

# Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document


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<b>Committee</b>	Safer and Stronger Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Topic</b>	Road Safety Issues (in this order)  (a) Speed management strategy  (b) Two wheelers	<b>Ref:</b> SSC-SCR-08  File E.41.01/8/8
<b>Objective</b>	(a) Consider and comment on updated Speed Management Strategy, prior to implementation by the Cabinet Member  (b) Consider whether safety levels in Essex are particularly poor in respect of both motor cyclists and pedal cyclists and, if so, consider how improved safety standards may be brought about.	
<b>Reasons for undertaking review</b>	Remit for road safety has passed to this Committee and it is an activity that has not been scrutinised for some time.  (a) Speed management strategy is now due for refresh.  (b) Anecdotal evidence suggests that two wheeler safety is perceived to be poor in Essex.	
<b>Topic suggested by</b>	Committee	
<b>Method</b> • Initial briefing to define scope • Task & Finish Group • Commission • Full Committee	Yes	
<b>Membership</b> <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	N/A	
<b>Issues to be addressed</b>	On item (a):  Existing Strategy and changes proposed in new Strategy Links with Local Transport Plan and Highways Agency as part of co-	

	<p>ordinated activity across the county  Key Performance Indicators and their usefulness  Views of Essex Police  How are speed limits chosen?  National policy on speed limits  Highways landscape design and effect on speed and safety  Are KSI statistics uniform through the county and, if not, what measures need to be taken in high KSI areas?  Issues on A12 in particular</p> <p>On item (b)</p> <p>What are current ECC policies in relation to two wheelers?  Does Essex actually have a poor record of deaths of motor cyclists and/or cyclists?  Where do most accidents occur (i.e. main roads, country roads, suburban areas) and when (weekends, at night)?  Current campaigns to train motor cyclists and cyclists, with usage  Views of active bikers  Any implications from 2012 Legacy on cycling</p>
<p><b>Sources of Evidence and witnesses</b></p> 	<p>(a) ECC officers and members  Casualty Reduction Board  Essex Police  Officers of District Councils when KSI variant from the norm.</p> <p>(b) Essex Police  Essex Safety Board  Bikers (via Councillor Robinson if willing)  Council's cycling champion  2012 Legacy Team</p>
<b>Work Programme</b>	Autumn – Winter 2009 (will not start before October 2009 and will require more than one meeting).
<b>Indicators of Success</b>	
<p><b>Meeting the CfPS Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i></li> <li>• <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i></li> <li>• <i>Own the scrutiny process</i></li> <li>• <i>Impact on service delivery</i></li> </ul>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>

<b>Date agreed by Committee</b>	April 2009, and reiterated in July 2009 by reconstituted Committee.		
<b>Future Action</b>			
<b>Governance Officer</b>	Graham Redgwell	<b>Committee Officer</b>	Janet Mills
<b>Service Lead Officer(s)</b>	Various		