Fatal Collision Protocol. • Data on population and road density, car use etc... • Black Country Road Safety Partnership • West Midlands Road Safety Overarching Executive Strategy. • Black Country Road Safety Strategy • Road Safety Delivery Programme approved by cabinet member • Sandwell Road Safety Partnership • WHO https://www.who.int/teams/social-determinants-of-health/safety-and-mobility/decade-of-action-for-road-safety-2021-2030 	

- West Midlands Regional Road Safety Strategy :
<https://www.tfwm.org.uk/media/blti33m5/wmca-regional-road-safety-strategy-version-1-updated.pdf>
- WMCA - Regional Road Safety Progress Report
<https://governance.wmca.org.uk/documents/s5241/Report.pdf>

Potential witnesses

Transport West Midlands
(<https://corporate.tfwm.org.uk/>)
West Midlands Police
WMFS
Sandwell Road Safety Partnership

Activity	Subject
Working Group Session 1	Overview of current Strategic Road Safety Plan 2017-2022 including overview of legislation, and national/regional policy and how they link to the existing Sandwell policy.
Working Group Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of interventions, criteria for and cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education (WMFS Safer 6, Karen Hale) ○ Enforcement (WMP/PCC) ○ Campaigns (TfWM) ○ Highway Improvement Interventions ○ Vehicle safety • Statistics, how successful are the various types of interventions
Working Group Session 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trends in accident reduction • Traffic growth • changing traffic patterns • Existing Funding and allocation of (nationally, regionally and locally)
Working Group Session 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Interaction with members and the public • Publicity and NHT public satisfaction survey
Working Group Session 5	Summary Proposed funding and priorities

	Formulation of recommendations
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