

VISION ZERO SOUTH WEST BOARD MEETING**22nd November 2021 – 11.30 to 1.00pm****Via teleconference****Board Members in attendance**

Alison Hernandez (Chairman)	Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
Cllr Stuart Hughes (Vice Chair)	Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Devon County Council
Cllr Martyn Alvey	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, Cornwall Council
Cllr Roger Croad	Cabinet Member for Community, Public Health, Transportation and Environmental Services, Devon County Council
Cllr Jonathan Drear	Cabinet Member for Transport, Plymouth City Council
Fran Hughes	Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Vicky Fraser	Service Director for Transport, Cornwall Council
Philip Robinson	Service Director for Street Services, Plymouth City Council
Felicity Ridgeway	Director of Operations, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Mark Hewitt	Deputy Chief Fire Officer Head of Operations, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
Dave Black	Head of Planning, Transportation & Environment, Devon County Council
Wayne Rawlins	Area Manager, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Rebecca Edmond	Head of Planning and Development, Highways England
JH	Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager, Devon County Council
David Davies	Executive Director, PACTS

Officers in attendance:

Supt AL	Head of Roads Policing Strategic, Devon and Cornwall Police
MJ	Senior Traffic Engineer, Plymouth City Council
CL	Head of Communications, Devon Air Ambulance Trust
IJ	Head of Highways, SWISCo
JA	County Road Safety Manager, Devon County Council
MW	Interim VZSW Coordinator, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
JC	Comms and Engagement Coordinator, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
PP	Communications and Customer Engagement Manager, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
PD	Governance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (<i>minutes</i>)
NW	Local Transport and Road Safety Lead, Cornwall Council

Apologies:

Cllr Phillip Desmonde (Cornwall Council), Dr Tim Nutbeam (Devon Air Ambulance), Cllr Rachel Sutton (Exeter City Council), Cllr Mike Morey (Torbay Council), DB (University Hospitals Plymouth), JD (SWAST)

1. Chairman's update

The Chairman welcomed new members and thanked all attendees for making themselves available during a particularly busy period for most partners.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Roll Call of Fatalities

The Chairman read out a roll call of those who had lost their lives since the previous meeting, to focus the minds of board members as to the purpose of this partnership.

4. Minute's Silence to reflect on those who have died and their loved ones

A minute's silence was held to reflect on those who had died and their loved ones.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes from the meeting held on 30th July 2021 were agreed as true and accurate records.

5a. Matters arising – Actions update

An update on the open actions was provided.

6. Call for Ideas

The Chairman reminded Board members of how long the process had taken; she also thanked the Panel for judging the applications received. MW advised that there had been 82 entries in total, then talked the Board through his presentation. JA expressed concerns about the legal framework of bid #2, namely allowing volunteers to enforce residents parking.

ACTION: JA to investigate the lawfulness of bid #2.

MW advised that the originally £100,000 had been allocated to Call for Ideas, however the total of those grants which were being submitted for approval amounted to £153,000, MW then explained the recommendations as set out in the presentation.

During discussions, the following comments were made:-

- Dave Black was in favour of increasing the total funding but suggested adding the caveat "*subject to additional information*".
- The Chairman advised she was comfortable with increasing the allocation of funding to £153,000.
- MW clarified that the additional amount would come from the unallocated reserve which currently stood at £2.5m;
- Cllr Hughes, Cllr Drean and Vicky Fraser expressed support for an increase;
- MJ warned of the risk of negative publicity for local authorities if people purchased their own equipment.
- The Chairman asked for a VAS policy to be brought to the next Board meeting;

- The Chairman suggested giving money to non-VAS projects and telling VAS applicants to ensure the lawfulness of their projects first.
- On the last point, NW advised that she had a document she was happy to share with Board members.

The Chairman had to briefly leave the meeting and was replaced in the chair by Cllr Hughes.

JA felt that every application that required local authority liaison would need further investment. Members then voted on each recommendation separately.

Recommendations:-

1. That VZSW agree to increase the overall allocation of funding from £100,000 to £153,375.87 which is the total sum of applications supported by the panel. **[Approved as laid out]**
2. That VZSW approve the grants associated with all non VAS related applications supported by the Panel. **[Approved as laid out]**
3. That VZSW approve the grants in principle for VAS and signage related applications subject to liaison and discussion between the applicants and the relevant Local Authority by July 2022 **[approved, as amended during the meeting]**, and
4. That VZSW commit to undertaking the liaison and implementation before the end of July 2022. **[Approved, as amended during the meeting]**
5. That VZSW award the grants as requested now, allow applicants to manage the implementation in liaison with the relevant LA and specify that the grant must be spent within 6 months. **[Rejected]**
6. That the VZSW Comms and Engagement Lead prepare necessary comms messaging in support of the Board decision. **[Approved as laid out]**
7. That the VZSW Partnership Coordinator and Comms Lead to communicate the decision of the Board to all applicants, to include nominated link with the relevant Local Authority where required. **[Approved as laid out]**
8. That the VZSW Partnership Coordinator to prepare a summary of lessons learned through the Call for Ideas Process to include a single policy for VAS across Devon and Cornwall. **[Approved as laid out]**

The Police and Crime Commissioner resumed the chairing of the meeting and congratulated Board members for their work on the Call for Ideas.

ACTION: MW to liaise with relevant partners to develop a VZSW VAS policy.

7. VZSW MoU – Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service

Mark Hewitt reminded members of the context specific to Cornwall Fire & Rescue Services. He highlighted the risk profile and expressed gratitude to MW for his help. The Chairman felt that the term “non-contributory partner” was misleading. Cllr Drean and Wayne Rawlins offered practical help with making Cornwall FRS a signatory to the VZSW MoU.

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to the proposal for Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service to become a signatory to the VZSW MOU.

ACTION: MW to ensure that a signed copy of the MOU was retained by the Force legal department together with other signed copies from partners.

8. AOB

Fran Hughes advised that OpSnap had been raised at the November meeting of the Police and Crime Panel and enquired if main signage could be used to advertise it. The Chairman suggested a task & finish group be set up re OpSnap. MW advised that the OpSnap back office could not cope with the increased demand and that he would take this action into the Activity A subgroup for consideration.

ACTION: MW to raise future sustainability of OPSNAP with the Activity A subgroup and bring back proposals.

1256 meeting concluded.