

# Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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**Title:** Update on Road Safety Working Group and Safer Roads Strategy

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## **Purpose of the report**

The PCC has commissioned a report from TVP, updating the Panel on the work of the Road Safety Working Group (**Report attached**). Supt Colin Hudson from TVP will present the item and address the recommendations this Panel asked to be considered when the Road Safety Working Group was set up at a Panel meeting in April 2017.

## **Background**

1. At a Police and Crime Panel meeting in April 2017, consideration was given to an item on Roads Policing, a core part of policing. At the meeting, the Panel heard from officers from Casualty Reduction (Bucks County Council), Road Safety Unit (West Berkshire Council) and from Safer Roads Berkshire. The minutes of that meeting can be found here: [Minutes of 7 April 2017 relating to Road Safety Item](#)
2. As a result of the information the Panel received, the following recommendations were agreed:

**That a Working Group be set up to look at roads policing and that requests for information on this area be sent to the Deputy Chief Constable. Areas for consideration to include:-**

- **More transparent documentation on their strategy on roads policing**
- **Consideration of a business case for average speed cameras**
- **Improved dialogue between police and local authorities on the siting and decommissioning of speed cameras and the need for a Deployment Strategy**
- **Consideration of the most effective way to ensure better co-ordination of information across the Thames Valley and ways to improve partnership working.**

## Information

3. The Thames Valley has the largest motorway network of any police force in the country and has major trunk roads such as the A34 also cross the area. One of the PCC's aims is for the Police and partners to address road safety concerns, especially among vulnerable groups, cyclists and pedestrians. Roads policing in the Thames Valley is carried out by Thames Valley Police's Roads Policing Unit (RPU), which is a collaborated unit with Hampshire Constabulary. .
4. From **Thames Valley Police & Hampshire Constabulary - Keeping our Roads Safe** document, here are the Joint Unit's aims:

*The Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit delivers targeted enforcement and education providing a deterrent designed to make the roads safer and reduce the numbers of persons killed or seriously injured. The unit aims to deliver a high quality roads policing service in accordance with the National Police Chiefs' Council 'Policing our Roads Together 2018 – 2021' paper.*

5. The strategic objectives, set out in the NPCC document under five strands, govern the joint Roads Policing Unit strategy, which has four objectives –
  1. Intelligent enforcement and working in partnership to achieve safe roads, free from harm
  2. Work together to establish secure roads free from the threat of serious organised crime, terrorism, or anti-social use.
  3. Through effective, information led patrols and engagement with partnerships, deliver a safer and more secure road network across the Joint Operation Unit (JOU).
  4. Work together to promote public confidence and satisfaction through successful investigations and effective communication.

Activities are prioritised within the twin areas of prevention and enforcement focusing on the 'Fatal 4' offences of: - excessive speed, drink/drug driving, non-wearing of seatbelts and mobile phone and distraction offences.