



REPORT TO: SAFER & STRONGER STRATEGIC GROUP – 21st August 2008

SUBJECT: PASS PLUS INITIATIVE

BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The Safer and Stronger Strategy Group are asked to approve the removal of the Pass Plus project and funding.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Safer and Stronger Strategy Group are asked to approve the removal of the Pass Plus project and funding.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Pass Plus is an existing initiative of the Driving Standards Agency, which allows new drivers who have passed their test in the preceding 12 months, additional driving experiences. Successful completion of the course also gives the person substantial discounts on their insurance.

3.2 Around 100,000 new drivers take Pass Plus every year in Great Britain. Pass Plus training is operated in conjunction with local driving schools and gives new drivers, advanced tuition in safe driving, covering potential dangers such as driving in town, driving in all weathers, driving at night, and driving on rural roads, dual carriageways and motorways. These aspects are not covered in the standard driving test.

3.3 The former Community Safety partnership has funded the pass plus initiative since 2004.

3.4 The recent change in Scottish Government led to a review of agreements with local government in terms of the new Single Outcome Agreement and a review of the Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour process. This led to new allocations of funding and the

need for funding to be allocated more specifically on evidence based priorities from the strategic assessment.

3.5 The identified priorities from the strategic assessment, for the period 2008-11, were not agreed until the first meeting of the Safer & Stronger Strategic Group on 5th June. Subsequently the business plans for the Safer Co-ordinating group were not considered until their first meeting on the 24th June.

3.6 It has become apparent that the the Pass Plus initiative has not been identified as an evidence based priority for the new community safety period therefore agreement should be to no longer fund this project.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans

The Safer & Stronger Theme group of Community Planning has new priorities identified, based on need, for 2008-11.

(b) Policy and Legal

None

(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)

None

(d) Consultations

The Safer & Stronger Strategic Group have agreed priorities for 2008-11 from the Strategic Assessment.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Safer and Stronger Strategy Group are asked to approve the removal of the Pass Plus project and funding.

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Background Papers:

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