



Your Moray - Your Safety

REPORT TO: SAFER AND STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP - 21 AUGUST 2008

SUBJECT: MORAY ROAD SAFETY PLAN (2008-10)

**BY: MORAY COUNCIL, CORPORATE POLICY UNIT
MANAGER**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The reason for this report is to ask the Group to note that the draft Moray Road Safety Plan (2008-10) is about to go out for consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Group notes that the draft Moray Road Safety Plan (2008-10) is about to go out for consultation and that the deadline for responses to the consultation is 26 September 2008.

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 draft Plan, which is attached as **Appendix 1**, was produced by the Moray Road Safety Group which includes representatives of various Council Services, including Transportation, Health and Safety, and outside agencies, including 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 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 organisations on the Moray Community Safety Partnership for wider consultation than just those on the Moray Road Safety Group.
- 3.5 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. It is intended to run this consultation concurrently with the consultation on the Plan itself.
- 3.6 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) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

Reducing the number of people killed or injured as a result of road accidents is one of the key local outcomes relating to national outcome 9 of the Single Outcome Agreement – We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

(b) Policy and Legal

The proposed Plan complies with the requirements of the Roads (Scotland) Act, 1984 and the Road Traffic Act, 1974.

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

There are no specific schemes identified in the plan but individual areas of responsibility will be the subject of separate budget reports to either the Council or the appropriate Partner 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 Council's 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 Council's Road Safety Capital Plan 2008/9.

There are no staffing or property implications from this report.

(d) Consultations

The drawing up of this Plan has been coordinated by the Council's Roads Engineer (Traffic).

Grampian Police and NHS Grampian have both been involved in the preparation of the Plan.

The Council's Principal Accountant and Principal Solicitor (Commercial and Conveyancing) have been consulted and concur with the content of the report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Group is asked to note that the Moray Road Safety Plan (2008-10) is about to go out for consultation and that the deadline for responses is 26 September 2008**

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Background Papers: Draft Moray Road Safety Plan (2008-10)

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