

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: PERFORMANCE AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2021
REPORT OF: HEAD OF PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL ROAD SAFETY REPORT 2020-21

Purpose of Report

1. This paper summarises Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's (the Service) 2020/21 targeted road safety activities. These are delivered in support of the multi-agency road safety plans of the local authorities and Cheshire Police and are designed to reduce road traffic collisions, deaths and injuries.

Recommended:

That the report be noted.

Background

2. The Service supports the three multi-agency road safety plans which are in place across the four local authority areas of Cheshire West & Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington. There is also a joint emergency services road safety plan and a contract in place to deliver a road safety programme for Cheshire East Council.
3. The Service's road safety activity contributes to the local authorities' fulfilment of their statutory duties under the Road Traffic Act 1988, whereby authorities must promote road safety and make contributions towards the cost of measures for promoting road safety.
4. The Service's Prevention team (Advocates) and firefighters are ideally placed to deliver road safety messages as they have a wealth of experience delivering safety messages to the public and are respected and valued by all ages and sections of society.

Information

5. The Annual Road Safety Report 2020/21 (Appendix 1) summarises the targeted road safety activities of the Service during 2020/21.
6. The majority of the services road safety activities were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and this has had an impact on outputs.

Financial Implications

7. The Service will receive £432,000 over the 6 year period (3 years initially then a rolling contract each year until year 6) of the agreement with Cheshire East Council. This comprises total annual payments of £72,000 each year paid in two instalments for delivery of commissioned road safety education to Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 students. All other road safety education is delivered within the revenue budget salary provision for Prevention & Operational staff.

Legal Implications

8. Although road safety is a non-statutory activity, the Service understands that its proactive work in reducing road traffic collisions and related deaths and injuries brings about a reduction in emergency incidents attended and in the numbers of associated casualties and costs.
9. Road safety is delivered across all four unitary authorities and in addition the service are contracted to provide Cheshire East with further road safety interventions to meet their Statutory requirements.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. All road safety interventions and campaigns fully comply with EIA standards with documentation in place to assess the impacts of each programme or initiative delivered.

Environmental Implications

11. None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE