

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

23 April 2019

Chairman's Announcement: *Killed and Seriously Injured Incidences*

Background

The Committee received a report on Reduced Road Casualties at their [13 March 2018](#) meeting. At the [6 November 2018](#) meeting, the Committee considered the 'Highways Annual Review of Service' and asked for the Council to take all practical measures to reduce Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) incidences. This Chairman's Announcement is to provide an update on the matter.

Main Considerations

Nationally, the number of fatalities in road traffic collisions has plateaued since 2010. (National figures for serious and slight injuries are not comparable to previous years, due to changes in reporting systems by some Police forces.) The Transport Committee have recently launched an inquiry⁽¹⁾ to scrutinise the Government's approach to road safety, prompted by concern that progress in reducing the number and severity of road traffic collisions has levelled off.

Local reductions in collisions and KSI figures are encouraging, but cannot be attributed to a single cause. Highway engineering schemes, education initiatives, and enforcement activity across the county will all have a part to play, together with factors including improvements in vehicle technology and societal changes such as reduced licence uptake and car use by young people.

The Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership continue to analyse local collision data and to target behaviour change interventions to those groups and areas which are overrepresented in the statistics.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/transport-committee/news-parliament-2017/road-safety-launch-17-19/>