



Highway Safety

Economy & Neighbourhood Scrutiny Panel

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Topics to cover

- Kirklees Council statutory duties
- Delivering our statutory duties
- Current position, trends and benchmarking
- A look to the future - Vision Zero



Kirklees Council Statutory Duties

The 1988 Road Traffic Act Section 39 states:

39 (2) Each local authority must prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety and may make contributions towards the cost of measures for promoting road safety taken by other authorities or bodies.

In addition local authorities must carry out studies into crashes arising out of the use of vehicles on roads, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents, and in constructing new roads, must take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use.

These responsibility and duties are lead on and administrated by the Highway Safety Team which includes Casualty Reduction, Community Traffic Measures and Road Safety.



Delivering our Statutory Duties

- Monitor ALL collisions reported to the Police
- Analyse and investigate reported evidence on circumstances and related contributory factors
- Develop yearly programmes of work and interventions
- Undertake Road Safety Audits (RSA) for new schemes on the highway
- Develop Education and Training packages



In Addition to our Statutory Duties

The councils contributes additional funding to Highway Safety to address concerns raised through surveys, inspections and by ward councillors and residents on a priority basis. For example:-

- Refreshing of road markings
- Safe routes to school
- Small scale Safety interventions
- School Crossing Patrols
- Road safety training in schools
- Targeted road safety publicity
- Modeshift
- Speed Indicator Device programme
- Review of all speed limits
- Launching Kirklees Highways Road Safety Strategy
- Vision Zero



Budget

- City Regional Sustainable Settlement (CRSTS) monies – c£900k per year (2022-2027)
- Council Capital borrowing – £250k per year
- Highway Safety Revenue Funding - c£577k per year
- Total for capital and revenue c£1.7m per year

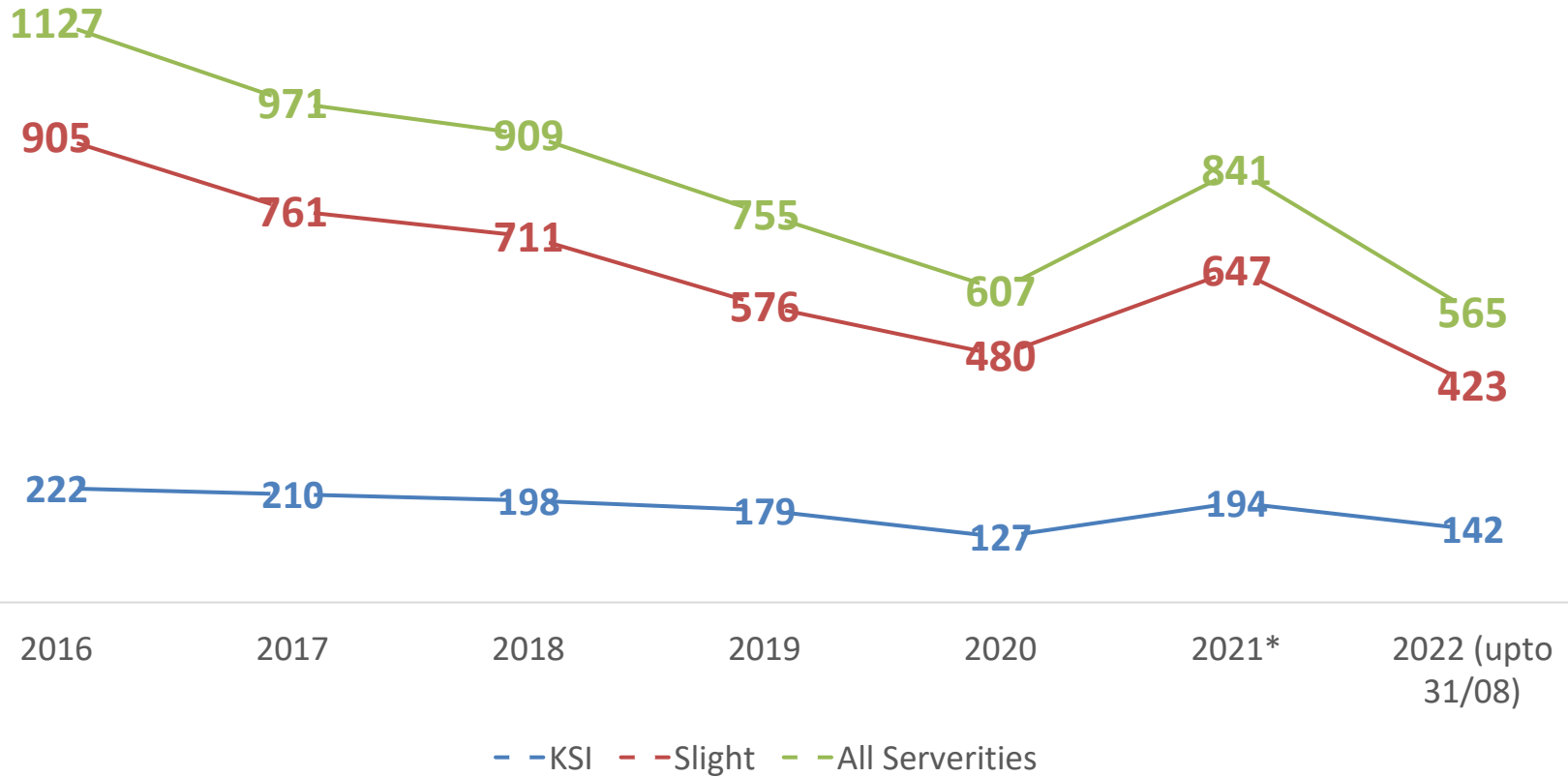
In addition:-

- Additional bid to WYMCA for the outcomes of the Speed Limit Review



Current Position, Trends and Benchmarking

KIRKLEES - ALL SERVERITIES

































*2021 – Introduction of CRASH police recording system



Current position, trends and benchmarking cont.

5-year average data (2016-2020 vs 2021)

| | Kirklees KSI | WY KSI | Kirklees all severities | WY all severities |
|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  15.7% |  7% |  8.3% |  8.3% |
|  |  47.3% |  33% |  38.6% |  38.6% |
|  |  3.8% |  20% |  0.9% |  15.2% |
|  |  36.4% |  25% |  16.8% |  12.3% |
|  |  0.7% |  0.6% |  10.7% |  4.5% |
|  All |  3.6% |  2.7% |  3.8% |  1.4% |



Vision Zero

- Commitment to Road Safety by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- Premise that no-one should be killed or suffer lifelong injury in a road traffic incident.
- Governed by the Vision Zero Board
- Embedded across several WYMCA plans and strategies
- Ambition is to eliminate road deaths and serious injuries (KSIs) to zero over time and Improve road safety for everyone using a safe systems approach



Vision Zero cont'd

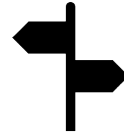
Five Pillars of a Safe System Approach:-



Safe vehicles



Safe speeds



Safe roads



Safe behaviours

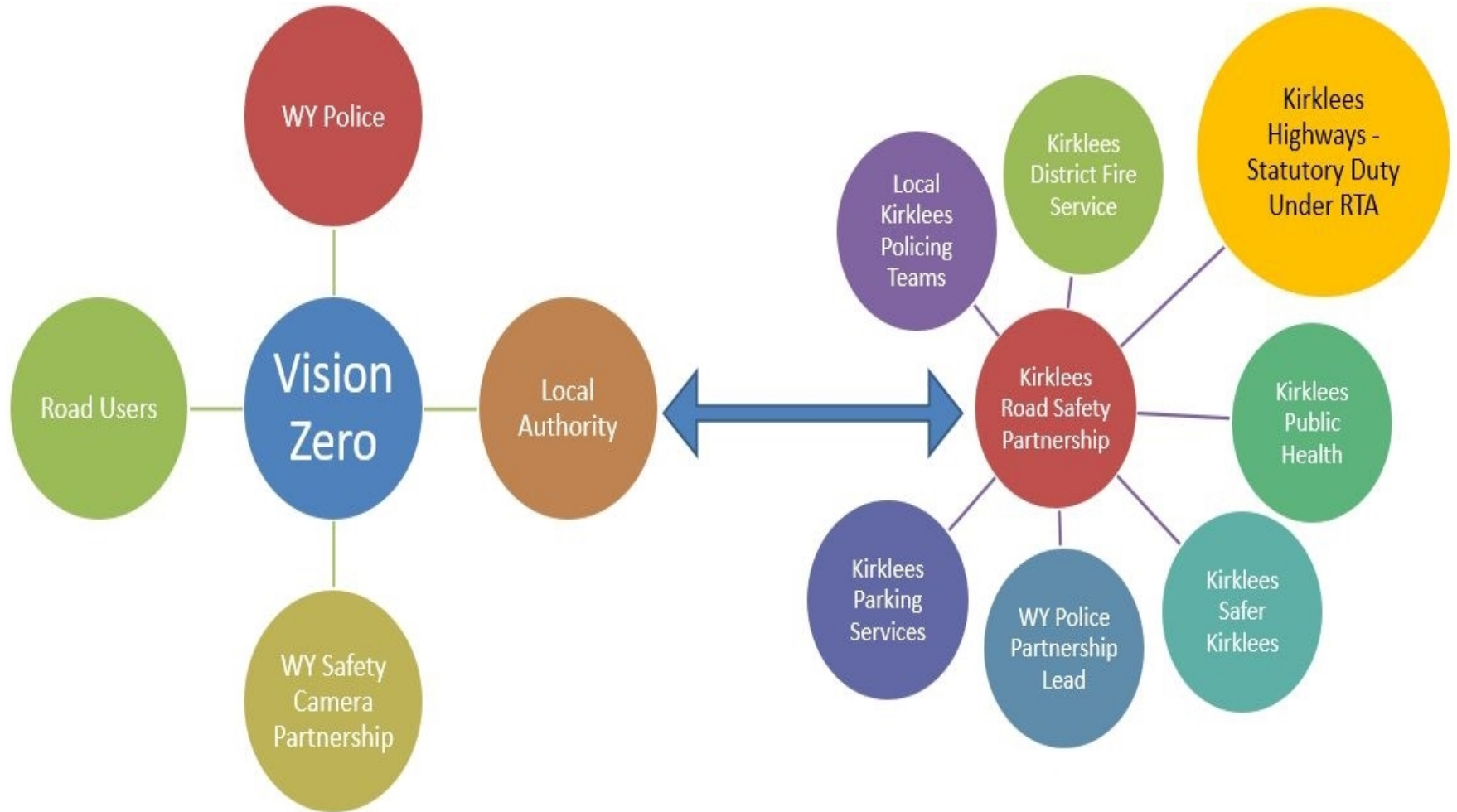


Post collision learning and care

The ambition is for WY to have zero killed or seriously injured (KSIs) casualties on the roads by 2040 – using 2021 data as the baseline this, means on a straight line protective the prevention of 11 KSIs per year is required.



Key Road Safety Stakeholders in WY and Kirklees



Any Questions

