

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet 14 December 2015

<b>ITEM 7(f) Road Safety Annual Information Report</b>
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**Portfolio(s):** Housing and Transport

**Cabinet Member(s):** Cllr J Harrison

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**Report from Service Area:** Environment, Housing and Leisure

**Responsible Officer:** Phil Scott, Head of Environment, Housing and Leisure (Tel: 643 7295)

**Wards affected:** All

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## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Purpose**

The North Tyneside Road Safety Strategy 2015-18 was adopted in March 2015. The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with the associated Road Safety Annual Information Report for 2014.

### **1.2 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Cabinet notes the content of the Road Safety Annual Information Report for 2014, attached at Appendix 1.

### **1.3 Forward plan**

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 16 November 2015.

### **1.4 Council plan and policy framework**

This report is relevant to the following priorities set out in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2014 to 2018:

Priority 1. C – Our People will be supported to live healthier and longer lives  
Action: We will deliver a programme of road safety education and support for active travel, including cycling training

Priority 1. C – Our People will be supported to live healthier and longer lives  
Action: We will improve accessibility in the borough and support accessibility by walking and cycling

## 1.5 Information

### 1.5.1 Background

The North Tyneside Road Safety Strategy 2015-2018 was approved by Cabinet on 9 March 2015. The strategy provides a framework for the delivery of engineering and educational measures, designed to meet the challenging targets for road casualty reduction to which the Authority is committed, and further improve its approach to supporting safety for all road users. At the same meeting, Cabinet agreed to receive the Road Safety Annual Information Report for 2014 at a subsequent meeting.

### 1.5.2 The Road Safety Annual Information Report

The Road Safety Annual Information Report, attached at Appendix 1, supports the Authority's Road Safety Strategy and provides an update on road safety activities and outcomes in North Tyneside for 2014. It is intended that subsequent reports will be provided on an annual basis.

The report summarises relevant data on road collisions. In 2014, 403 collisions were recorded on roads in North Tyneside (including the A1 and A19, which are managed by Highways England, as well as roads managed by North Tyneside Council). These collisions resulted in 555 casualties, of whom 47 were either killed or seriously injured (KSI). This figure included eight child KSI. The figures also include 51 pedestrian casualties and 58 cycle casualties. The recorded data shows that there has been a general decreasing trend in casualties, with some variation from year to year. Adult cyclist casualties will be further monitored as these have shown a general increasing trend, despite a decrease from 2013 to 2014. A detailed review will also be carried out of pedestrian and cyclist casualties among the 11 to 15 age group.

Details on the location and circumstances of collisions, together with related data such as vehicle speed surveys, are used to inform the development of our programme of local safety schemes and to identify specific areas and topics for education and training activities.

The report notes that a number of local safety schemes have been introduced during 2014/15 including upgrading a zebra crossing to a signalised crossing on Albion Road, North Shields; providing a new zebra crossing on Park View, Whitley Bay; and improved speed limit signage on the A186 Shiremoor bypass.

The objectives of the Road Safety Strategy include helping people to keep themselves safe and promoting road safety, through education and training. The report notes that in-class road safety education was delivered to 16,572 children in 2014/15, and that, working with the Tyne and Wear Schools Go Smarter programme, 'Balance bike' training was delivered to 702 nursery age children and 587 children received practical pedestrian training. Bikeability training, funded from a specific government grant, was delivered widely at schools, with 768 children being trained to Bikeability Level 2 standard. The Authority has continued to work in partnership with Road Safety GB and the Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative (NSRI).

This programme is being delivered against a background of funding constraints. From 2015/16, central government grant for the Integrated Transport element of Local Transport Plan funding was reduced by an average of 44%, as funding was top-sliced to support the delivery of transport and related projects through the Local Growth Fund.

The Authority has been successful in obtaining funding from the Local Growth Fund for several major projects over the period 2015/16-2018/19: these include, for example, improvements to the A1058 Coast Road (Billy Mill and Norham Road junctions), which will improve traffic flows and crossing facilities in this key corridor. Government funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), which supports the Schools Go Smarter and Go Smarter to Work programmes, will no longer be available after 2015/16 and options are being explored to continue elements of these programmes.

The Road Safety Annual Information Report provides useful information on road safety activities in North Tyneside and will help to target schemes and measures which have the most beneficial outcomes.

## **1.6 Decision options**

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

### Option 1

Cabinet may accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

### Option 2

Cabinet may not accept the recommendation set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended as the report provides information on road safety in North Tyneside.

## **1.8 Appendices**

Appendix 1 Road Safety Annual Information Report for 2014

## **1.9 Contact officers**

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## **1.10 Background information**

North Tyneside Road Safety Strategy 2015-2018 [here](#)

Tyne and Wear third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) documents (the LTP Strategy 2011-21 and the LTP Delivery Plan 2011-14) [here](#)

Tyne and Wear Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) is included as Appendix D of the LTP Strategy 2011-21.

The Local Transport Plan road safety targets are set out in a report under item 7 of the 25 July 2013 meeting of the former Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) Full Committee, available online [here](#)

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial and resource implications directly arising from this report. Against a background of funding constraints, the Authority will work with partners to continue to deliver an effective and focused programme of road safety measures which contribute positively to the objectives of the Road Safety Strategy. Funding to support measures outlined in the Road Safety Strategy 2015-2018 will be detailed annually in the Local Transport Plan Capital Settlement Cabinet Report. The Local Transport Plan is included in the 2015-2019 Investment Plan approved by full Council on the 19 February 2015.

### **2.2 Legal**

Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 imposes a statutory duty upon the local authority to promote road safety. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

There are no immediate consultation or community engagement implications directly arising from this report.

### **2.4 Human rights**

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

### **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no equalities and diversity issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.6 Risk management**

There are no risk management issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no crime and disorder issues directly arising from this report.

### **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no environment and sustainability issues directly arising from this report.

## **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

- Deputy Chief Executive
- Head of Service
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy