

MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DRAINAGE

Budget Savings £106k

This option would rationalise the highways inspection arrangements and review gully cleansing arrangements by reducing gully cleansing through better targeting of problem sites, reduce the amount of inspection and maintenance carried out to that which is necessary to ensure safety of all highway users and resolve significant highway drainage issues. Employee savings can also be made.

The maintenance of all aspects of the highway infrastructure is a statutory duty imposed on the Council as Highway Authority.

RATIONALE FOR SAVINGS

Whilst the 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.

No investigation into matters which are not the responsibility of the Council as Highway Authority.

Reduction in service may result in customer dissatisfaction with the Council, and an increase in claims against the Council for slips, trips and falls.

A reduction in highway drainage maintenance will contribute to the increasing deterioration of the highways, which in turn may lead to increased demand for carriageway inspections and repairs.

A reduction in highway drainage maintenance may result in increased standing water on the highway or flooding nearby due to run-off from the highway.

MITIGATION

A reduced level of service will still be delivered.