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No	Recommendation	Progress / Planning	Funding	Implementation
1	Link the road safety strategy into the Community Safety Strategy	Complete	N/A	Completed 2023
2	Wirral Council to explicitly adopt a Safe Systems/ Vision Zero approach to Road Safety	Liverpool City Region strategy adopted November 2022. Wirral Road Safety Plan to be taken to the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee in September 2023.	N/A	In progress 2023
3	Wirral Council to adopt a short-term aim of an average reduction in KSI	Quarterly KSI key performance management results to be reported to Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee. Merseyside Road Safety Partnership currently exploring targets in line with new LCR strategy.	N/A	In progress 2023
4	The working group requested that officers look at reducing speed limits on all main roads and ensure consistent speed limits, avoiding small sections with higher limits	Project brief in development with view to review existing speed limits on all 'A', 'B' and strategic 'C' classified roads, appointing specialist advisors. Focus initially has been on actions 5&6.	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	In progress 2024/25
5	20mph zones are introduced in all areas that are predominantly residential, retail, or educational.	Phase 1: Implementation stage: 15 areas in 2022/23 with an expected completion date Summer 2023. Phase 2: Funding approved CRSTS programme for 2023/24 . Public consultation is set to begin in Summer 2023.	Combined Authority Transport Plan / City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	In progress 2022/23 - 2024/25
6	Engage with other authorities that have implemented 20mph zones and link in with organisations such as Sustrans and Living Streets to share best practice	Engagement with neighbouring authorities and stakeholders including 20's Plenty For Us Campaign Group to be completed as part of 20mph speed limit feasibility study. Officers have established links with Sustrans through involvement in developing Liveable Neighbourhoods. Desktop research for reports produced by Bristol City Council and Wales to inform communications plan and roll out.	Combined Authority Transport Plan / City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	Completed April 2022

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7	Consistent use of speed limit signs and use of existing street furniture columns where available.	Project brief in development with view to review existing speed limits on all 'A', 'B' and strategic 'C' classified roads, appointing specialist advisors. Focus initially has been on actions 5&6.	Combined Authority Transport Plan / City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	In progress 2024/25
8	Use physical speed reduction methods such as chicanes where compliance is poor and residents are in support of this	Monitoring and evaluation approximately 12 months from first implementation of phase 1 20mph to determine if any additional features are required. Meanwhile where there is a known collision record, locations will be assessed as part of our annual local safety review and included within our capital programme.	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	On-going 2024/25
9	Deliver the School Streets programme Wirral Wide	Three permanent schemes in Wirral. Remaining three schools are being trialled via the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. Growing list of requests from members of public, schools and Councillors. Enforcement powers applied for to trial at 1 school, awaiting outcome from Parliament. Future schemes have been Identified in indicative City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Combined Authority Transport Plan programme for 2024/27	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	In progress 2021/22- 2022/23
10	Ensure adequate funding for Road Safety Educational type schemes as well as Road Safety Officer Training	Restructure within the Road Safety Team to create a new Road Safety Strategy Manager post with responsibility for identifying funding streams in partnership with senior managers. Addition of two new Team Leaders and the introduction of an externally funded Active Travel Officer.	Existing Revenue & external funding	Complete 2022
11	The working Group requests that crash sites involving young people/cyclists and all major junctions to be audited on bike and on foot	All KSI sites are audited in connection with Merseyside Police. For any new major highway improvements, the relevant road safety audit is undertaken.	N/A	Ongoing

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12	Ensure all elected members have regular opportunities for road safety training, similar to the carbon literacy opportunities currently available.	To date, elected members were invited to observe virtual road safety Senior Road User sessions and training sessions regarding LTN1/20 technical guidance for active travel which prioritises safety for users. Further training will be offered	N/A	Ongoing
13	Guarantee ongoing interactive consultation/engagement with residents, campaigners and all elected members	The existing consultation process involves publication of notices in the press, display of notices on site, delivery of letters to properties affected, engagement with Ward Members, Party Spokespersons, and various agencies / groups. As part of recent schemes including School Streets we have utilised the councils Have Your Say portal and social media channels and we will continue to adopt this approach. The Active Travel Members working group has been established and will be meeting in January 2022. The existing Active Travel Forum will be relaunched in the Spring with a drive to increase membership and wider stakeholder engagement. The LCR also have established an Active Travel Forum which is open to all residents	N/A	Ongoing
14	Agree a percentage reduction in KSIs and /or collisions/all casualties and have regular updates to committee using an agreed dashboard and standard national comparison data.	Quarterly KSI key performance management results to be reported to Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee. Merseyside Road Safety Partnership currently exploring targets in line with new LCR strategy.	N/A	2022/23 Ongoing
15	Officers to work with schools to add signage to junctions where schoolchildren cross, in order to raise awareness among drivers that children are likely to be crossing	This recommendation conflicts with recommendations by the working group to reduce street clutter. Initiatives such as School Streets, Liveable Neighbourhoods, Safer Routes to School consider the wider area and journeys to / from schools.	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	Recommendation not progressed, alternative options ongoing

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16	Seek all opportunities to secure additional funding and designate officer responsibility	Restructure within the Road Safety Team to create a new Road Safety Strategy Manager post with responsibility for identifying funding streams in partnership with senior managers. Officers working cross directorate to secure funding to support priorities as part of integrated approach to placemaking and regeneration.	Existing Revenue	Ongoing
17	Use all available highways and infrastructure spending with a view to improving road safety as an absolute priority	Officers reported to Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee in March 2022 with recommendations as part of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement programme for 2022/23, and next 4 years indicative programme, together with evidence-based justification for recommended hierarchy	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	Complete Mar-22
18	Lobby Government for additional funding and any necessary powers needed to improve road safety	Officers can support Members with lobbying local changes. For national changes, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority provide opportunities for individual highway authorities to respond to consultations on changes to legislation relating to road safety and invite submissions to bid for specific funding. Council working as part of Mersey Dee Alliance and have submitted bids for funding as part of Fiscal Stimulus Package/Cross Border recovery deal which includes bid for additional funding for high quality active travel infrastructure.	N/A	Ongoing
19	Develop a pipeline of projects that can be brought forward for implementation when funding opportunities arise	Limited resources prevent development of preliminary scheme concepts and optioneering for future projects. We are exploring options to strengthen this area. Officers working cross directorate on this to secure additional funding from the Combined Authority and that pre development of schemes is recognised as a priority at the Combined Authority.	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	Ongoing
20	Work with partners, including and especially Merseyside Police, on more and better enforcement of road safety	Road Safety Team work closely with partners in Merseyside Road Safety Partnership, identifying key locations for enforcement and through the Joint Agency Group (JAG) meetings. The Community Safety Strategy includes Road Safety as a key strand. Workshops	N/A	Ongoing

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		for enforcement activity taking place 2023.		
21	Work with Police Crime Commissioner in regard to item 20	PCC attends Merseyside Road Safety Partnership board and existing teams have established links.	N/A	Ongoing
22	Lobby for additional support from the Safer Roads Watch scheme	Wirral Council's road safety team take a leading role in SRW in Wirral. Great progress is being made over 70 volunteers across 11 groups and improvements to streamlined back-office processes, supported by MRSP. Support from local police is increasing.	Existing Revenue & City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement	Complete / Ongoing
23	Deliver further on active travel networks and LTNs with improved consultation of local communities	Officers are currently working with Sustrans and local stakeholders, including schools and residents, to codevelop and design a Liveable Neighbourhood (incorporating a school neighbourhood cluster) in Bebington to develop a business case which could be used to secure future funding	Sustrans	2022/23 - 2023/2024
24	Adequately fund our outreach and education activities, as a supplement to speed reduction, engineering for safer roads and better enforcement	Restructure within the Road Safety Team to create a new Road Safety Strategy Manager post with responsibility for identifying funding streams in partnership with senior managers	Existing Revenue	Complete
25	Continue to deliver engagement via our communications team regarding the data showing how walking and cycling benefit local businesses and the local high street.	Promotion of walking and cycling, including the promotion of improvements to infrastructure. Recent coverage includes School Streets, cycle training provision, Eastham cycle way, School Crossing Patrol recruitment etc. Introduction of the Active Travel Hub on public facing Have Your Say website.	N/A	Ongoing

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26	Increase road safety information on existing council social media channels which already have engaged and large audiences	Continue to raise awareness of road safety on social media accounts. Including School Crossing Patrol recruitment, Safer Roads Watch, School Streets, Brake Road Safety Week, Mind Your Business Project for local employers. Visibility Campaign launched 2021/22 across the borough.	N/A	Ongoing
27	All road safety comms and documents to avoid the use of “accidents” and use more blame neutral terms such as “crash” or “collision”	Officers have been briefed on this and are implementing.	N/A	Complete
28	All council policies and decisions to seek a reduction in car use	All staff requested to complete Climate Emergency training. Council policies to seek a reduction on car use have been incorporated into the Climate Emergency Action Plan with reports to the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee	N/A	Ongoing
29	Promote active travel and awareness of the benefits to health, well-being, air quality, reduced GHG emissions, reduced noise pollution – as well as road safety	All staff requested to complete Climate Emergency training. The new Local Road Safety Plan for Wirral will incorporate safe, sustainable travel and link to local and national policies. Introduction of the Active Travel Hub on public facing Have Your Say website.	N/A	Ongoing
30	Align road safety with our Environment and Climate Emergency Action plan and well as the new LCR Road Safety Strategy	This action is underway. Refer to action 1 and 2	N/A	In Progress 2022/23
31	Work with Public Health and Children’s Services especially schools to achieve road	Restructure within the Road Safety Team to create a new Road Safety Strategy Manager post with responsibility for developing links with colleagues.	Existing Revenue	Ongoing

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	safety targets			
32	Fund the additional staff that will likely be required to deliver these actions and save lives.	Restructure within the Road Safety Team to create a new Road Safety Strategy Manager. Addition of two new Team Leaders and the introduction of an externally funded Active Travel Officer.	Existing Revenue & External funding	Complete 2022