

## Report to the Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel

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**Title:** Report of the Police & Crime Panel's Task and Finish Group on Road Safety in Thames Valley

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### **Background**

1. At the Police and Crime Panel's meeting of 15 September 2023, approval was given to the formation of a Task and Finish Group to enable the Panel to scrutinise how the PCC holds the Chief Constable to account in relation to Road Safety. Cllr Brazier (Chair) , Cllr McLean, Cllr Rowland, Cllr Shaik and Cllr Webber were appointed to the Task and Finish Group.
2. Four meetings of the Task and Finish Group took place and details of the terms of reference, witnesses who submitted evidence and recommendations are included in the final report (Appendix 1)

### **Recommendations:**

**That approval be given to final report and the following recommendations contained in the report and that the PCC be asked to take them forward:**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** The Road Safety Strategy be shared with the Police and Crime Panel. That better coordination and communication take place on the strategy to the different local authority tiers in Thames Valley, to Highways / Road Safety Teams within local authorities and National Highways.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** That better coordination and partnership work take place between Roads Policing and local authorities on sites chosen for Police attention.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:** That all speed data from local authorities, CSW volunteers and SIDS be fed into the Roads Policing Unit.

**RECOMMENDATION 4:** That West Berkshire Community Speedwatch Scheme should be considered as good practice by other local authorities to support local volunteer groups. As such ensuring all stakeholders are fully on board with community concerns around speeding.

**RECOMMENDATION 5:** It was agreed that there was potential for more consistent monitoring and follow-up to improve the CSW system's effectiveness and the PCC was asked to implement this with TVP.

**RECOMMENDATION 6:** That the PCC be asked to investigate linking DVLA data with Community Speedwatch data and using police staff with calibrated cameras alongside the Community Speedwatch volunteers to improve the scheme.

**RECOMMENDATION 7:** That the PCC be asked to look at the use of data sharing (postcode data) between TVP and local authorities and CSW schemes.

**RECOMMENDATION 8:** That consideration be given to the creation of a forum for Community Speedwatch volunteers to enable them to give feedback, to share current good practice and to receive refresher training on the full functionality of the on-line system.

**RECOMMENDATION 9:** The PCC be asked to explore the use of funding from the Road Safety Fund for training officers to use TruCAMS and update the current equipment (3-6 devices available).