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Subject:	Road Safety West of Scotland		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on our continued participation with Road Safety West of Scotland (RSWoS) and our role as Chair of the Road Safety West of Scotland Forum for the period 2019-21.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Road Safety West of Scotland is a partnership of 12 Local Authorities, Police Scotland, the Safety Camera Partnership and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.
- 2.2 The partnership is focused on the development and promotion of road safety campaigns, the sharing and promotion of best practice, continuing professional development for road safety staff and securing value for money through bulk purchasing of both resources and training.
- 2.3 The RSWoS constitution commits each Local Authority to chairing the organisation for a 2 year period and the previous term, chaired by Renfrewshire Council, has now come to an end. Inverclyde Council will be Chair for the forthcoming 2 year period.
- 2.4 At its meeting of 25 May 2017, Inverclyde Council agreed that Councillor Curley would be the RSWoS representative for Inverclyde. Accordingly, Councillor Curley has become the Chair of RSWoS.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee:
1. Notes Inverclyde Council's continuing role in Road Safety West of Scotland; and
 2. Notes Councillor Curley's role as Chair of Road Safety West of Scotland.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Road Safety West of Scotland was formed in 1997, shortly after local government re-organisation. The initial aim was to maintain contact between the Road Safety Officers in the new “Local Authorities” and to create a body that would hold the copyright for the Road Safety resources that were originally held by Strathclyde Regional Council. Representatives now come from the original 12 authorities, Police Scotland, the Safety Camera Partnership and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.
- 4.2 Historically RSWoS ran a number of publicity campaigns that covered all of the ex-Strathclyde area and allowed cross boundary continuity. As most national campaigns are now undertaken by Road Safety Scotland, which is part of Transport Scotland, RSWoS now focus on promotion of road safety campaigns, disseminating best practice, arranging local CPD and organising bulk purchase of resources.

5.0 STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

5.1 RSWoS is structured as a 3 group system:

- The Forum which is attended by Councillors and Senior Managers
- The Education, Training and Publicity (ETP) Group which is attended by Road Safety Officers
- The Officers’ Group which is generally attended by Roads Engineers

The RSWoS Constitution commits each Local Authority to chairing the organisation for a 2 year period and the previous term was chaired by Renfrewshire Council. Inverclyde Council will be chair for the forthcoming 2 year period, with chairing responsibilities for the groups set out as follows:

- The Forum – Chaired by the Councillor nominated to RSWoS
- ETP Group – Chaired by Community Safety & Resilience Team (Road Safety)
- Officers’ Group – Chaired by Roads (Roads Engineer)

The ET&P Group meets 4 times a year with the other 2 groups meeting twice a year.

- 5.2 The annual subscription is currently £1,000 a year and this is split between Community Safety and Roads Services, as both services benefit. The role of Treasurer is taken on for a two year period and currently, South Ayrshire Council fulfils this role, with West Dunbartonshire taking on the role of Treasurer from 1 April 2020.
- 5.3 Reports from the ETP Group, Officers’ Group and Treasurer are provided to the Forum for consideration.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 Financial Implications

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
	Community Safety	2019/20	£500		
	Roads	2019/20	£500		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments

6.2 **Legal**
None

6.3 **Human Resources**
None

6.4 **Equalities**
There are /are no equality issues within this report. – **fill in as appropriate**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.5 **Repopulation**
None

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Roads are part of RSWoS and attend the meetings.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Inverclyde Council, 25 May 2017 (SL/LP/045/17).