



REPORT

SUBJECT:	MONMOUTHSHIRE ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY.
MEETING:	Individual Cabinet Member
DATE:	12th December 2018
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	COUNTY WIDE

1. PURPOSE:

To seek Member/Cabinet approval for the adoption of the Monmouthshire Road Safety Strategy (RSS) as a policy document. The RSS sets out a coherent and co-ordinated plan of action to make Monmouthshire's highways network safer for all users using a holistic approach based upon education, enforcement, engineering and communication. It has been developed in conjunction with the Welsh Governments Road Safety Framework for Wales.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Member/Cabinet endorses and approves the Monmouthshire RSS as a policy document which will provide guidance and clarity to Officers within the Traffic & Road Safety Section, Elected Members, Community Councils and members of the public

3. KEY ISSUES:

In 2016 six people were killed on Monmouthshire's roads, including the motorway and trunk road network whilst 21 were seriously injured. In addition there were 117 slight injuries.

Across Wales in 2016 there were 4,921 road collisions involving personal injury recorded by the police, a reduction of 622 on 2015 (11% reduction). These recorded collisions resulted in 6,853 casualties, which was 829 fewer than in 2015.

Although there has been a reduction in the number of casualties on our roads since 1998 the toll of deaths and injuries is still far too great. Each casualty represents a personal tragedy for someone.

Monmouthshire County Council sees casualty reduction as a high priority and this Road Safety Strategy sets out what we intend to do to create safer streets for all road users over the next five years.

Each of us can and should contribute to making our roads safer for everyone. Those who use our roads may need to consider how they can contribute to improving road safety.

For our part we will work in partnership with the Police, Welsh Government (WG), Community and Town Councils, Schools, Local Health Boards, the Business community, user groups and road users to achieve the aims and objectives of this Strategy.

Residents of Monmouthshire have raised concerns via the Your Voice initiative operated by Gwent Police, out of the 42 wards in the County, 35 of the your voice priorities were highway related.

The challenge for the residents of Monmouthshire and the organisations involved in road safety is to work together to achieve the targets set out in this Strategy.

4. REASONS:

With reduced resources and increasing demands from all sectors, a robust method of determining key priorities and methods of evaluation when determining road safety requests is required. The Monmouthshire Road Safety Strategy outlines how, what and where we will invest limited resources to achieve the goals set out within the strategy.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The majority of traffic management/road safety initiatives will be funded by traditional funding sources such as the Local Road Safety Grant, Safer Routes in Communities Grant, Active Travel Grant and MCC Capital. However, additional staff resources may be required.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Evaluation will be a continuous process by monitoring the casualty record on a regular basis.

7. CONSULTEES:

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All Members

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Monmouthshire Road Safety Strategy

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Future Generations Evaluation (includes Equalities and Sustainability Impact Assessments)

<p>Name of the Officer - Paul Keeble Phone no: 01633 644873 E-mail: paulkeeble@monmouthshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal:</p> <p>To adopt the Monmouthshire Road Safety Strategy (RSS) as a policy document. The RSS sets out a coherent and co-ordinated plan of action to make Monmouthshire's highways network safer for all users using a holistic approach based upon education, enforcement, engineering and communication. It has been developed in conjunction with the Welsh Governments Road Safety Framework for Wales.</p>
<p>Name of Service – Traffic & Development</p>	<p>Date Future Generations Evaluation – 05/09/18</p>

NB. Key strategies and documents that may help you identify your contribution to the wellbeing goals and sustainable development principles include: Single Integrated Plan, Continuance Agreement, Improvement Plan, Local Development Plan, People Strategy, Asset Management Plan, Green Infrastructure SPG, Welsh Language Standards, etc

1. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal.

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs</p>	<p>Positive – the RSS will be funded by Welsh Government Grants, and MCC capital allocation. A safer highway environment for all road users will instill confidence in the public in terms of how they travel within the County. The RSS provides guidance to officers in terms of how schemes/requests are determined providing clarity to all and focusing funding on legitimate concerns.</p>	
<p>A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g. climate change)</p>	<p>Positive – the RSS will continually monitor casualty rates and encourage lower travelling speeds throughout the County. Which in turn will lower vehicular emissions and encourage transportational modal shift. Whilst having the benefit of creating a cleaner, greener environment</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales People’s physical and mental wellbeing is maximized and health impacts are understood</p>	<p>Positive – the RSS will encourage more residents to cycle and walk rather than use traditional forms of transportation, thereby, contributing towards a healthier population.</p>	

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe and well connected	Positive –the RSS will contribute to providing a safer highway environment for all road users.	
A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic and environmental wellbeing	Neutral	
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation	Positive – the RSS will not encourage to use of the Welsh language directly, however, a safer highway environment to promote healthier transport options.	
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	Positive – the RSS does not negatively discriminate in terms of its objectives, therefore, all highway users will benefit from its adoption	

2. How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Long Term</p> <p>Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future</p>	<p>The RSS has been developed for a 5 year cycle, at the end of the current strategy, the results will be evaluated and the RSS will be updated for the following 5 years and continue in this way every 5 years.</p>	
 <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Working together with other partners to deliver objectives</p>	<p>The RSS has been developed in conjunction with the Welsh Government's Road Safety Framework for Wales. Which is reliant on partnership working with Gwent Police, Welsh Government and neighboring LA's</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p> <p>Involving those with an interest and seeking their views</p>	<p>All members were invited to a workshop session to discuss the RSS. Members will again be consulted via the policy adoption process.</p>	

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 <p>Prevention</p> <p>Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse</p>	<p>The RSS is intended to make the highway network in Monmouthshire as safe as it can possibly be, this will be achieved through education, engineering and enforcement.</p>	
 <p>Integration</p> <p>Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies</p>	<p>The RSS has social, economic, and environmental benefits for all residents and visitors to Monmouthshire.</p>	

3. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below. For more detailed information on the protected characteristics, the Equality Act 2010 and the Welsh Language Standards that apply to Monmouthshire Council please follow this link: <http://hub/corporatedocs/Equalities/Forms/AllItems.aspx> or contact Alan Burkitt on 01633 644010 or alanburkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	A safer highway network will have positive impact on all ages		
Disability	A safer highway network will have a positive impact		
Gender reassignment	N/A.		
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A		
Pregnancy or maternity	N/A		
Race	N/A		
Religion or Belief	N/A		
Sex	N/A		
Sexual Orientation	N/A		
Welsh Language	N/A		

- 4. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on important responsibilities of Corporate Parenting and safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect either of these responsibilities?** For more information please see the guidance <http://hub/corporatedocs/Democratic%20Services/Safeguarding%20Guidance.docx> and for more on Monmouthshire's Corporate Parenting Strategy see <http://hub/corporatedocs/SitePages/Corporate%20Parenting%20Strategy.aspx>

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on safeguarding and corporate parenting	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	N/A	N/A	
Corporate Parenting	N/A	N/A	

5. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

The RSS has a number of targets and actions identified based on existing casualty data, the RSS has been developed in order to reduce casualties occurring and promoting road safety within the County.

6. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

The proposal to adopt the RSS as policy will make Monmouthshire's highway network safer for all road users, and will encourage modal shift from more traditional transportation methods. Thereby improving the health and wellbeing of the County.

7. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible	Progress
Implement the action plan and evaluate all traffic management decisions against the necessary criteria	Following Council adoption of the RSS	Traffic & Development Team	On-going

8. MONITORING: The impacts of this proposal will need to be monitored and reviewed. Please specify the date at which you will evaluate the impact, and where you will report the results of the review.

The impacts of this proposal will be evaluated on:	6-12 months following implementation, casualty statistics, road safety requests, and modal surveys will be undertaken and evaluated.
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9. VERSION CONTROL: The Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stages of decision making, and then honed and refined throughout the decision making process. It is important to keep a record of this process so that we can demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1			<i>This will demonstrate how we have considered and built in sustainable development throughout the evolution of a proposal.</i>