

Governance Board Meeting

Summary of Discussion and Resolutions

Date:	Friday 5 th June 2020
Time:	14.00 - 16.30
Venue:	Microsoft Teams
Chairperson:	Cllr L Wagland
Attendees:	
Cllr L Wagland (CllrLW)	Essex CC (Highways)
A Prophet (ACCAP)	ACC Essex Police
A Pipe (AP)	Head of Roads Policing - Essex Police
A Cook (AC)	Director for Commissioning: Transport & Infrastructure - Essex CC
M Hine (MH)	Road Crime Manager, Essex Police
L Burr (LB) part	Head of Network & Safety / Traffic Manager - Essex CC
M Kiely (MK)	Thurrock Council
M Barnes (MB)	Group Manager (Traffic & Highways) - Southend BC
A MacAlister (AM)	Head of Community Safety (Acting) - Essex Fire & Rescue Service
A Stroulger (AS)	RTC Reduction Manager - Essex Fire & Rescue Service
L Willis (LW)	Highways England – Bedford - Regional Safety Co-ordinator, East
N Foster (NF)	SERP - Strategic Group Chairperson
A Harris (AH)	SERP - Partnership Manager
W Cubbin (WC)	SERP - Data Analyst
C Churchouse (CC)	SERP - Communications Manager
Apologies:	R Hirst (PFCC) and S Elms (EHAAT)

Item No	Discussion and Resolution	Action Owner
1	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</p> <p>Cllr Wagland welcomed everyone to the first on-line SERP Governance Board meeting and thanked the whole SERP team for its efforts during these different times with COVID-19 restrictions, particularly the NDORS team and all involved in delivering the digital NDORS courses.</p> <p>New Board members, ACC Prophet and M Barnes were welcomed and introductions made. ACCAP is delighted to be part of taking SERP and roads policing forwards.</p>	
2	<p>Review of previous SERP Governance Board Minutes (held 20/1/20) and approval for publication on SERP website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes and speed as a contributory factor particularly in vans and young drivers; WC to look into when, how and where accidents occur involving young drivers. Assist MH with deploying the ‘unpredictable visibility’ strategy on these routes once completed. Waiting for permission to share data with the EHAAT to work on a research proposal with S McLaughlin. • Extra Eyes – 4 licences for Egress approved. Training to be provided. Will be a significant part of Roads Policing in the future. • Action outstanding to invite a 3PR (the three parking rules) representative to present to the Board • AH updated the NDORS figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final number of clients attending a NDORS course in Essex in 2019 was 81,289 - Clients taking a course in Essex – 56,314 of which 40% were referred by another police force - Clients referred by Essex police but taking their course outside Essex – 19,114 <p>ACTION: The minutes of the meeting held on 20/1/20 were approved for publication on the website</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>NF</p>
3	<p>Notes and action points from SERP Strategic Meeting (held 05/03/20):</p> <p>The group welcomed 2 new members, M Barnes from Southend and C Lane from the Essex Highways communications team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider inviting J Gandolfi to brief meeting on her work on older drivers on Strategic Road Network; evaluation commissioned to look at driver error i.e. high-speed roads, entering the slip-road the wrong-way. • N Tung to approach SEAT to determine whether a cycling 3D film would be funded. • MH to determine whether EP can request information regarding why clients are not accepting seatbelt course. Are we explaining that it is an on-line course? K Brown preparing leaflet, CC to assist design. • WC to check offence data to ascertain whether passengers or drivers are most non-compliant, the severity of injuries and to check whether data is comparable to other force areas. • Data report on CRASH injury type to be publicised (await appointment of assistant communications role) • Driving with Confidence evaluation to continue during further trial period. • WC to re-run drug driver report. 	<p>NF/LW</p> <p>NT</p> <p>KB / CC</p> <p>NF</p> <p>SP/WC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Delivery Plan scores and circulate prior to Board meeting. • CC to place Driving for Better Business advert on Facebook and LinkedIn. • Inform Cllr Bentley of both campaigns ('choices for humanity' and the young driver 'Influencer'). • Power two wheeler launch to be arranged, 2D film to be delivered and evaluation to be arranged. • Publicity of Driving with Confidence (DWC) to continue. NJF wrote to Clinical Care Commissioning Groups. SE will chase/support. CC to promote. • Investigate why number of Essex police course referrals taken outside Essex increased? • LW suicide prevention report to go forward to agenda for June. • Roadster review progressing. Due for delivery in Sept 2020. Trials in June. • Invite Sgt Parsons to present Op Analogue at March meeting. Will present in June. • CS to devise questionnaire to help us understand what year 5 students retain and practise. • The idea of a single leaflet for Surround a Town (SAT) days will be pursued but SAT days on hold at present due to covid-19 restrictions. • Theatre in Education (TIE) currently on hold due to covid-19 restrictions. Some companies exploring different delivery techniques. • NJF to present Vision Zero and casualty reduction targets for 2030 to Essex Highways and to invite Thurrock Council and Southend BC to meetings to encourage corporate support. • NJF/LW to arrange Safer Systems training. 	<p>NF</p> <p>AS/CC</p> <p>LW NF</p> <p>NF/DP</p> <p>CS/CC</p> <p>NF/MH</p> <p>NF</p> <p>NF</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>SERP collision data, summary of latest analysis and action taken as a result of previous reports:</p> <p>WC presented data which had been previously circulated. Essex is close to signing-off DfT figures. CRASH database allows SERP to be aware of incomplete records. SERP currently under killed and seriously injured (KSIs) indicator (869 with indicator of 878). Data showing 'at fault' KSIs suggests focus required on school age pedestrians. Data does NOT indicate that the current increase in cycling has led to inexperienced cyclists causing collisions or being injured.</p> <p>ACCAP asked whether the data accounted for vehicle volumes and WC explained that it did not. AC has access to vehicle volumes and will send data to WC.</p> <p>ECC wants to encourage people to walk/cycle back to school so data could be helpful in promoting this. Might need detailed pedestrian analysis to let pedestrians know how they can avoid situations leading to collisions.</p> <p>AP highlighted the differing issues involved in the road deaths recorded during Covid-19 restrictions - WC could carry out further work with the Serious Collision Investigation Unit to see if patterns emerge.</p> <p>AP reassured Board that 'high-end' speeders had been targeted throughout Covid-19 period and should be taken to court in July.</p> <p>There were 333 suspected drug driving arrests in May taking total drug/drive arrests to 507 –the highest ever.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>WC</p> <p>WC</p>

	<p>ACCAP asked how we might target communications and activities – had the nature or time of collisions changes? WC replied that not enough data available at the moment to be conclusive although there was now no real morning commuting peak; with collisions occurring later in the day. However, recorded offending is really only a measure of police deployment.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Casualty Reduction Targets for 2030:</p> <p>At the previous Board meeting on 20th January 2020, members positions were recorded as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S Harrington (Southend) supportive but thinks there will need to be some pre-work to get the policies right. • N Tung (Thurrock) supportive but need to consider whether the journey needs to be made at all. Reduce journeys and reductions in collisions, congestion etc. should follow. Car sharing etc. • C Smith (HE) supportive. Autonomous vehicle risk could lead to increase in KSIs. Reliant on aids and technology. Emphasis on education. Hard shoulder policy. • LW (HE) supportive. Department for Transport does not set casualty reduction targets which could be an issue • AC (ECC) supportive. 2040 is a good time frame challenge for Vision Zero. • R Hirst (PFCC) supportive. • AH (SERP) advised that the Devon & Cornwall Partnership had set a target of a 50% reduction in KSIs by 2030. <p>The Board approved in principle to investigate the appetite amongst partners and other stakeholder agencies for aspirational target for 2030 and for setting a date for Vision Zero.</p> <p>SERP members were asked to ascertain levels of corporate support for aspirational target within their own organisation and to determine what is required to gain support. Support was offered by ECC team, as required.</p> <p>This work has been hampered by Covid-19 requiring resources to be redirected and has prevented meetings from taking place. MB keen to discuss for Southend. NF to send presentation and make contact to discuss.</p> <p>AC continues to support the aspirational target noting that <u>everyone</u> has a role in success. However, this is the Portfolio holder’s decision. ‘Failure to achieve’ may be a barrier. Mobility choices and needs will change, we cannot have the cost of lost lives and pressures on the blue light services – we should work as a system to change this. Residents need to take road safety as seriously as Covid risks.</p> <p>ACCAP supports Vision Zero as a reasonable <u>ambition</u> – noting that the use of wording is important.</p> <p>MK welcomes the opportunity to talk to wider colleagues in Thurrock as links to traffic engineering and maintenance. Highlighted need to think about growth and local plans; with construction of the Lower Thames Crossing and 18,500 new jobs promised in Thurrock there may be many non-Essex residents travelling into the area and much construction work. Sustainable and safe routes need to be built in to growth plans.</p>	<p>NF</p>

	<p>AC mentioned that ECC has a new Head of Service for Transportation for new communities starting on 28th June so we need to 'join the dots' with them.</p> <p>It was felt that now is the right time to catch public opinion whilst it is receptive. Agreed that there is a need to change travel mode and reduce possibility of KSIs around new 'garden communities'. Need to charge developers with the aim of Vision Zero and involve planning authorities.</p> <p>LW mentioned that Cambridge and Peterborough had just agreed to adopt Vision Zero which included annual numerical casualty reduction targets.</p> <p>MB said that Southend is looking to implement more 20mph areas.</p> <p>Action: NF to send presentations to MB and MK and follow up.</p>	NF
6	<p>NDORS / Activity A Finance Model update & Review of Finance & Risk:</p> <p>AH presented the financial projections due to Covid-19, previously circulated. It is likely that there will be reduction in the initial projected deficit by around £60k as SERP is delivering more digital courses than projected.</p> <p>The first digital SCD (Safe & Considerate Driving) course will be on 23rd June; the practical element of which won't be delivered until Covid restriction are sufficiently lifted. Courses currently being booked for March 2021. RIDE (for motorcyclists) cannot be delivered digitally so is the only NDORS course not yet being delivered in Essex.</p> <p>Venue based courses won't recommence until the Government has declared 'Covid level 2' and then it is likely that there will be some venue based and some digital running concurrently. Venue based courses may be limited to 12 clients with 1 trainer. There will be financial implications that will need to be considered as we move forward.</p> <p>62% of current clients are external to Essex. Course bookings are higher than predicted so Essex may see some additional clients which may affect projected deficit. AP is currently reviewing need to replace vacancies.</p> <p>Camera enforcement has now recommenced. Activity A recommenced on 1st June.</p> <p>The Delivery Plan budget has been reduced to £400k for Activity A for the next 2 years and Activity B also reduced by similar proportion. Financial position will only become clear at the end of the year which may include the possibility of increasing investment in quarter 4.</p> <p>A127 planned operational date at end March 2020 will probably now be in June/July 2020.</p> <p>AC requested that a review be built in to allow increase in activity when funding permits.</p> <p>Action: The Board formally endorsed the SERP Recovery Strategy which had previously been circulated for individual partner approval. Cllr Wagland had sought K Bentley's approval as signatory to the SERP MoU.</p> <p>Action: The Board agreed the financial plan.</p>	AH

	Action: The financial model to be continuously reviewed to permit the release of additional funds is appropriate.	
7	<p>Activity A – Operational Update:</p> <p>MH gave a summary of the Activity A results.</p> <p>SERP is continuing to look at improving the conversion rate for seat belt courses as this had dropped from 67% to 52%.</p>	MH/AH
8	<p>Activity B Operational Update:</p> <p>This is an exciting period for reflection, review and challenge of road safety activities. The teams have been taking advantage of free on-line training courses and working together to evaluate free resources which could be used on the SERP website.</p> <p>Bikeability should resume next week with 12 schools requesting delivery. As trainers have been paid we can also offer free adult training until 18th July. This supports sustainable travel.</p> <p>The school delivery teams have been developing on-line presentations for parents or teachers to deliver to reception age and year 5 students to stimulate discussion and hopefully the practice of safe walking and cycling behaviours. This is on the website so uptake can be monitored. Learning outcomes will be evaluated to use this experience to understand whether on-line delivery could be feasible in the future.</p> <p>All activities are being reviewed, including SAT days, which are not possible at the moment due to social distancing requirements.</p> <p>AP highlighted there were 13 additional police officers due to join Stanway and Chigwell, including 4 sergeants, which should allow more proactive day-time activity.</p>	
9	<p>SERP Communications update:</p> <p>CC presented her previously circulated update. ‘Choices for Humanity’ generally being well received although some misunderstandings on Instagram with younger audience mistakenly thinking campaign is about safe sex – gives opportunity to engage!</p> <p>Action: Request for all partners to share and circulate campaign materials.</p> <p>‘My Small Change’ campaign has been launched for its third year. There is no car prize this year but more, smaller prizes as this is what the evaluation showed participants responded to best. ‘My Small Change Mondays’ encourage greater participation and have prizes.</p>	ALL
10	<p>Cllr Wagland update:</p> <p>Cllr W was able to deliver short presentation to County Councillors about SERP. This was well received and delivers opportunity to do more.</p> <p>Responded to Member of the public about ‘Choices’. Response will be circulated.</p>	NF

	<p>Cllr W made video thanking all SERP colleagues which was circulated to all team leaders for wider circulation.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Partner Updates:</p> <p><u>Essex Fire & Rescue Service:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New post of Road Traffic Collision (RTC) officer awarded to H Clack (former apprentice), which is welcome news. The Community Speed Watch interviews were successful and an appointment will be made. The RTC Team Leader post will be deferred until more certainty around Covid levels and resuming of activities. Admin. role has resigned (to emigrate). - Hope to recommence Power two wheeler training before end July. Risk assessments still to be done but MoD has given permission for use of Weathersfield airfield. - 'Street Spirit' almost ready for launch with Virtual Reality film. Bikes not yet purchased but clips have been re-filmed so project is ready to go as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted. - National Citizenship service still want delivery in digital format in July / August. <p><u>Highways England:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Op Analogue which we run with Sgt Parsons has been running for a year on a 3 month rolling basis. Looking to secure full year funding and currently pulling together end-of-year report. Has benefits for whole region and making great links between road safety and other activities. - We have commissioned a regional piece of work looking at the impact of Covid on partnerships and how we can maximise opportunities moving forward. This is being carried out by Agilysis who will be starting interviews next week. - We have two regional Older Road User Projects, one with Roadsafe and Agilysis looking at screening at GP's and one with J Gandolfi reviewing driver assessment / coaching schemes. Both ongoing but delayed due to covid. - Ride-free young rider project has been handed over to Driver Vehicle Standards Agency who had planned a launch at Easter but been delayed. - We have various communications going out for return to work vehicle checks which has been shared. <p><u>Southend BC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like additional CSW groups. MH can discuss and arrange. - AP asked whether Southend street wardens might consider being trained in the use of speed enforcement devices. MB will enquire. <p><u>Thurrock Council:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrian presentations have been sent out. Bikeability and school crossing patrol risk assessments continuing. Looking at rail safety around level crossings and stations. Looking at possibility of participating in cross boundary trial of e-scooters. Complaints that speeds on Manor Way over 100mph. E-mail times of day this happening to MH. 	<p>MB/MH</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MK/MH</p>

12	Date Of Next Meetings: 23rd July 2020 10:00-14:00 – Microsoft Teams 22nd October – tbc 21st January 2021 – tbc	
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