

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Budget Savings £588k

This option would reduce maintenance of roads, footways, signage, and street furniture to that which is necessary to ensure safety of all highway users or to resolve significant maintenance issues.

Rationalisation of the highways inspection, asset management and enforcement arrangements, reducing the number of employees.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

Maintenance of the highway is a statutory duty; the level of maintenance is not prescribed.

IMPACT

A reduction in the service provided will result in less maintenance and a slower response to maintenance needs.

Increased customer dissatisfaction with the Council.

A reduction in highway maintenance will contribute to the increasing deterioration of the highways, which in turn may lead to increased demand for safety-related footway and carriageway inspections and repairs, and proportionately more expensive maintenance at a later date.

Reduced highway maintenance will result in deterioration in the appearance and performance of the Streetscene, influencing community wellbeing.

MITIGATION

The service would still be delivered but at a reduced level.