



MEETING: VZSW Board Meeting/AGM	LOCATION:	China Fleet Club, Saltash
TIME: 1000hrs – 1430hrs	DATE:	19 th June 2024
<p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Alison Hernandez (Chairman) Police and Crime Commissioner Cllr Stuart Hughes (Vice Chairman) Cabinet Member for Highway Management, Devon County Council Frances Hughes Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Nicola Allen Treasurer/Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>T/ACC Matthew Longman Operations, Devon and Cornwall Police Ch Supt Ryan Doyle Operations, Devon and Cornwall Police Cllr Martyn Alvey Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change, Cornwall Council Cllr Roger Croad Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities and Equality – Devon County Council</p> <p>Cllr Adam Billings Cabinet Member for Pride in Place and Parking, Torbay Council Antony Bartlett Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service Victoria Fraser Service Director for Connectivity & Environment, Cornwall Council Rebecca Lyle Transport Strategy & Road Safety Lead – Cornwall Council Philip Robinson Service Director for Street Services, Plymouth City Council (Items 1-6a & end of 7b – 12)</p> <p>Dr Tim Nutbeam Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Devon Air Ambulance Trust, University Hospitals Plymouth and Plymouth Trauma Network</p> <p>Jim Kirkwood Deputy Chair, TTC Group David Marsh CEO, TTC Group Tim Bunting Chief Executive, CAAT Lisa Tuck Divisional Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure – Torbay Council</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 IV VZSW Research and Evaluation Officer DN VZSW Multimedia Communications Officer DW VZSW Problem Solver AL Head of Road Safety, Devon & Cornwall Police MJ Senior Engineer, Plymouth City Council and Chair of Activity B AP Prevention, Road Safety & Community Risk Manager, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (substitute for Mike Porter)</p> <p>IT Programme Development and Stakeholder Relations Manager National Highways South West</p> <p>JA Road Safety Manager, Devon County Council NE Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire (guest) TT/GE/JP/AC/DP Jenoptik (Items 8 and 9) TR Projects Manager, DAAT</p> <p>Apologies: RE (National Highways), Mike Porter (DSFRS), Cllr David Thomas (TC), DM (SWAST), Cllr Mark Coker (PCC), Cllr Richard Williams-Pears (CC), Jamie Hulland (DCC), MB (DAAT), EF (DAAT)</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>Chair & Vice Chair Roles</u> NW provided an update following the Board meeting on 12th March 2024 whereby elected members were asked whether they wanted to stand for Chair or Vice Chair. As there was only one nomination for each role a Board vote was not required. NW confirmed that, we formally record the outcome in the minutes with Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez to continue as the Chair with support from Cllr Stuart Hughes as Vice Chair for the next two years.</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u> No one declared an interest.</p>
4	<p><u>Roll Call of Fatalities</u> The Chairman read out a roll call of 23 individuals who had lost their lives on Devon and Cornwall's (D&C) Road network between 10th March 2024 and 16th June 2024 to focus the minds of Board members as to the purpose of the VZSW partnership.</p>
5	<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>
6	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> The draft minutes from the Board meeting held on 12th March 2024 were agreed as accurate and true.</p>
6a	<p><u>Matters Arising – Actions Update</u> No questions were raised.</p>
7a	<p><u>Finance Update</u> SB talked through the paper circulated to Board Members prior to the meeting and summarised the highlights. A balance of £5,242,200 was held in reserves at the start of the financial year. The partnership invested a spend of £1,319,159 during the year; including the transfer of surplus this resulted in a closing balance at 31st March 2024 of £4,378,136. The Partnerships planned net expenditure, before any capital spending, was originally predicted in the 5-year plan to be a surplus of £813,66. The actual outturn income and expenditure shows an actual position of £455,075 (a decrease of £21,260 reported on 12th March 2024). This has been attributed to higher equipment costs offset by slightly higher than previously expected income.</p> <p>AL stated the positive impact that safety camera technology was having on driver behaviour. Dr Tim Nutbeam said it would be valuable to have speed data from High Harm Routes, this potentially would allow a platform to be created to allow reporting on 'normal' road behaviour and then when enforcement is conducted, we have an independent marker of how successful the enforcement activity is in changing behaviours. CG advised that work is being undertaken to try and find a source of good quality speed / flow data for the highway network, but that this has been challenging. A discussion regarding the collation of data already held by partners followed.</p> <p>JA questioned the proportion of spend on staffing compared delivery of interventions, particularly Activity B and also highlighted that there were a number of safety cameras out of action. AL and JA agreed that a further discussion was required to clarify which cameras were considered to be inactive. NW stated that £1.5m was approved in 2021 following signing of the MoU for a camera upgrade programme spanning 5 years; prioritisation was being given to those with greatest KSI's and that additional funding to review all existing stock was likely and would need Board approval in the future. The Chair asked for clarification regarding the current camera upgrade/renewal programme, this will be an agenda item for the next Board meeting. With regard to annual programme of £150k already approved Victoria Fraser suggested a meeting with officers/partners to review locations and Board should approve for scrutiny.</p> <p>ACTION: AL and JA to discuss safety cameras sites that are considered to be inactive in Devon.</p>

ACTION: Summary of the current safety camera upgrade renewal programme to be presented at the next Board meeting in September. Separate meeting regarding annual £150k programme to be arranged.

Recommendation: The Board be made aware of the financial outturn position as at 31st March 2024.

Outcome: The Board were assured of the recommendation as presented and laid out.

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Data Team Design

AL presented the detail of the paper circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. The proposal is to create a road safety thematic team within Performance and Analysis Department with ringfenced support to produce the annual Strategic Assessment, thematic problem profiles and wider partnership data needs. The team would include a full time Strategic Analyst, full time Intelligence Researcher and a 0.5 FTE Performance and Planning Manager. AL continued that one of the two Research and Evaluation Officer posts (approved in September 2023) had been filled and that it was now proposed that funding for the second post be converted into an intelligence researcher; this would help to assist in informing problem profiles and application of tactical activity. AL highlighted that the proposal required an uplift of £7k per annum to enable recruitment of the individuals.

JA referred to the importance in replacing the current skill set and a desire of not advertising the role until there was a guarantee that all required IT access (within DCC) is firmly established. JA also questioned the requirement of the Performance and Planning Manager and that there should be the opportunity for reviewing the proposal within the Development Group.

ACTION: NW to arrange meeting with Development Group attendees to provide an opportunity to discuss details of the Performance and Planning Manager role, the fit and added value to be achieved.

Recommendation: That the Board agree proposed data and analysis provision to VZSW through Devon and Cornwall Police Performance and Analysis Department.

Decision: Approved in principle subject to follow-up discussions.

Recommendation: Agree additional revenue spend of £7k per annum to enable recruitment of the identified posts.

Decision: Approved in principle subject to follow-up discussions.

8.

Jenoptik Presentation

TT and JP from Jenoptik provided a presentation regarding the history of delivering speed enforcement systems throughout Devon and Cornwall and also an overview of the company in terms of what they deliver both nationally and internationally.

GE provided details about technology in relation to distracted driving and the detection of vehicle noise.

Jim Kirkwood - questioned Jenoptik's stance on the linkages between education, engineering and enforcement. GE advised that from the trials in Victoria, Australia, there was a clear increase in compliance when the technology is in use. GE stated the importance of public engagement and education programme as early indications were that even before trial systems went live there was an increase in compliance.

AL commented that currently, those who are detected not wearing a seatbelt generally opt to pay a fine rather than take an educational course which has the likelihood in changing driving behaviour. The intention was to work with UKROEd to lobby for a change in the law to make this an endorsable offence.

JA asked whether the distracted driver technology from Jenoptik was commercially available. GE advised that the technology was currently being trialled and that deployable trialling products were available. Trials in Devon soon to be conducted and AL will provide an update in 6 months.

ACTION: AL to provide update by the end of the calendar year regarding Jenoptik distracted driving technology trials in Devon.

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Centre for Post-Collision Research, Innovation & Translation Proposal</u></p> <p>Dr Tim Nutbeam discussed the details of the paper circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. The paper outlined the development of the Centre for Post-Collision research, Innovation and Translation which would bring together multidisciplinary expertise into a single hub. TN advised that if looking internationally there is nothing that focusses on post collision care despite global safety partnership reports showing it was intrinsic to reducing fatalities. The proposed centre would be located in the South West and VZSW would be invited to sit on the Steering Group. Dr Nutbeam advised that £250k would be required for the Enterprise Development fund (2024-2027) for the initial investment and a further £50k per annum (for 3 years) for the Enterprise Enabler Fund to allow leadership and coordination of research.</p> <p>Philp Robinson advised that he was in overwhelming support of the proposal. Cllr Martyn Alvey questioned whether the Integrated Care Board (ICB) were contributing. Dr Tim Nutbeam advised funding from the ICB's would be supported in the future.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Dr Tim Nutbeam for his clinical and practical experience in road casualty reduction and that Vision Zero South West were privileged to work alongside him.</p> <p>Recommendation: Approve £250,000 one-off Enterprise Development Fund (covering 3 years from inception)</p> <p>Decision: The Board approved the recommendation as laid out.</p> <p>Recommendation: An annual Enabler Fund of £50,000 per year for 3 years</p> <p>Decision: The Board approved the recommendation as laid out.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>VZSW Performance</u></p> <p>CG provided an overview of the PowerPoint circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. This included a performance update for 2023 in relation to Fatal and Serious Collisions and how this related to the aspiration of a 50% reduction in KSI's by 2030. 2024 casualty figures were provided up until the beginning of June (unvalidated and therefore subject to change): There have been 29 fatal collisions (potentially 10 of these are non-stats¹⁹ reportable - 7 of which are possible medical episodes), 308 serious collisions and 719 slight collisions.</p> <p>Ch Supt Ryan Doyle emphasised the importance of the data provided which is used at monthly tasking meetings for Devon and Cornwall Police and provided the example of motorcycle data and how it directed where activity should be targeted both or short-term work and long-term initiatives.</p> <p>Philip Robinson questioned the identification of electric bikes/scooters within the statistics. CG advised that these would be collated within cyclist statistics/other vehicles but DfT have recently changed the recording mechanism for e- scooters/bikes and therefore in the future it should be easier to interrogate the data. AL informed the meeting that Devon and Cornwall Police has re-written the guidance relating to e-scooters/bikes to allow local policing teams greater clarity.</p> <p>The development of the camera dashboard was received positively by the Board and acknowledged that it was a key tool in providing transparency and focus.</p> <p>Recommendation: That Board members acknowledge the progress made thus far.</p> <p>Outcome: The Board were assured on progress.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p><u>VZSW Annual Activity Progress Report</u></p> <p>NW and JC provided a progress report on the following areas: enforcement, education, training and comms and engagement. NW said that it was the intention post Board to start developing VZSW lobbying document to a potentially new government. This would cover key concerns such as the need for an updated road safety statement, national targets and aspects such as graduated driving licences to be considered. A visual summary of the work that the partnership has undertaken was presented via video to the Board, will be available on website post meeting alongside the annual report. The Chairman brought attention to success of the Community Grant Scheme and acknowledged that its success showed that there was an appetite from the community to be involved and that it could be re-run.</p>

12.	<p>AL informed the Board that following a comprehensive tender process for the educational contract a new contractual arrangement, with TTC, will commence on 1st August 2024.</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> <p>AOB</p> <p>Plan for Drivers – It was agreed that this letter would not be sent and instead form part of the wider lobbying document to be developed for Board approval. Victoria Fraser considered it sensible that requests to the government are collated and presented collectively.</p> <p>A Week Without A Road Death – The Chairman asked whether it was possible to have a proposal brought to the next Board, which outlined a route and resources to be allocated.</p> <p>ACTION: Proposal to be developed for initiative for A Week Without a Road Death for the Board to review at the next Board meeting in September.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 1315hrs</p> <p>Next meeting: 10th September 10am to 2.30pm (Face to Face - Location to be confirmed)</p>
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