

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**

**10 September 2013**

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS IN DERBYSHIRE: THE  
CASUALTY REPORT 2012**

**DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE ANNUAL CASUALTY REPORT 2012  
(JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT)**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To bring to the Cabinet's attention the Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2012.

(2) **Information and Analysis** The Casualty Report is an annual publication produced by Environmental Services, Road Safety Team that ensures information on road traffic collision trends is publicly available.

The Casualty Report indicates what has been achieved in road traffic casualty reduction within the Derbyshire County Council area, the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (DDRSP), and Derby City Council in 2012, as well as detailed analysis of casualty trends within each Local Authority District. The Report will be used to guide casualty reduction work for each of these areas.

The Casualty Report indicates performance in casualty reduction, measured against agreed indicators. These all use as the baseline the annual average number of killed and seriously injured (KSI) casualties between 2005 and 2009. The report links with the Community Safety Strategies, the County Council Service Plan, and the Local Transport Plans with a strong emphasis on reducing road casualties.

In Great Britain, KSI casualties in 2012 were 17% below the 2005 to 2009 baseline. The reductions in DDRSP and Derbyshire County Council areas have again exceeded this, both recording a 28% reduction.

Year to year, from 2011 to 2012, it is disappointing to note that for Derbyshire County Council KSI casualties increased slightly. However, against this rise, the total number of all types of casualties and the number of people killed was

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the lowest for 30 years. The total number of injury collisions recorded was below 2,000 for the first time.

The human cost from an injury or death on the road is incalculable but any reduction in casualties contributes to the objective of a safer Derbyshire, and it is possible to calculate the cost to society in financial terms. It is estimated that the average cost of an injury collision (all severities) is just over £104,000. There are many elements to this valuation, but the cost to the NHS of the care needed by every casualty is over £3,000. It can be readily appreciated, therefore, that the continued reduction, year on year, of people injured on the road has a direct benefit to the NHS.

Copies of the report will be available at the meeting.

Cabinet may wish to note some of the key points in the 2012 Casualty Report:

Derbyshire County Council (comparing 2012 with the 2005-2009 baseline)

- 22% reduction in total casualties
- 54% reduction in fatal casualties
- 28% reduction in KSI casualties
- 43% reduction in child KSI casualties

DDRSP (comparing 2012 with the 2005-2009 baseline)

- 20% reduction in total casualties
- 51% reduction in fatal casualties
- 28% reduction in KSI casualties
- 34% reduction in child KSI casualties

In the County Council area during 2012 a total of 2,661 people were injured in Police reported collisions, of which 21 people died and 312 were seriously injured.

In the DDRSP area during 2012 a total of 3,548 people were injured, of which 25 died and 389 were seriously injured.

In the County Council area, the number of children injured was the lowest for 30 years.

Car users remain the biggest group of KSI casualties closely followed by motorcyclists.

The numbers of young drivers killed or seriously injured has reduced significantly over the last year.

Compared to other regional authorities, Derbyshire has continued to improve and has now achieved greater reductions than Warwickshire,

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Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire.

The Authority has continued to invest in road safety schemes on the road network (£1.18 million in 2012-2013).

The Council's programmes of road safety education and training work in 2012 included:

- Development of the successful motorcycle awareness campaign as the riding habits of this high risk group change, but still involving enforcement, rider training, publicity, and roadside advice.
- Road Safety Officers working in areas known to be high risk and directly addressing the riskiest behaviours.
- Distribution via Health Visitors and Midwives of specially developed informational leaflets dealing with in car safety for parents.
- Continuation of the Council's successful Smartrider volunteer child pedal cycle training programme, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year and responsible for training well over 11,000 children in that time.

The Casualty Report is available on the County Council's website at [http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport\\_roads/road\\_safety/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/road_safety/default.asp). It will also be available on partners' websites. Printed copies will be available on request.

The Casualty Report will continue the data led approach to casualty reduction, highlighting the nature of problems faced, allowing detailed analysis to ascertain priorities, produce profiles of problem areas and to tailor solutions accordingly.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The production of the documents will be funded from existing budgets. Production and distribution costs total £62.

(4) **Property Considerations** There are no property considerations associated with this report.

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

(5) **Key Decision** No.

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

(7) **Background Papers** None. Officer contact details – Matt Pickard, extension 38657.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION** That Cabinet notes the current trends in road casualties as reported in the 'Derby and Derbyshire Annual Casualty Report 2012'.

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