

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

LEAD MEMBER – TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY SUMMARY

PROVISION OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS	<u>PS 5/1</u>
PURPOSE OF POLICY	
To ensure that School Crossing Patrols are provided on the basis of impartially assessed need	
SPECIFIC POLICIES	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Subject to conditions patrols may be provided for infant, junior and primary school children. School Crossing Patrols are not generally provided at Secondary Schools, experience has shown that older children do not find such a service appropriate and other measures need to be considered at these locations. When a request for a patrol service to serve secondary school pupils is received the County Council will work with the school and local community to find the most appropriate solution to any problem.2. The requirements considered when assessing a proposed school crossing patrol site, in terms of the numbers of children crossing, passing traffic and road conditions, will be in accordance with the recommendations of the current Local Authority Road Safety Officers' Association, School Crossing Patrol Service Guidelines3. Sites meeting the requirements in Specific Policy 2 above will be fully funded by the County Council. Other sites may be provided with a patrol subject to Specific Policy 6 below.	
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SUPPORTING STATEMENT	
This policy sets out an impartial measure of the need for a School Crossing Patrol at any site. The standards set out in the Local Authority Road Safety Officers' Association Guidelines are nationally accepted best practice and are considered appropriate for adoption in East Sussex	
<u>References – Further Information</u>	<u>Date of Approval</u>
RAP Sub-Committee	07.03.1978
H & T Committee - Agenda Item 5	06.01.1984
Lead Member for Transport and Environment - Agenda Item 8	01.09.2008

Specific Policies (continued)

4. All school crossing patrol sites shall be regularly reviewed on the following basis or more frequently if site conditions alter:
 - Sites below twice the criteria - every year
 - Sites above twice but below four times the criteria - every two years
 - Sites above four times the criteria - every four years
5. When a patrol resigns or a zebra crossing is constructed the site shall be reassessed. At sites where the criteria in Specific Policy 2 above are met a school crossing patrol will be retained. Where a site no longer meets the relevant criteria Specific Policies 6, 7 and 8 will apply
6. Where a site does not meet the criteria in Specific Policy 2 above, an unpaid volunteer(s) or appropriate sponsor to fund a patrol can be used. The school or other local community body, such as the Parish Council, will be responsible for recruiting volunteer(s) or securing sponsorship. The County Council will train, equip, insure and supervise the patrol officer.
7. Sites served by a newly constructed zebra crossing, which as a result, no longer meet the criteria set out in Specific Policy 2 will be fully funded by the County Council for one month from the date the crossing comes into service. At the end of this period Specific Policy 6 will apply.
8. At sites where a light controlled crossing such as a Puffin or Toucan crossing is constructed the patrol service will be withdrawn. An attendant will be fully funded by the County Council for one month from the date the crossing comes into service. After that time an unpaid volunteer(s) or appropriate sponsor to fund an attendant can be used. The school or other local community body, such as the Parish Council, will be responsible for recruiting volunteer(s) or securing sponsorship. The County Council will train, equip, insure and supervise the attendant.
9. School crossing patrol sites will receive a supervisory visit once a term where possible.