

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 17 JUNE 2008**

SUBJECT: MORAY ROAD SAFETY PLAN 2008-2010

BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to approve the draft Moray Road Safety Plan 2008 - 2010 for consultation.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the functions of the Council as Roads Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Committee is asked to approve, for consultation, the draft of the Moray Road Safety Plan 2008-2010.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This is the fourth Road Safety Plan produced by Moray Council. The previous one was launched in December 2005.
- 3.2 Road Safety is a statutory duty and the Council is obliged under the Road Traffic Act 1974 (Section 8) to prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety. It is further recommended that each Local Authority produce a Road Safety Plan which states the strategy for improving safety and identifies clear targets.
- 3.3 The Plan was produced by the Moray Road Safety Group which includes representatives of various Council Services, namely, Transportation, Health and Safety, and outside agencies, Grampian Police; Grampian Fire and Rescue Service; the Scottish Ambulance Service; NHS Grampian; Bear Scotland representing the Trunk Road interests and local Driving Instructors. Other relevant Council services have also been consulted namely Education, Public Transport and Planning.
- 3.4 The draft Plan is available in the Members Library and seeks to fulfil the requirements in Section 3.2 above. A copy is also available, on request, from Committee Services.

- 3.5 There is a requirement for any policy to be the subject of a wide consultation and it is intended that this draft will be distributed to the partner organisation of the Moray Community Safety Partnership, for wider consultation than just those on the Moray Road Safety Group.
- 3.6 The Plan will also require to have a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) carried out and external consultants have already been appointed to carry out this work. It includes statutory consultations with environmental bodies along with the actual appraisal.
- 3.7 It is intended that the final plan will include various graphics and photographs and will be designed and printed by the Council's Graphics section.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan

The report encompasses the main aims of the Economic Development programme by maintaining suitable transport facilities and infrastructure for residents, visitors, businesses and workers.

(b) Policy and Legal

This proposal complied with the requirements of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1974.

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

There are no specific schemes identified in the plan but individual services areas of responsibility will be subject of separate budget reports to either this Council or the appropriate Boards.

The Plan is subject to the rules relating to a Strategic Environmental Assessment and it is proposed that the budget for this appraisal comes from the Road Safety Capital Plan 2008/9.

There will also be costs associated with the printing and distribution of the final plan and it is proposed that the budget for this comes from the Road Safety Capital Plan 2008/9.

There are no staffing or property implications from this report.

(d) Consultations

Grampian Police have been involved in the preparation of this Plan. However any additional comments they may have will be tabled at the meeting.

Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant, has been consulted on this report and is in agreement with the financial implications of the report.

The Principal Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) has been consulted and any comments will be tabled at the meeting.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to approve, for consultation, the draft of the Moray Road Safety Plan 2008-2010.

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Background Papers: None

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