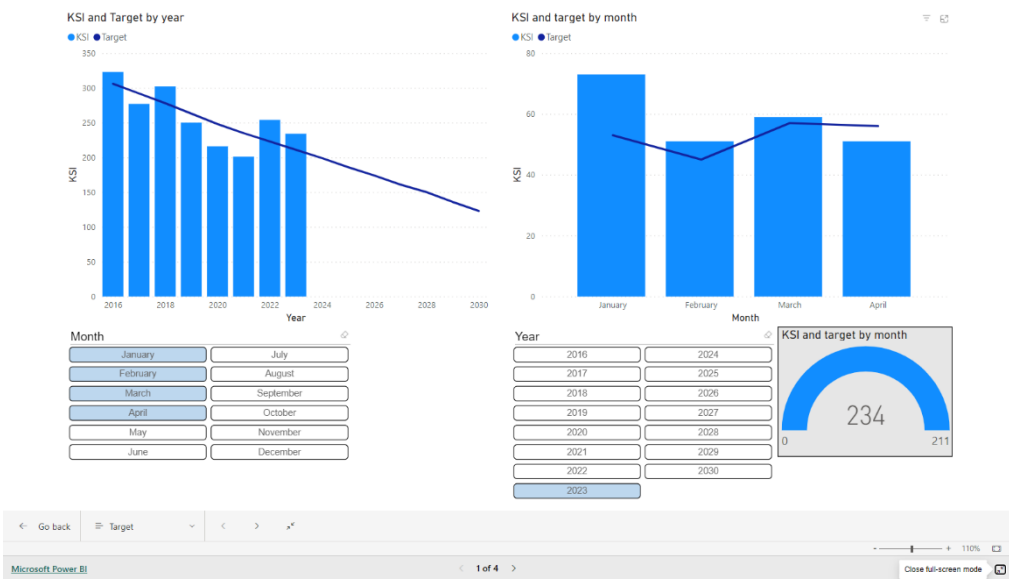


Governance Board Meeting

Summary of Discussion and Resolutions

Date:	Thursday 13 th July 2023
Time:	10.00 - 13.00
Venue:	E&HAAT North Weald Air base
Chairperson:	Cllr L Scott
Attendees:	
Roger Hirst (RH)	Police Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (PFCC)
Cllr L Scott (Cllr LS)	Cabinet Member for Highway Maintenance and Sustainable Transport (ECC)
A Pipe (AP)	Head of Roads Policing - Essex Police
I Adams (IA)	Assistant Director Prevention-Protection Essex Fire & Rescue Service
Andrea MacAlister (AM)	Acting Head of Prevention - Essex Fire & Rescue Service
Jo Heynes (JH)	Head of Network and Safety
Ben Myers (BM)	E&HAAT
Lawrence Seager (LS)	National Highways
N Foster (NJF)	SERP - Strategic Group Chairperson
W Cubbin (WC)	SERP - Partnership Manager
S Hammill (SH)	SERP – Communications Manager
Suzanne Harris (SH)	PFCC office
Nav Tung (NT)	Thurrock Council
L Phillipson	Work experience with E&HAAT
Apologies:	M Woodford (SRF), N Allsopp (NH) A Whitehead (EEAT), C Evans (NH), P Crick (ECC), S Butt (EH), A Clothier (NH), R Nolan (EP).

Item No	Discussion and Resolution	Action Owner
1	<p>Tour of E&HAAT North Weald air base</p> <p>The Board were shown the first-class facilities at North Weald allowing the charity to provide emergency care to residents of Essex, Hertfordshire and when required, London, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and sometimes beyond. They can now fly in darkness but unable to land at hospitals throughout the night due to planning regulations. Cars cover the periods when they cannot be airborne. Immersive training facilities provide simulations for inside the helicopter and in various external scenarios such as during protests or following a road collision and the workshop facilities have space for 2 helicopters. The centre provides somewhere for bereaved and grateful relatives to visit to find out more about what happened to their loved one and to thank those involved in the amazing life saving work. The meetings rooms are available to SERP partners for meetings.</p>	
2	<p>Appointment of Board Chair</p> <p>Due to Cllr L Wagland standing down as the SERP chair, a new chair for the Governance Board was required. RH nominated Cllr LS which was seconded by IA. There being no other nominations Cllr LS was duly elected. Cllr LS said he was happy and honoured to accept the role and wished to put on record his gratitude to Cllr L Wagland for her dedication and work for SERP over the last 5 years.</p> <p>Decision: Cllr Lee Scott appointed as chair of the SERP Governance Board.</p>	
3	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies:</p> <p>BM welcomed everyone to North Weald and introductions were made. Apologies recorded above.</p>	
4	<p>Review of previous SERP Governance Board Actions and Decisions from 23rd March 2023 and approval for publication on SERP website and Strategic Group Meeting from 24th May.</p> <p>The annotated minutes had been circulated. RH asked that the SHOKE project be discussed with SH now in post as agreed at the previous meeting and clarified that the project which was to be discussed with ECDA was to examine how we might educate car drivers to look out for non-motorised users. NJF reported that the Hugger publicity campaign aimed at increasing awareness amongst car drivers of actions they could take to help to keep P2Ws safe was currently live. RH would also like to know what comments SERP has fed into national discussions on e-scooters so that he can report this when asked.</p> <p>Action: SHOKE project to be discussed with SH to determine feasibility of progressing the app element.</p>	NJF/SH

5	<p>Action: Notes to be provided to RH on comments made (and any update) on discussions around e-scooters.</p>	WC
	<p>Data Update:</p> <p>Data from the SERP SharePoint site in power BI was presented and discussed.</p>  <p>Currently above the desired trajectory to achieve the target for 2030. AP reported 407 DSIs showing in CRASH. This will be more up to date than the validated data shown above but may include some records that will not be included in our data (not on highway etc.). He reported there have been 21 deaths this year. Road deaths are not declining. Not wearing seatbelts remains an issue and is recorded in deaths and supported by the number of offenders detected on Vision Zero days.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr LS requested access to the SERP data hub to be able to access this data. 	WC
6	<p>Finance Model and Risks Update</p> <p>WC reported that the SERP back office is on target to cover operational costs although the NIP (Notice of Intended Prosecution) letter and processing NFAs (No Further Actions) under review to increase course acceptance.</p> <p>Significant overspend projected in Activity A. However, there will be lower activity/spend in winter and a monthly limit on overtime will avoid overspend.</p> <p>New routers for safety cameras now in place and capable of operating in 4G. Will roam on 3G to find any available operator.</p> <p>ITS UK limited encouraging writing to MPs and publicising issue on social media. However, RH has already written to Home Secretary and probably inappropriate for partners to use social media for this purpose.</p> <p>Essex County Council considering business case for upgrade of its camera sites on 17th July.</p>	

	<p>AP is investigating what would be required for EP to double the number of NiPs per year but feels that the whole process should be addressed so that all cases requiring court processing are addressed. Those not eligible for a course are often found to be committing other offences which bring harm to communities.</p> <p>The meeting moved outside to engage with the NH HGV cab and EP commercial vehicle unit team which was on its way to the M11 to provide visible policing presence particularly to commercial drivers as officers in the HGV cab able to view inside other HGV cabs to detect distraction. The Board thanked the team for taking the time to stop for us and explain a little about their work. This also gave Board Members the opportunity to sign the Vision Zero pledge and for a Board photograph.</p>	
7	<p>Vision Zero Communications Update.</p> <p>The Vision Zero pledge was launched in 2023 and encourages supporters to take responsibility for their safety and the safety of others, whenever and however they use the roads. The concept is based on evidence showing that pledges are effective in changing behaviours. Essex is the first county to begin a pledge campaign- we are leading the way in road safety!</p> <p>SH will create a bespoke email signature/social media post for anyone that would like it. This will help increase awareness of Vision Zero and encourage others to sign the pledge.</p> <p>We will produce partnered communications on our platforms, about your commitment to Vision Zero.</p> <p>Our next steps are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek high profile signings. • Drip feed messaging- including acknowledging road deaths. • Business strategy launch- LinkedIn and email marketing (directory is being created,) Driving for Better Business, training and education- targeting business leaders/ fleet managers. • Schools, education providers (in Sept). • General awareness raising of the Vision Zero campaign. <p>Board members put forward several names and ideas for contact which will be followed up.</p> <p>Discussion around whether businesses could be encouraged to undertake random drug testing of drivers. Issues with employment contracts may be a barrier. JH explained that RJ already randomly drug test and will speak to SB to see if more could be done to highlight the issue of drug driving.</p> <p>Action: SH to provide Cllr LS with email containing explanation of Vision Zero and link to signing the pledge, for him to send to high profile Essex residents.</p> <p>Action: JH to speak to SB to explore the possibility of random drug testing events of RJ drivers.</p>	<p>SH</p> <p>JH</p>

<p>8</p>	<p>Partner Updates:</p> <p>E&HAAT (BM): The charity has attended 1347 jobs this year of which 270 were RTCs of which 233 were moderate to fatal. 153 of these were in Essex. A new helicopter has been ordered for Earls Colne base, with better range; to be operational from April 2014. A new Centre for Excellence has been set up to look at research and development, education and community. Community work is led by Adam Carr who is seeking to deliver CPR training in schools but is also looking at emergency response. E&HAAT will be training 12 police medics to help reduce time to care for Essex residents and crash victims. E&HAAT also looking at opportunities to reduce carbon and for sustainability which include planting many trees (but not by the highway!).</p> <p>Thurrock Council (NT): Looking at how corporate consultation could be improved. Vision Zero days have been well received by the public. Thurrock been given powers for moving traffic offences but require back-office support.</p> <p>PFCC (RH): Next tranche of Safer Street Fund launched. Could this help support the safe system approach? Could it be used to help 'tidy' an area by decluttering the roadside, removing redundant poles/signs etc.? Cllr LS noted that he had similar requests to those made to RH so could work together to maximise effectiveness of funding and projects.</p> <p>Action: RH suggested a working group look at this with SH/AP/NJF</p> <p>Essex Police (AP): EP have received an electric Mustang from Ford which will be livered with Vision Zero and will be used at car cruise events and to promote Vision Zero. AP's Traffic team has lost 5 officers who have been taken to form a vehicle theft team for 6 months. Four additional P2W riders have been trained from the garages. The enforcement contract for DP World has now been signed providing annual processing income. DfT/NH agreed to fund a traffic officer post to support the A12 works. NH have 12 staff at working with police out of Chigwell garage. Stanway garage to move to Boreham at the end of 2023 with an outpost maintained at Thorpe.</p> <p>Action: AP and IA to coordinate vehicle livery.</p> <p>ECFRS (AM): 56 events attended so far of which 23 were for P2W and 10 for young drivers, engaging with over 5000 people including in army Barracks and colleges. New car provided by Audi and awaiting their approval of desired Vision Zero livery. Electric vehicle events popular and EF&RS led a piece with BBC about what EF&RS is doing. A Richardson spoke about EXIT project at the recent E&HAAT Aeromedical conference and will be supporting its introduction in Essex (EXIT covers new, quicker methods for extrication of vehicle occupants involved in crashes which will improve their chances of survival by allowing quicker medical intervention)</p> <p>ECC (JH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing the safe system approach into the LTP4 • Feeding into RIS3 (DfT Road Investment strategy) highlighting the need to invest in rural A roads with poorer safety records. Also noting that speed is not really mentioned, certainly not as a layer of 	<p>SH</p> <p>AP/AI</p>
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protection. Reduced speeds will have the quickest and biggest impact on reducing risk for all road users on all networks and will support more consistent journey times and reduced emissions. Electric vehicles, which are heavier than current petrol/diesel stock, have higher kinetic energy levels in collisions so, at the same speed they will cause more severe injury despite vehicle safety measures (which often remain unused by the driver). They also cause greater damage to the road surface and infrastructure at a time when we are already in managed decline. (The SERP has responded to the consultation through PACTS.)

- Supporting the introduction/support for the safe system in district local transport plans
- Supporting the safe system through developer funding where possible; seeking to enhance speed limit compliance and safe speeds to facilitate active travel.
- Considering the safe system and safe speeds within cycle schemes as part of discussions within the Essex Cycle Technical Advisory Group
- Led by the road safety team, discussing possible cost-effective actions within various teams including red claims, green claims, maintenance, development management, asset management, road safety engineering, street lighting and capital schemes. Design remains a target area.
- Progressing with its Route Hierarchy review (Place and Movement approach) ensuring that it reflects and facilitates the shift towards the safe system approach, sustainable travel, climate change and safety (safer, greener, healthier) and pushing for resources to review the Speed management Strategy.
- Exploring the cost effectiveness of using iRAP in the development of major capital schemes.
- Including Vision Zero and the safe System Approach in the LHPs member briefing pack and training.
- Focussing on some detailed issues to explore what the safe system requires the highway authority to deliver and how this might be achieved. This allows different teams to understand how they contribute and to have ownership of elements of the process. Current lines of enquiry include de-cluttering the roadside to provide a safer run-off area for vehicles unintentionally leaving the carriageway, central islands and white lining to keep vehicles on the carriageway and to service the safety systems of modern vehicles.
- Encouraging/requiring RJ supply chain partners to have a robust driving for work policy to be a partner (and working with them to develop one if necessary) to complement the requirements for safe working practices.
- Understanding the total cost of collisions to the social care budget and the disproportionately high expenditure on those involved in RTCs. Final report awaited.
- Continually discussing the safe system approach with other authorities/partners to learn and collaborate.

National Highways (LS): Op Tramline in progress (visited the meeting today). LS focussed on internal processes and trying to embed safety improvements into maintenance schemes. Scheme delivery costs

	<p>much higher than expected leading to some schemes having to be postponed. A120 barrier replacement works. 'Quick' safety wins being explored such a reducing speed limits. Providing support for Norfolk and Suffolk and Road Victims Trust now supporting these areas.</p>	
9	<p>Implementation of strategic actions in the Vision Zero Strategy</p> <p>Roads and Roadsides (NJF) – The group has not met since the last Board meeting. The focus remains on understanding what actions are likely to provide the best return on investment for reducing casualty severity and risk and how these can be implemented. Use of iRAP for major schemes would deliver the safest future.</p> <p>Post Collision Response – Included in EF&RS partner update above.</p>	
10	<p>Relocation update</p> <p>ECC Property Service indicate that it may be possible to move into Ely house, Basildon within 6 months. There are no major issues for EP and approval will be sought from Police board.</p>	
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr LS expressed his thanks to Ben for his hospitality at North Weald E&HAAT base today and is very much looking forward to working with the SERP to make Essex's 5100 miles of road safer.</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meetings:</p> <p>Governance Board - October 18th 2023 Audi, Chelmsford tbc Jan 11th 2024 April 17th 2024</p> <p>Strategic Group – Sept 20th - tbc Dec 13th Kelvedon Park tbc</p>	