

**Minutes of the Safer Roads
Partnership Steering Group Meeting,
held on the 27th July 2007, Marwell
Hotel, Colden Common**



In Attendance:

Roy Bayntun (Chair)	Hampshire Constabulary RPU
John Baldwin	Hampshire Constabulary CTO
Marion Sinclair	Safer Roads Partnership
Julian Hewitt	Safer Roads Partnership
Errol Hay	Safer Roads Partnership
James Farr	Safer Roads Partnership
Pete Goodchild	Hampshire County Council
Ian Medd	Hampshire County Council
Tom Niedrum	Hampshire County Council
Simon Moon	Portsmouth City Council
Guy Berresford	Highways Agency
Brian Mould	Mott Macdonald for Highways Agency
HC Hii	Southampton City Council
Kevin Burton	Isle of Wight Council
Chris Bartlett	Isle of Wight Council
Graham Orchard	Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

Amanda Swift, Driver Awareness Project Manager, joined the group to present a summary of the Driver Awareness Scheme Developments.

Apologies

Mark Bradford, Pete Hughes and Jenny Haywood

Welcome

Everyone was welcomed to the second meeting of the Safer Roads Partnership. Chief Inspector Bayntun was acting Chair of the meeting due to Supt Bradford's unavailability.

Minutes of the Safety Camera Partnership meeting held on the 8th May 2007

The minutes of the first meeting of the Safer Roads Partnership which was held on the 8th May 2007 were circulated. These were accepted as being an accurate record of the meeting.

	ACTIONS
Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting held on the 8th July 2007 1) Speed Awareness Course update - Update to be given to this meeting 2) IoW confirmed financial contribution to SRP had been approved. 3) Progress on 6 monthly speed data requests to be updated.	Complete Complete EH to action
Item 1: Partnership Arrangements and SLA Partners were reminded to ensure that Councillors had been briefed about the issue of Expert Witness costs prior to the next Executive Board meeting on the	All highways authorities.

11 th September.	
<p>Item 2: Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft Financial Protocols will be circulated to the SG electronically for consideration in the very near future. 2) A standard summary finance sheet will be prepared for circulation at the next meeting. 3) Quarter 1 claims are due for submission to the Programme Manager as soon as possible, but at the latest by the 3rd August. 4) The group agreed that a portion of the interest money could be used to pay for the repair to two vandalised housings and the purchase of a replacement enforcement recorder. 	<p>TN to coordinate</p> <p>TN to Coordinate</p> <p>MS to coordinate</p> <p>MS to coordinate</p>
<p>Item 3: Operations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) SRP is now in a position to offer fixed penalties for other offences such as using mobile phones whilst driving and not wearing of seatbelts. 2) A series of Enforcement and Education days were held in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport and Southampton and on the Isle of Wight. Motorists were stopped for a range of offences e.g. not wearing seatbelts, speeding and using mobile phones while driving. These have been very successful and well received by the public. Attendance at an education seminar covering the dangers of driving was offered in lieu of a fixed penalty. These E & E days are a good example of partnership working effectively together. It was suggested that briefings be coordinated in advance particularly when there were multiple participants in the events. 3) A new set of criteria for identifying sites suitable for speed enforcement has been developed by the SRP Senior Analyst and circulated prior to the meeting. These criteria, based upon the rules outlined in the Department for Transport Handbook of Rules and Guidance for the National Safety Camera Programme for England and Wales for 2006/07, will be reviewed by members of the Steering Group. Using the new criteria a number of potential new enforcement sites have been identified which need corroboration and approval by the Local Highways Authorities. Highways Authorities will forward any available speed data and details of any recent engineering work on these sites to the Safer Roads Partnership. It was agreed that unless any of these proposed routes is found to be unsuitable by the local authority that they will be taken on as trial sites and evaluated on the basis of speed and casualty reduction. 4) Each of the Highways Authorities will forward their policy on the use of SIDs and VASs to the SRP so that the Partnership criteria can reflect local decisions. Other Partners were asked to forward any similar policies that may be relevant. 5) The Driver Awareness (DA) Training Project is currently being planned for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The course will be a 3 hour interactive session delivered at several sites across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It was confirmed that courses will be held on the Island 	<p>JF to coordinate</p> <p>All highway authorities</p> <p>AS to manage</p>

<p>for residents, and that there was the possibility that courses may be delivered by local IOW Council staff. Details of this arrangement still need to be developed.</p> <p>6) Course content, design and production of the course will be the focus of the next stage of the project. All partners were invited to engage with the DA Project Manager to develop an effective course content.</p> <p>7) A job description is being prepared for a position within the SRP for a signage expert, who will cover signing regulations for the enforcement routes.</p>	<p>All partners</p> <p>MS to coordinate</p>
<p>Item 5: Data</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Regular meetings of the partnership data analysts will be held. 2) A revised process for speed data requests from Safer Roads Officers has been put in place. 3) The performance of SRP enforcement routes has been updated and will be available on the new SRP website currently under construction. 4) Different speed collection methods were discussed. 	
<p>Item 6: Partnership Publicity and FOI</p> <p>1) <u>Events:</u> Recent events attended include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldershot Army Show. First time SRP have had a presence at a show in the north of the county. It was very busy and one that will become a regular event. • New Forest Show. Heavy rain and thick mud did not stop a surprising number of visitors. Assistance on the stand was provided by Road Safety Officers from Southampton as well as Highways Agency staff and they were thanked for their input. • Forthcoming events are the Garlic Festival (18th August) on the Isle of Wight. There are two events at Thruxton and Newport, in August and September supporting the launch of the new Air Ambulance. • For next year the wider Partnership joint initiatives group has begun to discuss the possibility of having a road safety ‘village’ at shows. The RSO’s, police, Fire Service, Ambulance service, Air Ambulance service, Highways Agency and other interested parties will combine on one site under the general banner of the Safer Roads Partnership to present a variety of experiences and opportunities to the public. This will be funded through the joint initiatives budget. <p>2) <u>Display vehicle:</u> Although not ready for the recent events the new vehicle will hopefully be available for the Garlic Festival. Disabled access is now included in the cost.</p> <p>iii) <u>Leaflets:</u> The old series of leaflets have been replaced with an A5 folder containing inserts that provides more flexibility than the previous printed material. They proved popular at the New Forest Show.</p>	

<p>4) <u>Logo</u>: After wide consultation amongst the partners the final version has been approved and is now being used widely on display material and stationery.</p> <p>5) <u>Website</u>: A new website is currently under construction and will be available for viewing shortly.</p> <p>6) <u>Joint Initiatives Group</u>: The production of two 'Safe Drive Stay Alive' events are being planned for early November. In addition assistance with the development of the Isle of Wight 'Head On' programme is being provided.</p> <p>7) <u>Bus Side Advertising</u>: A recent campaign across the region has received positive anecdotal feedback.</p> <p>8) <u>Court Case</u>: A recent case to the European Court of Human Rights regarding the "right to silence" was lost by the two defendants.</p> <p>9) <u>Press Headlines</u> Local papers have recently run stories over several cases of perverting the course of justice, some vandalism to cameras, and the number of tickets issued by partnerships. Meridian TV covered the speed watch scheme on the Isle of Wight.</p>	
<p>**Closed Session** There were no issues discussed under the closed session.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Red Light camera is about to be installed at Heritage Road/Grove Road intersection. • Highways Agency have a range of education/publicity CDs available to be distributed. 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place at a venue to be confirmed on Thursday 8th November 2007 at 9:30 hours.</p>	