

COMMUNITES COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTORCYCLIST TRAINING –RIDER REFINEMENT EVALUATION

ABSTRACT

Through the Roads & Transport Service, Angus Council has been a partner in a motor cycle training programme covering the North East of Scotland over the past two years. The programme has been evaluated and a report of the outcomes is attached for information.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Police Scotland initiated a Rider Refinement training programme in 2018 working with local authorities covering the North East of Scotland, covering the Highland, Grampian and Tayside areas, and with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- 1.2 The aim of the programme was to provide additional training to motorcycle riders using a balance of classroom and practical road riding with experienced police motor cycle officers. The training took place over the last two years in 6 localities over each year and has been attended by over 400 hundred participants, 56 of whom attended the events in Forfar which were hosted at Forfar Fire Station.
- 1.3 The initial funding was provided by Transport Scotland with a £2000 contribution from the Angus Council's Traffic revenue budget 2019/20. The council's Communications team were also involved in awareness raising of the opportunity of the training.
- 1.4 Motor cycle accidents have been an issue in Angus with 12 in 2017; 9 in 2018; 8 in 2019. The training is of benefit to riders from the Angus area and any participants using Angus roads.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 ibp Strategy & Research have undertaken an evaluation of the initiative to date and a copy of the report is attached.
- 2.2 The initiative is continuing into 2020 and arrangements are being developed for this year's course with a similar financial contribution being allocated from the Traffic revenue budget for 2020/21 to assist in accident reduction in Angus.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix:

Appendix 1 - ibp Strategy & Research – Police Scotland Rider Refinement 2019 Evaluation Report