

Meeting: Green Sub-Committee

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Title: Community Speed Watch – Update

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides an information update to Sub-Committee members in respect of Community Speed Watch (CSW).

2. Recommendations

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided.

3. Information

Following a meeting with Northumbria Police, elected members, and Council officers regarding speed prevention earlier in the year, it was agreed to progress with the introduction of a Community Speed Watch scheme across the borough as part of a wider strategy relating to speeding and anti-social driving.

Speed Prevention is being included in a report to be issued at a Cabinet meeting in March 2025 as part of the Council's Travel Safety Strategy.

Following the return of Capita highways back to the management of the Council it is our intention to develop a process for:

- addressing speeding complaints that includes Community Speed Watch
- share information between agencies with regard to speeding and anti-social driving
- better coordination of reporting of issues impacting on road safety.

The newly formed Northumbria Safer Roads Partnership (NSRP) has been ratified by the Council and regional meetings are planned at an operational and steering group level to ensure there is effective delivery of road safety interventions.

It is our intention to discuss all matters road safety, speed reduction/prevention and anti-social driving at future NSRP meetings.

3.1 Community Speed Watch Delivery

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 – November 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 undertake analysis of the data obtained to help inform future road safety interventions.

4.0 Recommendation

That Sub-Committee members note the content of this report.