

**REPORT TO: PLANNING AND TRANSPORT - 11 JUNE 2007**

**REPORT ON: ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES - IMPLEMENTATION 2007-2008**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 266-2007**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report advises committee of a programme of road safety measures to be implemented at locations in the city.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a approve the implementation of the Road Safety Schemes as set out in Appendix 1; and
  - b that engineering measures required will be awarded to Tayside Contracts under the agreed Schedule of Rates.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of the implementation of the Road Safety Schemes identified in this report will be met from within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2007-2008 Capital Budget of £160,000 for Road Safety Measures.

## **4 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Road safety initiatives promote a safer environment for all road users and encourage walking and cycling, which are environmentally benign modes of transport, in line with the Council's sustainability principles for transport and travel.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Road safety initiatives promote safety, especially for vulnerable groups such as the elderly and children, thus ensuring that the local road network meets the transport needs of all road users.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

### **6.1 Introduction**

The Road Traffic Act 1988 places a statutory duty on the Council as the Roads Authority to carry out a programme of measures to promote road safety and prevent road accidents.

The importance of road safety is further emphasised within the Council's Local Transport Strategy (LTS) where safety is given prominence as one of five overarching High Level Objectives. The road safety component itself has the objective "to improve the safety of all travellers, giving particular emphasis to the safety of vulnerable road users, particularly children".

## 6.2 Road Safety Schemes 2006/2007

Each year the Council receives requests for Traffic Calming/Road Safety Measures from various sources: Elected Members, general public, community councils, etc. These are assessed using a computerised accident database. The computerised accident database is also used by the Council to identify sites in need of road safety measures in addition to requests received.

the computerised accident database is used again to prioritise all sites that would benefit from road safety intervention measures (identified by the Council and/or requested). The priority ranking is based predominantly on the scheme's potential to save inquiry accidents.

This procedure was undertaken in 2006 and with reference to Committee Reports 337-2006 and 674-2006, 13 locations were identified for the introduction of road safety measures during 2006-2007. To date, 6 of these schemes have been completed and it is intended that the remaining 7 (listed in Appendix 1) will be implemented this financial year.

## 7 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and the Chief Constable have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## 8 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 Report No 337-2006 - Road Safety Implementation Measures 2006-2007, Planning and Transportation Committee - 12 June 2006.
- 8.2 Report No 674-2006 - Update on Road Safety Schemes - Implementation 2006-2007, Planning and Transportation Committee - 11 December 2006.

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**APPENDIX 1****ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES CARRIED OVER FROM 2006/2007**

- Dens Road East of Isla Street
- Riverside Avenue at Perth Road
- Arbroath Road at Baldovie Road
- Strathmore Avenue at Brantwood Avenue
- Arbroath Road at Claypotts Road
- East Marketgait at King Street
- Baldovie Road at Tom Johnstone Road

Please note that the above locations are not listed in priority order. Progress is subject to detailed designs.