

## POLICY COMMISSION ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

<b>RESPONSIBLE BODY</b>							
POLICY COMMISSION FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES							
<b>ENQUIRY NAME</b>	<b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b>						
ISLAND ROAD SAFETY	Saf4/06						
<b>PROPOSED OUTPUTS</b>	<b>RISK</b>						
To deliver an Island-wide strategy to reduce road casualties on the Isle of Wight	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">High</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medium</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Low</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>PROPOSED DATE OF INITIATION</b>	<b>PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION</b>						
July 2006	2008						
<b>REASON FOR ENQUIRY</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Road Traffic Act 1988 places a statutory duty on the Council to prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety.</li> <li>• The Audit Commission report “Changing Lanes-evolving roles in road safety” recommends that local public bodies should work together better, both informally and in established partnerships .... To engage with the public to improve people’s understanding and gain commitment, support and trust, with local councillors taking a lead in both their community representative and scrutiny roles.</li> <li>• Section 17 (1) of The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on a local authority ‘to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.’</li> <li>• Paragraph 2.3.3 of the Council’s Aim High Strategy identifies the Council’s objective to ‘Create Safer and Stronger Communities’ by ‘Growing community confidence through greater people empowerment, ownership and cohesion, such that they feel safer in their homes, at work and on the streets.’</li> <li>• Initiated by the Council’s administration.</li> </ul>							
<b>PROPOSED OUTCOME OF POLICY IMPLEMENTATION</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reduction in the incidence and severity of road traffic collisions.</li> <li>• Closer community and stakeholder involvement in casualty reduction projects.</li> </ul>							
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>							
To receive evidence from stakeholders on:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The relationship between vehicle speed and the number and severity of collisions.</li> </ul>							

- Data collection and analysis
- National Best Practice
- The relative importance of Engineering, Enforcement and Education projects.
- How best to engage with external agencies to actively involve them in casualty reduction initiatives.
- How the Council can work effectively with Town/Parish Councils, the voluntary sector and other stakeholders.
- Capacity and resource issues relating to the provision of service

In order to:

Develop a co-ordinated strategy for casualty reduction through better partnership working, stakeholder participation and public engagement.

What will not be included

- Individual issues

**KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

- Hampshire Constabulary
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Safety Camera Partnership
- Town and Parish Councils
- IW Road Safety Forum
- Safer Communities Partnership

**RELEVANT CORPORATE AND/OR COMMUNITY STRATEGY/IES**

Corporate Priorities fit:

- Economic development and regeneration
- Healthier communities and older people
- Safer communities
- Children and young people
- High-Performing Cost-Effective Council

Community strategy:

2020 Vision, Theme 1: 'A Safe and Strong Island' aims to 'create an Island where people value & respect one another and feel safe and secure.' By:

- Creating cleaner, greener & safer public spaces.
- Empowering local people to have a greater voice & influence over decision-making & the delivery of services.

IW Safer Communities Partnership Crime and Drugs Strategy 2005 – 2008

2.5 Partnership Development & Communication

Local Transport Plan

H.3 Improving Road Safety  
Road Safety Plan

**RELATED PROJECTS**

One Island Projects – Speed Management

**LEAD MEMBER**

Councillor Mike Cunningham

**OFFICER INVOLVEMENT**

Lead Link Officer:

Peter Taylor, *Engineering Services*

Overview and Scrutiny Team:

Louise Biggs, *Overview and Scrutiny Officer*

**OTHER RESOURCES REQUIRED**

Expert IW Council Officer input.