

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

23 March 2017

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities

OPERATION SAFE RIDE

(1) **Purpose of Report** To seek Cabinet Member approval, under Protocol 8 of the Council's Financial Regulations, to authorise payment of a total of up to £30,000 to Derbyshire Constabulary for Operation Safe Ride.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Tackling motorcycle casualties is a priority for the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP) as outlined in the DDRSP Strategy 2015-2017 and approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 24 March 2015 (Minute No. 125/15 refers). The Strategy commits the partnership to run Operation Safe Ride which targets speeding and anti-social leisure bikers in the summer: enforces speed limits, tackles anti-social riding and driving, and provides motorcycle training.

After a peak in 2007, motorcycle casualties have shown a reducing trend until 2014 when a sharp increase (alongside other casualty groups) took place. To address this, DDRSP with the Derbyshire Police refocussed its summer campaign in 2015 and 2016 with changes in the approach taken to anti-social riding and provision of motorcycle training.

In addition, it is known that in the summer months over half of riders involved in collisions are from outside the County, therefore, the identified gateway routes into Derbyshire were also targeted.

The result of this has been that in 2015, motorcycle killed and seriously injured (KSI) casualties reduced by 24 from 112 to a total of 88, the third lowest total on record.

Whilst the full year's data for 2016 is not yet available, analysis by the Police shows a further 20% reduction on those figures for the summer months of Operation Safe Ride in 2016: demonstrating the value and effect of Operation Safe Ride.

A key element of this success is the involvement of dedicated Police motorcyclists. The Police are the only organisation with the necessary

experience and powers to successfully operate Operation Safe Ride: stopping road users and dealing with offences and anti-social behaviour. In addition they are key in distributing DDRSP's magazine for leisure bikers (Ride Smart), directing riders to rider training opportunities and offering essential advice about how to ride more safely in Derbyshire.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The cost of providing dedicated Police involvement will be up to £30,000 to be paid to the Police to cover the cost of over-time payments. This cost can be met from DDRSP earmarked reserves. The Police are the only organisation who can provide this service as only they are able to enforce Traffic Law.

(4) **Prevention of Crime and Disorder Considerations** Operation Safe Ride has a direct effect on reducing crime and disorder as it addresses anti-social and dangerous riding and driving in Derbyshire.

(5) **Social Value and Transport Considerations** Reducing anti-social driving and riding improves the quality of life for residents and visitors in the rural areas frequented by leisure bikers.

The reductions in road traffic collisions improves congestions on key transport links and, as the cost to society for a single serious injury collision is calculated by the Department for Transport to be in excess of £232,000, substantial societal cost savings can be achieved.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health and property considerations.

(6) **Key Decision** No.

(7) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(8) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Communities Department. Officer contact details – Matt Pickard, extension 38657.

(9) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That the Cabinet Member approves, under Protocol 8 of the Council's Financial Regulations, the expenditure of up to £30,000 with the Derbyshire Police for Operation Safe Ride.

Mike Ashworth
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