



**Surrey County Council
Safe and Smarter Travel Team
23 March 2007**

KEY ISSUE:

To provide an update on the roles and responsibilities of the newly formed Surrey County Council Safe and Smarter Travel Team

SUMMARY:

The Safe and Smarter Travel Team was created on the 1 June 2006 to bring together the experience of Road Safety Officers, School Travel Officers and Company and Residential Travel Planning Officers into one team of “Community Travel Advisors” who can *promote safe and sustainable travel choices in Surrey*. This report outlines the range of work undertaken by this team.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the roles and responsibilities of the newly formed Safe and Smarter Travel Team

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Safe and Smarter Travel Team was created on the 1 June 2006 to bring together the experience of Road Safety Officers, School Travel Officers and Company and Residential Travel Planning Officers into one team of “Community Travel Advisors” who can ***promote safe and sustainable travel choices in Surrey.***
- 1.2 The Team when fully staffed will consist of 23 people (19 full-time equivalents) and also manages 70 Road Safety Instructor sessional workers (cycling) and indirectly manage 90 school crossing patrol people.
- 1.3 The Team are responsible for providing Road Safety Education, Training and Travel Planning advice to over 500 schools and Surrey’s business community.
- 1.4 The ‘smarter’ section of the team comprises 4 staff who are responsible for agreeing and monitoring Travel Plans that are required by planning obligations. This activity is done in conjunction with SCC’s Transportation Development Control division and the 4 staff are co-located with Transport Development Control to ensure a joined up approach.
- 1.5 With respect to Surrey County Council’s Own Travel Plan – Travel Choice We will continue to implement measures to influence our own employee and member travel behaviours so that we are seen to lead by example.

2 KEY PRIORITIES OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

- 2.1 The new team gives the County an opportunity to encourage all Surrey schools to have an up-to-date Travel Plan that includes the education and training work we have agreed to provide. Approximately 150 schools still do not have a travel plan and we set ourselves a 2006 target of supporting 50 new school travel plans. This target will continue yearly until all schools have achieved a school travel plan. We will give advice on about 150 new Travel Plans for companies and housing developments as part of the planning process.
 - The School Travel Plan should include measures to improve safety around the school.
 - Encourage the whole school to change their travel behaviour eg. Walk, cycle, car share on their journey to school.
 - Road Safety Education relating to child/ young adult travel.
 - eg. Pedestrian Training for year 3 pupils
 - Pedestrian /cycle travel awareness for year 7 pupils
 - In car safety and moped education for year 10
 - Pre driver education - Safe Drive Stay Alive – High Impact Theatre Production for Year 12 (partnership with Emergency Services and the NHS Trust).
 - Adult education
 - Speed/Seat Belt Awareness Days in partnership with Surrey Police

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3 LOCAL PARTNERSHIP SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR CYCLING AND CAR SHARING (LPSA)

3.1 The County has agreed to work with our partner organisations to achieve central Government targets to increase the number of pupils receiving cycle training in Year Groups 2, 5, 6 and 7. If successful this will result in a doubling of the number of pupils who cycle to school by July 2008. We also have a target to reduce traffic delays on six agreed traffic routes through the promotion of the SurreyCarShare.Com scheme and focused company travel planning.

3.2 Surrey's cycle programmes include:-

- "Pedals" Self Help Guides for Teachers/Parents – Year 2
- Cycle Training – Year 5 and 6
- Pedestrian and Cycle Awareness – Year 7

4 TANDRIDGE – SAFE AND SMARTER TRAVEL PROGRESS IN 2005/6

4.1 The Road Safety Education targets have been achieved in the Borough over the previous academic year. These targets were as follows:

- 50% of year 3 children for pedestrian training
- 80% of year 7 children for road safety education
- 60% of year 11/12 pre-driver education and the Safe Drive Stay Alive presentation organised by Surrey Fire & Rescue

4.2 Key highlights in respect of Safe and Smarter Travel In 2005/6 were as follows:

- 306 year 2 pupils received the cycling programme 'Pedals'.
- 865 year 3 and 4 pupils received the pedestrian training programme
- 870 year 7 pupils received road safety education.
- 4 schools attended Safe Drive Stay Alive programme.
- Junior Citizen events (4 weeks) were attended by schools in Tandridge and Reigate and Banstead. This event is in partnership with Surrey Police and the emergency services.

4.2.1 Cycling

- 454 pupils (year 6) cycling proficiency trained in 2005/6 with a 74% pass rate. 24 Tandridge schools took part in cycling proficiency
- 339 pupils (year 5) Junior cycling trained in 2005/6. 18 Tandridge schools took part in year 5 Junior cycle training

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4.2.2 School Travel Plans

- 24 schools have produced a school travel plan in Tandridge
- 6 new schools are being targeted this year to start a school travel plan

5 CONTACT DETAILS

5.1 For general queries the generic email address and phone number should be used at RoadSafety@Surreycc.gov.uk or calling the Contact centre on 08456 009 009

5.2 The Safe and Smarter Travel team in Tandridge are led by Jane Siegle (Community Travel Manager – East, email. The team also consist of one Community Travel Advisor who develops Travel Plans and undertakes Road Safety education and Training. The Community Travel Advisor for Tandridge is Trudie Goodwin

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