

## **Briefing Note – Green Sub-Committee**

### **Subject – Vision Zero & Community Speed Watch Update**

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### **Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

Following a meeting with Northumbria Police regarding speed prevention earlier in the year officers from the Council and Northumbria Police agreed to progress a Community Speed Watch scheme across the borough.

The newly formed Northumbria Safer Roads Partnership (NSRP) has been ratified by the Council and agreed with Cabinet Member for progression between LA partners and the emergency services. The first inception meeting of the new partnership is being planned. It is our intention to discuss matters relating to speed prevention and enforcement at this meeting.

### **CSW Delivery Plan.**

Delivery of CSW is tied into wider plans to improve travel safety and speed compliance on our highway network. The information below details an implementation plan for CSW:

- Discussions at the next NSRP meeting – October 2024.
- November 2024 - Communications shared with Northumbria Police to encourage participation in CSW across the borough.
- November – December 2024 - Northumbria Police appraise applications and recruit volunteers.
- December 2024 - January 2025 – Northumbria Police undertake training of volunteers
- January – February 2025 – Volunteers deployed.

The Council will work with the Police to identify opportunities to deploy CSW volunteers and provide reports detailing the number and percentage of speeding drivers identified.

### **Road Safety – Vision Zero**

Vision Zero states that any fatal or serious injuries that occur within the road system are unacceptable. This is considered best practice in road safety according to the World Health Organisation and the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

A Vision Zero approach to road safety management is based on the belief that no death or serious injury is acceptable on roads and follows the principles of the Safe System, where the five pillars of the road environment work together to minimise risk:

- Safe speed
- Safe road users and behaviour
- Safe roads and streets
- Safe vehicles
- Post collision response

The work under these pillars is underpinned by robust data, research evidence and strong evaluation.

### **Next Steps**

A report will be presented to Green Sub-Committee members that details the progress towards implementing a Community Speed Watch programme aligned with the Travel Safety Strategy and the requirement to have a speed prevention plan.

A report will also be presented to the committee detailing the principles of 'Vision Zero' in a 'safe systems' approach to addressing casualty reduction.