

MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

18 February 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors R Radford (Chair), J Berry, P Colthorpe, C Slade and N Way

Mid Devon District Council

Councillors R Chesterton and D Coren

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor L Cruwys

Apologies:-

Councillor M Squires

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Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2018 be signed as a correct record.

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Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.

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Road Safety

The Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment gave a presentation on the trialling of the new interactive dashboard that showed the latest casualty statistics and trends for the Devon County Council area.

The Council's aim was to utilise collision data to reduce casualties and increase road safety through educational programmes for e.g. young, novice and older drivers, business drivers, cyclists and motorcyclists; and to provide intelligence to help shape the safety policies of partner agencies, such as the Police, Fire Service and Safety Camera Partnership Speed Enforcement.

The dashboard showed that overall the casualty trend for Devon in the last five years was decreasing, with 2285 casualties in 2017, even though the killed and seriously injured (KSI) trend was rising. In 2017 there were 31 fatalities and 384 seriously injured casualties in 2017. All areas had seen a rise in KSI collisions and, with the exception of Exeter, Mid Devon had performed better by comparison with its Devon neighbours on the basis of KSI casualties per capita population. Also, data showed that collisions occurred primarily as a result of driver error.

The Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment then presented data for the Mid Devon area for the period 2013-2017, which is appended hereto.

Discussion points with Members and Officers included:-

- communication between the various partner agencies and the introduction of a Road Safety Strategy covering the whole south west peninsula;

- the potential for an average speed limit on the A377 at Newton St Cyres, where similar schemes in Cornwall had proved very successful;
- that the Police were conducting a review of the Community Speed Watch as a result of recognised issues; and
- the Learn2Live Programme for young people, parents and teachers, which was noted as excellent.

A public facing collision map could be found on the Council's website at:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/collision-data/>

Route Performance rankings and information could also be found on the webpages via the Year End Report (pages 55-59).

Once the District area dashboards had been taken to all Devon District HATOCs, briefing sessions on how to use the online dashboard would be arranged.

* **36** **Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee noted the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/8) that updated Members on eight proposals received for delivery within the 2019/20 financial year as listed on Appendix I to the Report.

Any proposal that attracted significant objections, following advertisement, would be reported to the Mid Devon HATOC meeting in October (not in June as mentioned in the Report).

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste also reported that due to the timing of HATOC meetings, the future closing date for submission of proposals would move to a date in December, thereby allowing consideration by HATOCs in the summer and an earlier implementation in September.

* **37** **Winter Gritting**

(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Way had requested that the Committee consider this matter.)

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste updated the Committee on the Winter Service to 11 February 2019, including:

- by the end of December 46% of the average level of treatment had been undertaken;
- by 10 February 7,800 tonnes of salt had been used, with over 16,000 tonnes remaining;
- roads had been treated on 41 nights, covering over 100,600km;
- all grit bins had been checked and refilled prior to the winter season;
- snow was reported in North Devon on 20 November and at the end of January;
- January to March 2019 was expected to experience colder than average temperatures; and
- 184 tonnes of 'free' salt had been delivered to Parishes.

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste would circulate a summary of these details to Members.

38 **Removal of 1 Length of Double Yellow Lines, Coles Mead, Wilcombe, Tiverton**

(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Cruwys had requested that the Committee consider the parking at Coles Mead, Wilcombe.)

The Committee considered a proposal that the double yellow lines at the end of the cul-de-sac at Coles Mead, Wilcombe be partially removed and six marked parking bays be installed in their place.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Slade, **SECONDED** by Councillor Colthorpe and

RESOLVED that the proposal to partially remove double yellow lines and to install marked parking bays in their place at the end of the cul-de-sac at Coles Mead, Wilcombe be included in the list of proposals for the Annual Waiting Restriction Programme for 2019/20, as detailed in Report HIW/19/8, subject to a site visit having first taken place.

* **39** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no current petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to Mid Devon.

* **40** **Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/9) on action taken in consultation with the Chair and Local Members since the last meeting.

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.55 am