



MEETING: VZSW Board Meeting	LOCATION:	Teams
TIME: 1000hrs – 1300hrs	DATE:	12 th March 2024
<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Alison Hernandez (Chairman) Police and Crime Commissioner Ch Supt Ryan Doyle Operations, Devon and Cornwall Police Cllr Laura Wright Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Culture and City Centre Strategy (Item 1 to part of Item 10) Cllr Stuart Hughes (Vice Chairman) Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Devon County Council Cllr Mark Coker Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport, Plymouth City Council (Item 1 to part of 10) Cllr Martyn Alvey Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change, Cornwall Council Cllr Richard Williams-Pears Cabinet Member for Transport, Cornwall Council Cllr David Thomas Leader of the Council, Torbay Council Antony Bartlett Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Victoria Fraser Service Director for Connectivity & Environment, Cornwall Council (Item 1 to part of Item 10) Frances Hughes Chief Executive and Treasurer, Office of the Police and crime Commissioner Cllr Adam Billings Cabinet Member for Pride in Place and Parking, Torbay Council Philip Robinson Service Director for Street Services, Plymouth City Council (Item 1 to Item 12) Jamie Hulland Deputy Director – Planning, Climate Change, Environment and Transport Directorate, Devon County Council Tim Bunting Chief Executive, Cornwall Air Ambulance Dr Tim Nutbeam Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Devon Air Ambulance Trust, University Hospitals Plymouth and Plymouth Trauma Network</p> <p>Non-Board members:</p> <p>SB Head of Business Accountancy, Devon and Cornwall Police NW VZSW Partnership Manager EC VZSW Management Accountant, Devon and Cornwall Police CG VZSW Strategic Analyst JC VZSW Comms and Engagement Coordinator HG (minutes) VZSW Project Support PP VZSW Administration Assistant AL Head of Road Safety, Devon & Cornwall Police AWP Prevention, Road Safety & Community Risk Manager, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (substitute for Mike Porter) AP Road Safety Officer, Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service IF Principal Transport Officer (Road Safety), Cornwall Council RL Transport Strategy & Road Safety Lead, Cornwall Council MA Asset Needs Manager (SW), Operations, National Highways (substitute for RE)</p> <p>Apologies: Nicola Allen (OPCC), RE (National Highways), ES (RCHT), Charlotte Leventis (DAAT), Mike Porter (DSFRS), Lisa Tuck (Torbay Council), MJ (PCC), Cllr Roger Croad (DCC), DM (SWAST), ACC James Pearce (Devon and Cornwall Police), Katherine Potts (UHP)</p>		
ITEM	DETAILS	
1	<p><u>Welcome and introductions.</u> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was acknowledgement of members who had sent apologies, together with those who were acting as substitutes.</p>	

2	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u> No one declared an interest.</p>
3	<p><u>Roll Call of Fatalities</u> The Chairman read out a roll call of 11 individuals who had lost their lives on Devon and Cornwall's (D&C) Road network between 13th December 2023 and 10th March 2024 to focus the minds of Board members as to the purpose of the VZSW partnership.</p>
4	<p><u>Minute's silence to reflect on those who have died and their loved ones.</u> A minute's silence was held to reflect on those who had died on the roads of D&C since the last Board meeting.</p>
5	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 14th December 2023 were agreed as accurate and true.</p>
5a	<p><u>Matters Arising – Actions Update</u> NW provided an update regarding outstanding actions. Board members were assured of the updates provided, no questions or follow ups raised.</p>
6	<p><u>Finance Update</u> SB talked through the paper, circulated to Board Members prior to the meeting, which summarised the financial position as of 31st January 2024. A balance of £5.24m was held in reserves at the start of the financial year. After accounting for committed expenditure, the pooled fund is anticipated to be £1,504,104. This allows for continued investment in projects and initiatives to improve safety on the roads.</p> <p>Philip Robinson questioned whether the financial increase was due to an increase in the prevalence of speeding. AL advised that the uplift was likely due to a change in enforcement posture resulting in an increase in speed detection; therefore more drivers were being educated and this would consequently help to lead to behaviour change and feed into speeding becoming socially unacceptable.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board be made aware of the financial position as of 31st January 2024.</p> <p>Outcome: The Board were assured of the recommendation as presented and laid out.</p>
7.	<p><u>Heavitree & Whipton</u></p> <p>Jamie Hulland provided a summary of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) in Exeter. Statutory consultation process ends on 8th May. Responses will be reviewed after this date. Bus gate enforcement issues were highlighted. Agreed that there were a number of lessons learned from the implementation of the LTN experimental order.</p> <p>Moving Traffic Powers (MTP) were raised as an issue. Agreed that a letter from VZSW to the Transport Minister is composed regarding delays to MTP throughout the region.</p> <p>ACTION: Letter to be drafted regarding delays to MTP to the Transport Minister.</p>
8.	<p><u>VZSW Performance</u> CG provide an overview of the PowerPoint circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. This included a general update with regard to the Road User Survey, the Strategic Assessment (2024 Strategic Assessment aims to be drafted for the September Board).</p> <p>A brief summary of what would be included in the camera dashboards was provided; any further suggestions for inclusion within the dashboard was requested by CG and for contact to be made with her. Older Driver Problem Profile now being undertaken, this will interrogate medical episodes. CG also advised that the Research and Evaluator Role has been recruited and will hopefully be in position May/June once vetting/onboarding is complete.</p> <p>CG gave a brief overview of how Devon and Cornwall are performing against comparative areas (as previously identified by Agilysis).</p> <p>2023 collision data aims to be submitted to DfT by 1st April for validation.</p>

	<p>Recommendation: That Board members acknowledge the progress made thus far.</p> <p>Outcome: The Board were assured on progress.</p>
9.	<p><u>Comms & Engagement</u> JC provided a comms and engagement update covering top social posts, social media reach and prominent news coverage. Highlighted the successes of the Christmas Drink Drive initiative, the support given to Torbay's school road safety workshops and the promotion of the CSW volunteers. Future planning being made for Road Safety Village events throughout the region, campaigns for pedestrian safety, initiatives aimed at parents of young drivers and the expansion of the Road Safety Pledge into a business version that companies can sign up to was also highlighted.</p> <p>Recommendation: That Board members acknowledge the progress made thus far.</p> <p>Outcome: The Board were assured on progress.</p>
10.	<p><u>VZSW Partnership Report</u> AL & NW gave a brief oversight of detailed contained within the report sent to board members prior to the meeting. AL provided a camera update summary and also highlighted the upcoming 12-month deployment of the AI trailer. NW brought the Board attention to the RSDP tracker and provided an overview of key highlights on all activities including work on post-crash care, community grant programme and ongoing and future work associated with high-risk groups. NW advised that all contributory partners have agreed to sign up to the updated MoU. The next step is to disseminate to the non-contributory partners for review and comment. Once all comments received a final copy will be sent to partners so it can be signed and then retained by the legal team within Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board acknowledged the progress made thus far and provide advice and guidance on any areas for which they are not assured.</p> <p>Outcome: The Board were assured on progress.</p>
11.	<p><u>Younger Driver Parent Portal</u> Alison Hernandez referred the Board to the Young Driver Parent Portal paper that was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was taken as read, Board members had the opportunity to ask ANP and AP in attendance from DSFRS for further detail or clarification. The Board did not raise any questions.</p> <p>Recommendation: The Board approve £20,000 funding to engage a marketing company to undertake an initial investigation and analysis.</p> <p>Decision: The Board approved the recommendation as laid out.</p>
12.	<p><u>RCRO Engagement Van</u> Alison Hernandez referred the Board to the RCRO engagement van paper that was circulated prior to the meeting. The report was taken as read, with no questions on further detail or clarity required by Board Members.</p> <p>Recommendation: That the Board approves £41,000 to fund purchase of a Ford Transit Custom Sport, to include budget to wrap vehicle and also £15,000 as a reserve for potential modification/conversion costs and development of GCM video series.</p> <p>Decision: The Board approved the recommendation as laid out.</p>
13.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>VZSW Chairman Arrangements (Process)</u> Alison Hernandez outlined that as per the paper submitted in September, anyone interested becoming VZSW Chairman, should submit their nominations to NW. Alison Hernandez advised that she was happy to discuss the role with anyone who may be interested.</p> <p>Alison Hernandez agreed to Chair in June when a formal handover following nomination process is agreed.</p>

ACTION: NW to make contact with elected members post meeting to set out the nomination process

Plan for Drivers – Letter to Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

Alison Hernandez advised the [Plan-for-drivers](#) produced by DfT appeared to have limited reference to road safety and therefore consideration of writing a letter to convey disappointment be considered. A draft will be sent to Board members to consider and comment on.

Alison Hernandez brought attention to comments made by Chief Constable Jo Shiner (NPCC lead for roads policing) that driving licences should be taken away at the roadside if they test positive for drink or drugs ([Calls to allow officers to ban drug and drink drivers at the-roadside](#)) and that she has also voiced her opinion that those who cause death by driving should have the penalty attributed for murder rather than 'death by dangerous driving'.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 1227hrs

Next meeting: 19th June 2024 10am to 2.30pm (China Fleet Club, Saltash)