

TITLE OF REPORT: Council approach to roads and highways – evidence gathering session – Northumbria Police Responsibilities

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SUMMARY

A Senior Officer of Northumbria Police has confirmed his intention to attend the evidence gathering session. The Committee wish to consider Northumbria Police responsibilities, delivery strategies and results in relation to road safety in Gateshead.

Background

1. The Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits across the Borough on all roads. This relates to direct enforcement and enforcement via deployment of safety cameras at fixed and mobile sites.
2. The Police are also responsible for enforcing against other in car offences such as drink and drug driving, and relating to the use of mobile phone and the non - wearing of seat belts
3. They are the responsible body overseeing speed awareness courses and also undertake educational and promotional activity and support the work of the Road Safety GB (NE) Group
4. The Governments Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act replaced Police Authorities with an elected Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in 2012. The PCC, in conjunction with the Chief Constable sets the overarching strategies within the Police and Crime 5 year plan.

Purpose of session

5. This evidence session is the last in a series of four looking at the role of the Council and its partners in roads and highways. Specific to Northumbria Police key lines of enquiry to consider include Police responsibilities, availability and deployment of resources, delivery strategies and outcomes achieved.
6. The format of the session will be an initial presentation by Police officers followed by an opportunity to ask questions and express views on the evidence presented. Council officers from the Development, Transport and Public Protection will also be in attendance.

Recommendations

6. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to
 - Provide their views on the evidence presented.

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