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VISION ZERO SOUTH WEST BOARD MEETING

7th February 2022 – 10.00 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 Martyn Alvey	Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, Cornwall Council
Cllr Stuart Hughes	Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Devon County Council
Cllr Roger Croad	Cabinet Member for Community, Public Health, Transportation and Environmental Services, Devon County Council
Cllr Phillip Desmonde	Cabinet Member for Transport, Cornwall Council
Cllr Jonathan Dreaan	Cabinet Member for Transport, Plymouth City Council
Frances Hughes	Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Felicity Ridgway	Director of Operations, 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
Wayne Rawlins	Area Manager, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Felicity Ridgway	Director of Operations, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Mark Hewitt	Deputy Chief Fire Officer-Head of Operations, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service
Rebecca Edmond	Head of Planning and Development, Highways England
ACC Glen Mayhew	ACC Operations, Devon & Cornwall Police
JH	Transportation Strategy & Road Safety Manager Devon County Council
David Davies	Executive Director, PACTS

Officers in attendance:

Nicola Allen	Treasurer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Cllr Martin Worth	Cllr for Saltash, Trematon and Landrake, Cornwall Council
SB	Head of Business Accountancy, Devon & Cornwall Police
EC	Management Accountant, Devon and Cornwall Police
Supt AL	Head of Roads Policing Strategic, Devon & Cornwall Police
MJ	Senior Traffic Engineer, Plymouth City Council
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	VZSW Comms and Engagement Coordinator, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
PP	Communications and Customer Engagement Manager,

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Dr DC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
	Criminal Justice, Partnership and Commissioning
PD	Manager, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
	Governance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime
	<i>Commissioner (minutes)</i>

Apologies:

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 and Actions Log

The draft minutes from the meeting held on 22nd November 2021 were agreed as true and accurate records, with one minor amendment to item 6.

5a. Matters arising – Actions update

A verbal update was provided in the meeting on a number of open actions.

6. Update on Performance – 50x30

JA talked the Board through the latest Performance figures and further advised that he had interviewed for an analyst role the previous week and that the successful candidate had accepted the post. The Chairman thanked JA for a comprehensive update and felt that the implications of home working provided food for thought.

7. VZSW Coordinators Report

MW reminded the Partnership that the Coordinators' Report was submitted for assurance regarding both activities. He praised the support he had received from the theme leads in producing the report.

7a. Communications and Engagement Coordinators Report

JC talked the Board through his presentation, highlighting: -

- the success of the hard-hitting video published in December 2021;
- upcoming activities.

MW advised that Vision Zero South West was now a member of PACTS and that the next meeting would take place on 17th March. Finally, he congratulated and thanked JC for his work on VZSW comms.

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8. Finance Report

SB gave a high-level summary of the Finance Report. The Chairman enquired about the possibility to use the excess money towards Comms. MW talked about the “pooled budget” and explained that the £1.5m contingency was a legacy agreement from the Camera Safety Partnership. He added that the MoU stated that the agreement was up for “review on an annual basis”.

9. Draft 5 Year Financial Plan

Nicola Allen introduced the report as being self-explanatory. SB highlighted the importance of choosing between a prudent approach and an optimistic one.

MW made the following observations:-

- Driver education courses do result in fewer RTCs;
- He and Supt AL had been looking at Dorset data;
- VZSW need back-office training;
- Ultimately, road safety is not about enforcement but about education.

The Chairman remarked that new staff offered an opportunity for step changes. She also wondered if there was an opportunity to offer communities free driver education courses, adding that maybe VZSW Board members should attend too.

ACTION: MW to enquire about free driver education courses.

Recommendation:-

That the Board consider and approve the VZSW five-year financial plan.

Approved as laid out.

10. Draft Road Safety Delivery Plan 22/23

MW introduced the item, reminding Members that he had started devising the Delivery Plan in the middle of last year. The Chairman called for more clarity on the reach to be included in the recommendation, stressing the importance of tracking the reach. She expressed her support for the proposal.

JC remarked that, at present, in terms of reach, the best we can have is an intelligent guesstimate.

Recommendations, as amended during the meeting:-

1. That Board Members approve the draft RSDP 2022/23
2. That Board members agree to ring fence £1,222,100 from the unallocated reserve to fund the plan;
3. That Board Members delegate authority to the VZSW Partnership Coordinator to manage implementation and spend in accordance with the plan; and
4. That the projected reach be articulated within the Delivery Plan.

Approved.

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11. Child Pedestrian Training

MJ introduced the item, highlighting that the cost would be £55,000 a year for three years. The Chairman suggest this be framed from a VZSW perspective and expressed her support for the proposal.

Recommendations:-

1. That the Board Members agree to fund the recruitment of a part-time CPT co-ordinator and two part time CPT trainers to deliver the scheme.
2. That the Board Members agree to fund the creation of manuals and other fundamental equipment and material that the co-ordinator and trainers will need to fulfil their daily roles.
3. That the Board Members agree to fund a thorough evaluation programme to measure the impact of the pilot.

Approved.

12. Road Victim Support

MW highlighted the link between this proposal and the VZSW strategy, then played a video on the topic of Victim Support to Members. He reminded Members of their moral duty to offer moral support. The Chairman explained that, as a Police and Crime Commissioner, she was responsible for Victim Services. She also highlighted the importance of restorative justice.

Cllr Drean asked what the funding was going to be used on; he also remarked that there was £1.5m in the Risk Register, which could be used.

The Chairman recommended running a pilot first, then evaluating.

Dr DC made the following points:-

- We need to identify the exact needs in order to get it right;
- She is seeking commitment to funding now because of the time it takes to go through procurement;
- We cannot use templates from other areas for Victim Support.

Cllr Drean expressed support for a pilot but remarked that the person in the video was first and foremost a victim of crime.

Supt AL explained that family liaison officers were deployed but only for a finite period of time. Cllr Hughes stressed the need to lobby hard on this issue. The Chairman called for a drawn-up spec with clarity and wondered if advocacy could be seen as a compromise.

Cllr Alvey remarked that any pilot needs to be designed with the people in the video in mind and highlighted the impact that road fatalities have on entire communities.

The Chairman suggested operating a three-year pilot and referring to funding being “earmarked” rather than a commitment to spend.

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MW then provided clarity about:-

- the £1.5m from the Risk Register;
- how the Partnership does not fund new sites for speed cameras.

Recommendation:-

That Partners support the proposal to fund the new commissioned support service for people affected by a serious road collision or fatality.

Supported in principle subject to further development of the specification with partners and those with lived experience. Proposal to be represented to the Board for final approval and sign off.

13. Operation SNAP

MW introduced the report and Supt AL shared a document showing a breakdown of submissions.

The Chairman stressed the need to get the communities onside, adding that Op SNAP was the biggest project beside CSW. She also remarked that, if the proposal does go through, the OP SNAP Manager/Police Led Prosecutor should see themselves as part of the VZSW team.

Cllr JD highlighted the need to have a campaign about Op SNAP in the future. Supt AL replied that this could be included in JC's monthly campaign. A discussion ensued on the use of dashcams, before JC played a video about Op SNAP.

Recommendations:-

1. That the Board Members approve the proposals to enhance and improve capacity to process offences generated through the submission of dash cam footage to the Police; and
2. That the Board Members agree to the additional ongoing revenue spend up to a maximum of £136,000 to fund the recruitment of a dedicated OP SNAP Manager/Police Led Prosecutor and 3 x Evidential Reviewers to create a dedicated Op SNAP team.

Approved.

14. Notified AOB: VZSW MoU – Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

The Chairman was delighted to note that D&S FRS was joining the partnership. Wayne Rawlins thanked MW for his help.

12:47 meeting concluded