

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2001

PASS PLUS SCHEME FOR NOVICE DRIVERS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report discusses the continuing support for and interest in the Pass Plus scheme for young drivers and the recognition of the success of the scheme by the Scottish Accident Prevention Council.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the committee agree:

- (i) to note the continuing support for and interest in the Pass Plus Scheme for newly qualified drivers;
- (ii) to note that the success of the scheme has been recognised by the Scottish Accident Prevention Council who have awarded the council a Certificate of Commendation.

2 DETAILS

At its meeting on 27 April 2000 the Roads Committee agreed to continue providing a $\frac{2}{3}$ subsidy of £60 towards the cost to each young driver of a Pass Plus Course to be provided by an approved driving school. Funding was made available from the Roads Department Revenue Budget (£9000) with a further subsidy available from the Partners Versus Crime (PVC) initiative (£2960). In 2000/01, 174 young drivers were granted the £60 contribution at a total cost of £10440 from the available funding of £11960 thus leaving £1520 still unspent from the PVC funding.

Once again a sum of £9000 has been made available from the Roads Department Revenue budget for the promotion of the Pass Plus Scheme which with the balance of the PVC money gives a total of £10520 available for 2001/02. This budget will be sufficient to maintain the level of subsidy provided to young drivers during 2000/01.

As stated in the previous committee reports it is difficult to quantify the success of the Pass Plus Scheme from the accident records. However it is encouraging to note the continued interest from young drivers in taking part in the scheme and undoubtedly young driver training must improve road safety in the longer term.

The success of the scheme in Angus has been recognised by the Scottish Accident Prevention Council which has awarded the Roads Department a Certificate of Commendation. (See Appendix A).

3 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of sponsoring 150 young drivers through the Pass Plus Scheme in 2001/2002 will be £9000 and this is being met from the Roads Department's Revenue Budget for Road Safety. £1520 is also available from the unspent portion of the Partners Versus Crime Funding which will be sufficient to sponsor a further 25 young drivers thus sustaining the level of support to young drivers provided during 2000/01.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from the proposals in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No 440/99 - Pass Plus Scheme For Novice Drivers approved by the Roads Committee on 20 April 1999.

Report No 1022/99 - Pass Plus Scheme For Novice Drivers approved by the Roads Committee on 14 October 1999.

Report No 440/00 - Pass Plus Scheme For Novice Drivers approved by the Roads Committee on 27 April 2000.

Report No 1203/00 - "Make Our Communities Safer" Challenge Competition 2001 - 2002. Angus Young Drivers Programme approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 24 October 2000.

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