

**Appendix 1 – Progress with implementing the recommendations of the joint Children and Young People’s Services/Regeneration Scrutiny Review of Road Safety outside Schools**

Recommendation	Progress	Risks	Officer Responsible	Action by (Date)
<p>That the findings and recommendations from this review be taken into consideration as part of the response to the Department for Transport “A Safer Way: Making Britain’s Roads the Safest in the World”.</p>	<p>Complete. The findings and recommendations of the review were taken into consideration when producing the response, which was submitted to the Department for Transport in mid July 2009.</p> <p>N.B. It should be noted that the new coalition Government has indicated that they will be reviewing “A Safer Way...” with a view to preparing their own road safety strategy</p>	<p>No risks</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage</p>	<p>July 2009</p>
<p>That a comprehensive risk assessment of road safety issues be carried out at all schools in the Borough. Following this, an appropriate system for prioritising risks to identify the schools in greatest need of road safety measures and education be developed. All risk assessments to be carried out by April 2010.</p>	<p>A risk assessment methodology has been produced and has been used to carry out a road safety risk assessment of the road outside each school entrance. The results from this exercise have been used to prioritise risks and hence to identify school entrances in greatest need of attention.</p> <p>This exercise, which was completed in December 2009, has been managed from within existing resources and involved a significant amount of work given that there are 102 Primary, 16 Secondary and 6 Special schools in the Borough, some of which have more than one entrance.</p> <p>The risk assessment took into consideration the issues at the schools identified in the Review. Area Assemblies have been informed of the results of the Review.</p> <p>The prioritised list is now being used to direct schools road</p>		<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage</p>	<p>April 2010</p>

	<p>safety ETP work with visits already having been made to Wath and Dinnington Comprehensive schools.</p>			
<p>That a minimum requirement of road markings, signing, barriers and anything else deemed appropriate for improving road safety outside schools be determined and implemented ensuring that these meet the minimum standards required by the introduction of School Keep clear TROs.</p>	<p>The positions of all school keep clear markings, signs, pedestrian crossings, speed limits and traffic calming measures on roads outside schools have been recorded and are available to view on the MapInfo GIS.</p> <p>Facilities Management, who manage the school crossing patrol service, have been consulted to see if they require any changes making to signing and/or the position and length of school keep clear markings at locations where patrols operate.</p> <p>As part of the process to implement school keep clear TROs in the Wath, Swinton, Brampton and West Melton areas (see recommendation 6) the lengths of school keep clear markings have been reviewed, and will be amended where necessary. Markings will also be reviewed during the process of introducing TROs in the remaining areas of the borough.</p> <p>This audit has been linked to the risk assessments referred to in 2 above.</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith / S.Savage/</p>	<p>Linked to Recommendation 2 and 6</p>
<p>That the current speed review of A and B class roads be extended to include all roads outside schools in the borough. In line with the Government's Department for Transport's consultation paper, support should be given to a speed limit of 20mph outside schools, wherever possible. Where this cannot be implemented, the speed limit outside schools does not exceed 30mph.</p>	<p>The speed limit review of all A and B class roads is now complete. The process of introducing the changes arising is now underway with the aim of having them in place by the end of 2010, as required by the DfT and in accordance with the approved SY Speed Management Plan. [This document has been prepared by the SY Casualty Reduction Partnership which includes South Yorkshire Police]. Only when these changes have been implemented will we be in a position to start reviewing speed limits outside schools.</p> <p>The financial implications of this have not yet been established although the cost is likely to be similar to the £40,000 that has been set aside in the 2010/11 Highways Capital Programme to process the speed limit changes on A and B class roads and make the necessary changes to</p>	<p>The police may not support revised speed limits.</p> <p>Any changes must be in line with the South Yorkshire Speed Management Plan</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage/ A. Butler</p>	<p>No target date is suggested but it is envisaged that work will not start until late 2010 when the changes to speed limits arising out of the review of speed limits on A and B class roads have been</p>

	<p>signs and road markings.</p> <p>This is to be phased and managed from within existing resources based on a programme to be determined and prioritised in line with the risk assessments in 2 above and in conjunction with each Area Assembly.</p>	Lack of resources may influence progress.		implemented.
That work is undertaken with South Yorkshire Police to ensure that revised speed restrictions outside schools are enforceable.	Any changes to speed limits outside schools that arise from 4 above will be discussed with the Police on an individual schools basis as part of the normal consultation procedure. However, any changes to speed limits that are not in accordance with the SY Speed Management Plan and Circular Roads 1/2006 will be unlikely to receive the support of the Police.	The police may not support revised speed limits	T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage/ A. Butler	Ongoing
That the impact of the Traffic Regulation Order to be rolled out in Rotherham Schools is monitored and reported appropriately.	<p>Steps are currently being taken to extend 'School Keep Clear' TROs to the Wath, Swinton Brampton and West Melton areas, as agreed by Cabinet Member for ED, P &amp; T in April 2009. It is currently envisaged that the TROs will become operational in these areas in Autumn 2010. A timetable for rolling out TROs to the remaining areas of the Borough has still to be drawn up, although it is likely that schools in the Rother Valley South area will be looked at next. Once the TROs are introduced appropriate monitoring arrangements will be put in place.</p> <p>£20,000 has been set aside in the 2010/11 Highways Capital Programme for the introduction of TROs in the Wath, Swinton Brampton and West Melton areas. It is expected that a similar amount will be needed to introduce TROs in other areas and this will have to be taken into account when producing future years Highways Capital Programmes.</p> <p>This is to be phased and managed from within existing resources based on a programme to be determined and prioritised in conjunction with each Area Assembly.</p>	The TROs may not be as successful as expected given the limited enforcement resources available	T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage/ A. Butler	Ongoing
That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services identifies a specific budget for schools road safety	<p>£30,000 has been set aside in the 2010/11 Highways Capital Programme for school road safety measures.</p> <p>In line with the results of the risk assessments</p>	Making funding available for school road	T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage	April 2010 as part of consideration of 2010/11

<p>measures from the Highways Capital Programme.</p>	<p>investigations are ongoing into using this funding to deal with issues outside Wath Comprehensive school on Sandygate and Dinnington Comprehensive school on Doe Quarry Lane.</p>	<p>safety measures has taken money away from other schemes that have proven benefits</p>		<p>Highways Capital Programme</p>
<p>That the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services works with schools and school governing bodies to ensure that the impact of School Travel Plans is monitored and reviewed annually and that STPs and initiatives to improve road safety (including walking buses, safer clothing and use of cycle helmets), are promoted to each new intake of pupils and parents. The effectiveness of STPs to be reported to the appropriate Scrutiny Panel.</p>	<p>Initiatives to improve road safety are already promoted to each new intake of pupils on a limited basis given staff numbers and calls on their time from other road safety education, training and publicity projects (see also recommendation 9 below). The School Travel Planning Advisor in the Transportation Unit in EDS has still to report to CYPS Scrutiny on the effectiveness of STPs.</p>	<p>Staff resources may prevent road safety awareness and STPs being adequately promoted to each new intake of pupils at all schools</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ G Sinclair</p>	<p>No target date given but the intention is to report bi-annually to CYPS Scrutiny</p>
<p>That the RMBC website be improved to provide clear and user-friendly information regarding current and planned road safety schemes, outlining the criteria by which decisions are taken.</p>	<p>A new road safety website has been developed (<a href="http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/roadsafety">www.rotherham.gov.uk/roadsafety</a>) which contains information and downloadable materials about road safety education, training and publicity initiatives as well as sustainable school travel. It is intended to make schools aware of the website to assist with the promotion of road safety awareness to new intakes of pupils.</p> <p>In addition we already make limited use of the Council's website as part of the consultation process for proposed schemes but it is acknowledged that this could be expanded and improved. It is therefore proposed to review the information that is posted regarding current and planned schemes with a view to expanding this and incorporating it into the new road safety website.</p>	<p>No risks</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ S.Savage</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>) That proposals are developed ensure that road traffic safety work in schools is sustainable since DfT/DCSF funding for the School Travel Plan Adviser post ends in 2011. This should include consideration to 'mainstream' the funding for the post as appropriate.</p>	<p>Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity (ETP) work in Rotherham is generally under resourced when benchmarked against other local authorities and compared to Government Best Practice Guidelines. However, given the current budgetary pressures this is likely to remain the case and means that it will be difficult to justify 'mainstreaming' the funding for the School Travel Plan Adviser post beyond March 2011.</p> <p>Financial support has, however, recently been secured from the South Yorkshire Casualty Reduction Partnership to employ a road safety assistant for a 12 month period to assist with road safety ETP work. This additional member of staff started work on the 1<sup>st</sup> April this year. Further funding is unlikely to be available post March 2011 to enable this person to continue in post.</p>	<p>Due to budgetary pressures the Council may not be able to fund the School Travel Plan Advisor post March 2011.</p>	<p>T Finnegan-Smith/ G Sinclair</p>	<p>April 2011</p>
<p>  That each Area Assembly be approached to financially support the distribution of the Wentworth South Area Assembly produced Road Safety DVD to each school pupil in the borough.</p>	<p>Wentworth South Area Assembly have been contacted to find out how much the DVD cost to distribute in their area. From this the total cost of distributing the DVD to the remaining schools in the borough has been estimated at approximately £12,000. However, little interest has been shown by the other Area Assemblies in funding the DVD in their respective areas. As a result of this a copy of the DVD has been sent to the remaining primary schools for the schools to promote themselves.</p> <p>Attempts have also been made to put the DVD on the Council's website. However, while this is technically feasible the picture quality is of a poor standard and it has been decided not to take this any further at the present time.</p>	<p>Schools may not promote the DVD sufficiently</p>	<p>G Sinclair/ S.Savage</p>	<p>No target date given</p>