



# **Joint Road Safety Strategy Local Action Plan For Woking 2007/08**

## **Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking)**

**21 June 2007**

### **KEY ISSUE**

The Annex to the report sets out the Joint Road Safety Local Action Plan for 2007/08 agreed between Surrey County Council Area West Transportation Service (Woking) and Safer Smarter Travel Team (West), Surrey Fire & Rescue Service, Surrey Police and Woking Borough Council.

### **SUMMARY**

The Local Action Plan for Woking has been developed alongside the Joint Road Safety Strategy for Surrey and is aimed at making roads safer with a reduction in casualties, through Themes and associated Action Plans. The Local Action Plan is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition covering the period 2007/08 financial year, with the original launched at the Local Committee meeting held on 23 July 2003.

The Action Plan should be considered as a 'live' document and it is recommended that it is revised and updated on an annual basis to keep up with trends and enable decisions to be made to ensure that the objectives and targets of the Local Transport Plan are met.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the Local Committee adopts the 2007/08 Local Action Plan for Woking as indicated in Annex A
- (ii) that the Local Action Plan is updated on an annual basis around April / May each year to create a forward programme for the forthcoming financial year.

## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1 Surrey's new Joint Road Safety Strategy (JRSS) builds on the previous JRSS between Surrey Police and Surrey County Council (SCC) covering the period 2003-2006. The new JRSS has some new partners Surrey County Council's Fire & Rescue Service; Safer and Smarter Travel Team and the Community Safety Unit; The Highways Agency South East; and Surrey Safety Camera Partnership.

The 2006 JRSS is a commitment by all four partners to work more closely to identify and address road safety issues in Surrey. A copy of the Joint Road Safety Strategy is available in Annex A (refer to Annex A page 25)

- 2 In addition to this the County Council is involved in The Surrey Safety Camera Partnership which is made up of four public sector organisations, Surrey County Council, Highways Agency, Surrey Police, Her Majesty's Court Service, who have joined together with the aim of reducing collisions and casualties on Surrey's roads.

## **WHO IS THE LOCAL ACTION PLAN FOR?**

- 3 This is the second Joint Road Safety Action Plan for Woking, with the first being agreed at the Local Committee for Woking on 23 July 2003. This document, as indicated in Annex A, builds on the initial 2003 Action Plan and has been drawn up for all the partners including Elected Members as a reference, and against which to judge performance and progress. It should also be of interest to others who contribute to safer roads in Surrey e.g. Government Office for the South East (GOSE); Health Trusts and Authorities, Local Strategic Partnership and Crime and Disorder Partnerships

## **MONITORING**

- 4 Accident statistics are reported on an annual basis for a number of reasons including reporting to the Department for Transport. The latest accident statistics are published during March / April for the previous year so therefore it is recommended to review this document on an annual basis during April/May of each year to reflect the latest position and adapt a forward programme to enable the objectives and targets to be met in the Local Transport Plan.

**TARGETS**

- 5 The responsibility of each partner is indicated in the JRSS as shown in Annex A. (refer to Annex A page 25)
- 6 Surrey County Council has developed targets for Road Safety under the objective of Safety in the Local Transport Plan as well as stretched targets under the Local Public Service Agreement that the County Council has with eight of the local councils, including Woking. Details of these targets are indicated in Annex A pages 5-6.

**The Action Plan For Woking**

- 7 **Aim:** To reduce casualties within the Woking Area, especially vulnerable road users and children.
- 8 **Objective:** A co-ordinated and planned approach to road safety centrally and locally, using a combination of education, engineering, enforcement measures and with close reference to initiatives to bring about modal shift
- 9 **The Partners:** Surrey County Council (Highways, Transport, Safer Smarter Travel, Fire & Rescue), Surrey Police, Woking Borough Council and the Highways Agency.
- 10 The Local Committee (Woking) and the partners scheduled above are encouraged to adopt the Local Action Plan, which must be considered as a 'live' document but revised annually.
- 11 The Police have appointed a Casualty Reduction Officer within Woking who is responsible for collecting intelligence (i.e. data, complaints etc) targeting enforcement activities; and community led engagement and problem solving, under the Borough Inspector.
- 12 Local actions will be appropriate to the situation taking into account the nature, severity and frequency of the offences or collisions. Where increased priority is given to enforcement, the increased level of interventions will be publicised through campaigns and local media to bring about an understanding of the reason for this change.

**CONSULTATIONS**

- 13 The Local Action Plan has been prepared by officers of Surrey Highways Service with the assistance of the other partners, but has not been the subject of consultation beyond these organisations. The document should not be regarded as complete in its final form, and will be the subject of regular reviews, including at the Accident Working Group (twice per year) and an annual revision.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 14 This report has no direct financial implications, but may result in the generation of projects, which will compete for Local Transport Plan or other funds. Their financial implications will be considered as they come forward. .

**CRIME & DISORDER and EQUAILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 15 This report has direct relevance to improvement in safety and the perception of safety on the public highway.

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**Accountable:**

**Consulted:**

**Background Papers: Surrey County Council / Surrey Police Joint Road Safety Strategy 2003 – 2007, Woking Joint Road Safety Strategy dated 23 July 2003  
Joint Road Safety Strategy (June 2006)**

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