

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member – Environment and Transport
Date:	7 June 2011
Title:	Future of the Road Safety Councils
Reference:	2962
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- a) That the 11 district-based Road Safety Councils be replaced by three area-based Road Safety Councils with immediate effect.
- b) That the Executive Member for Environment and Transport nominates County Council Member representatives to the three area-based Road Safety Councils and invites nominations from the district councils. The County Council nominations as follows:
 - **Central Hampshire Road Safety Council** - Councillors Mrs Dickens (VC), A Evans, B Tennent and Mrs West (C)
 - **Northern Hampshire Road Safety Council** - Councillors R Kimber, Mrs Tucker (VC) and Mrs Wheale (C)
 - **Southern Hampshire Road Safety Council** - Councillors R Bolton (VC), C Carter (C), Mrs Darragh and K Evans

(C) – Chairman (VC) – Vice Chairman

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Following a review of the role and function of the district Road Safety Councils, it was noted that the average attendance at the meetings was around 50% of the total membership of 160.
- 2.2. The meetings take place three times a year in June, October and February, with a total of 33 meetings per year. In addition the Road Safety Councils' Chairmen meet twice a year.
- 2.3. Although efforts have been made over the years to encourage Members' input into the agenda, the agenda for all 11 Road Safety Councils are identical and therefore there is a considerable amount of duplication at the meetings with very little local input.

2.4. Associated administration (agenda minutes, Membership management, actions) have been provided through the Road Safety Team. Attending the meetings and advising Members has been role of the Road Safety Services Manager, estimated to be around 231 hours per year resource costs.

2.5. Hampshire Fire and Rescue and Hampshire Constabulary representatives have indicated difficulty in continuing to provide resource for the 11 Road Safety Council meetings.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Do nothing. If the 11 Road Safety Councils continue, this option would continue to present demands on resourcing and duplication.

3.2. Discontinue the 11 Road Safety Councils and establish one county-wide Road Safety Council. This option would discourage engagement with the local community.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: none.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

The Road Safety Councils will focus on strategy work and be regularly reviewed and scrutinised to ensure that they are of maximum benefit to the community. The groups hope to work closely with Hampshire Fire and Rescue and Hampshire Police and will be well supported by County Council Officers.

Approved by:

Date:

7 June 2011

**Councillor M J Kendal
Executive Member for Environment and Transport**