



NORTH SAFETY CAMERA UNIT

Report to
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Abstract: This report provides an update for the Dundee City Council Community Safety & Public Protection Committee members on the activities and work undertaken by the North Safety Camera Unit within the Dundee City Council area during 2015-16.

1 Recommendation

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Board consider the contents of this update and seek clarity or provide comment as required.

2 Background and Structure

- 2.1 As members will be aware following a lengthy review into the Scottish Safety Camera Programme (SSCP) led by Transport Scotland the previous 8 Safety Camera Partnerships in Scotland were dissolved as of 31 March 2015, which included the Tayside Safety Camera Partnership. The Scottish Safety Camera Programme in Scotland continued as of 1 April 2015 as a Scottish Government fully grant funded casualty reduction programme. The stated aim of the programme is to contribute to Scotland's road safety vision and road safety targets as set out in the Road Safety Framework to 2020 targets through targeted speed and red light camera enforcement and improving driver behaviour.
- 2.2 As a consequence of the review funding for the programme in its entirety has not reduced and indeed a commitment was given that all savings achieved as a consequence of the review would be reinvested in the programme by way of additional resource be that staff or equipment.
- 2.3 As of 1 April 2015 the Scottish Police Authority became the recipient of the majority of the Grant Funding to cover the direct costs of running the programme with the remainder being held by the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Office (SSCPO) within Transport Scotland for the purposes of reimbursing programme costs incurred by the various Roads Authorities in Scotland.
- 2.4 In May 2015 the SSCPO produced a new SSCP Handbook of Rules and Guidance which along with the conditions set out in the Offer of Grant Letter provide the boundaries within which the programme must operate to be eligible for the funding. The new Handbook is freely available on the Internet for any member of the public to access using the Scottish Safety Camera Programme as the search parameter.
- 2.5 On 3 August 2015 the new operating structure of the SSCP was created and resulted in 3 new Safety Camera Units (North, East and West) covering the whole of Scotland with a Manager, supported by a Communications Officer and Data Analyst, established in each area. Reporting lines for the Managers is through Police Scotland Road Policing with the Programme Office having oversight and audit responsibility in regard to the Grant Funding.
- 2.6 In regard to Dundee City Council they are now one of the Local Authorities contained within the new North Safety Camera Unit which currently has main operating centres in Dundee, Aberdeen and Tain and satellite offices in Elgin, Inverurie and Fort William. To this date there has been no transfer or reduction in staff operating within the Dundee City Council area and none is anticipated.

3 Operating Sites and Enforcement Activity

- 3.1 The North Safety Camera Unit within the Dundee City Council area continue to operate at the same locations as previously existed within the SSCPO and this relates to a total of 11 sites of which 4 are on local authority roads with the remaining 7 being on the Trunk road network in the City.
- 3.2 The introduction of the new handbook in May 2015 created new criteria to be applied in order to identify new sites for Safety Camera Enforcement. As a consequence it was identified necessary that the entire road network in Scotland would have to be analysed against this new criteria and Transport Scotland have now developed a Site Analysis and Prioritisation tool to undertake the first stage of this work using the Stats 19 road collision data available. The outcome of this work has just recently been shared with the Safety Camera Units and has or will be shared with our Local Roads Authority colleagues. Meetings are in the process of being arranged to discuss the analysis as a starting point in the process of identifying new Safety Camera sites within each area. A further update will be provided at a future meeting on the outcome of this work.
- 3.3 In regard to the activity levels of the North Safety Camera Unit within the Dundee City Council area attached at **Appendix A** is a breakdown for members' information and any questions that may arise.

4 Action Required

- 4.1 The board is asked to note the contents of this report as appropriate.

SITES AND CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF FIXED PENALTY
2014/15 TO 2015/16 COMPARISON

- There are currently 11 sites within the Dundee City Council area – four on Local Authority roads and seven on Trunk roads.
- A total of 796 hours of deployment hours were carried out in 2014/15 and 968 in 2015/16, an increase of 21%.
- There has been a 10.4% decrease in the number of Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty issued per hour of recording in 2015/16 compared with 2014/15.
- 3220 Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty were issued in 2015/16 compared with 2452 the previous year, an increase of 31%.

Trunk Roads	2014/15 Enforcement Hours	2014/15 CO per Hour	2015/16 Enforcement Hours	2015/16 CO per Hour	CO per Hour Change
Trunk Roads	583.2	27.4	732.6	29.1	6%
Local Authority Roads	213.6	11.2	235.2	5.5	-51%
Trunk and Local Authority Roads	796.8	38.6	967.8	34.6	-10.40%