

REPORT TO CPP Management Committee
DATE 21st January 2009
SUBJECT 'DRIVESafe in Argyll and Bute'
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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Partners of proposed changes to the organisation of the 'DRIVESafe in Argyll and Bute' initiative.
 - 1.1.1 As some existing funding Partners have indicated that they will be unable to offer financial assistance during 2009-2010 it is proposed to terminate the Coordinator post at 30th June 2009. However, the Coordinator has indicated he would remain available on an ad hoc basis, to deliver training referred to at 1.1.3, below.
 - 1.1.2 A three stage Occupational Road Use Policy 'Builder Tool' will be completed by the Coordinator by June 2009 and made freely available to Argyll and Bute employers via the CPP website.
 - 1.1.3 The syllabus for two self financing 'low cost' training seminars will be developed by the Coordinator by June 2009. These will be aimed at Health and Safety Officers, Managers and drivers and could be promoted via Argyll and Bute Area Community Safety Forums.
- 1.2 It should also be noted that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), has recently begun working with others to develop a Scottish Occupational Road Safety Alliance (ScORSA). Argyll and Bute Council is represented on the Alliance whose aim is to encourage employers to build and implement a road risk policy. This will further enhance what has already been achieved in Argyll and Bute by 'DRIVESafe'.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Partners accept that the Coordinator post, currently 10 hours per week, will cease to exist from 30th June 2009.
- 2.2 Partners support the development of the three stage Occupational Road Use Policy 'Builder Tool'.

- 2.3 Partners agree to encourage employee participation in future training opportunities. This will help compliance with Health and Safety legislation, achieve improved employee safety and may reduce future running costs.
- 2.4 Consideration could be given to promoting training opportunities via Argyll and Bute Area Community safety Forums.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 'DRIVESafe in Argyll and Bute' was launched by the Community Planning Partnership in 2004, with 24 organisations signing a charter. Signatories agreed to promote the safety of their employees who drive as part of their work duties. The DRIVESafe logo, displayed on vehicles and gateway signs, is now a familiar sight throughout Argyll and Bute.
- 3.2 In August 2007 a part time coordinator was employed to further develop the initiative. His past and current activities have included;
- Update of partner organisation database
 - Attendance at RoSPA, 'Managing Occupational Road Risk' Training day, Birmingham, Oct 2007
 - Distribution of catalogue of remaining promotional material stocks and supply of items on request
 - Introduction of quarterly e-bulletin, highlighting seasonal driving issues, new legislation information, better driving advice, etc.
 - Publication of new incident recording/feedback documents for use by partners
- 3.3 The Coordinator has also made public presentations and attended at:
- Argyll and Bute main libraries, Nov 2007
 - Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network seminar, Dunoon, Jan 2008

- Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Services, open day, Oban, June 2008
- 'Occupational Road Use Attitude Seminar' trial with Schools Drivers and Escorts, Dunoon Aug 2008
- NHS Highland home visit staff, Oban Hospital, planned Feb 2009
- Islay and Jura Transport Forum, planned March 2009

3.4 In addition to the above, the main focus of the coordinator activity since August 2008 has been the development of a documentation system to ease the process which companies and organisations must go through in order to comply with health and safety legislation relating to 'road use at work'. It is intended that this development will be completed by April 2009.

4.0 Focus of initiative 2009-2010

- 4.1 Provision of Occupational Road Use Policy materials free of charge from the CPP website.
- 4.2 Organise self financing 'low cost' training seminars aimed at Health and Safety Officers, Managers and Drivers, possibly via Argyll and Bute Area Community Safety Forums.