

**SUBJECT: ROAD SAFETY**

**Report of the Chief Constable attached**

<p><b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b></p> <p>1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the policing of Road Safety.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) uses this report to scrutinise Force activity in respect of Road Safety.</p>
<p><b>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</b></p> <p>3. Road safety is clearly a significant issue for people and is frequently raised as a concern by members of the public across West Yorkshire, with approximately 40% of respondents naming it as a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan consultation. It covers a range of issues from inconsiderate parking to dangerous driving resulting in death and serious injury. This is an area that requires more than just the police, and we will continue to work with all partners including local highways authorities, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), Highways England, and charities such as Brake to improve safety on our roads.</p>
<p><b>KEY INFORMATION</b></p> <p>4. Road Safety continues to be a priority within the Police and Crime Plan 2016-21</p> <p>5. The PCC attended and spoke at the Roads Policing Convention organised by West Yorkshire Police in April 2019. This event launched the West Yorkshire Police Roads Policing Strategy. It was attended by stakeholders at West Yorkshire level and from all five districts, including their community safety partnerships. The Convention received a presentation from Ian Greenwood, a victim of a road traffic collision which killed his daughter Alice. Ian advocated the adoption of the Vision Zero approach which has been adopted in London. Since the Convention, the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Executive has agreed that is the right approach for West Yorkshire to take.</p> <p>6. Mark had a further meeting with Ian in January 2020, which provided an opportunity to review progress in the adoption of Vision Zero. Subsequently the Police and Chief Constable wrote a joint letter to the Chair of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe, arguing that greater momentum was needed at local authority level to push the Vision Zero approach forward. As a result the Vision Zero approach has been adopted by Leeds, the largest highways authority in West Yorkshire, and is supported by WYCA.</p>

7. In respect of support for victims, the PCC launched (Feb 2020) the West Yorkshire Victims and Witnesses strategy 2019-2021 "Supporting People Harmed by Crime". It has seven key objectives. It is available on the PCC's website. [www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/west-yorkshires-victims-and-witnesses-strategy](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/west-yorkshires-victims-and-witnesses-strategy). The PCC's commissioned services to support victims are available to all victims of road collisions where a crime may have been committed, including those who do not report to the police. This includes the core referral and local support service and the restorative justice service. [www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/supporting-victims](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-we-work/supporting-victims)
8. The road safety charity Brake provides a specialist national service to victims of road traffic collisions resulting in death or serious injury. The PCC and CC have continued to provide funding to road safety charity BRAKE via the Police Property Act. Brake receives central government funding through the Dept for Transport, this transferred this year from the MoJ to the DfT, a welcome move which benefits victims and resulted in an increased grant. The DfT grant is not subject to the previous MoJ requirement that a crime has taken place. There is however a continued need to strengthen support services, to provide support comparable to the Homicide Service, and it is hoped that the DfT will accept responsibility for taking this forward.
9. The PCC has provided support and authorised investment in West Yorkshire and regional ANPR capabilities to help detect, deter and disrupt criminality at a local, regional and national level, including tackling traveling criminals, organised crime groups and terrorists. The PCC receives regular updates on the progress and expansion of ANPR and speaks about its impact on a regular basis. He has spoken at national conferences on ANPR.
10. Overall the Safer Communities fund has funded 29 projects with over £127,205 granted to groups addressing road safety. The Safer Communities fund had a specific grant round in which groups could only apply if they addressed one of 4 priorities, road safety being one of those priorities.

#### PARTNERSHIP WORKING

11. The PCC has representation on the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Executive which is a partnership of all 5 districts working together to tackle road safety. It is attended by David Smith his Policy Lead on Road Safety. The PCC has been working with the WYSRE particularly on the adoption of Vision Zero as outlined above.

#### ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables Report – Road Safety](#) (PDF 371KB)