

EX118. A Risk Based Approach to Road Asset Safety Inspections

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which sought approval of a revised policy on road safety inspections. The revised policy was intended to ensure that the Council's approach complied with the "Well Managed Highway Infrastructure – A Code of Practice" which recommended that a risk based approach to managing all aspects of the road network was taken.

Implementation of the risk based approach was a move away from the previous prescriptive model which focussed on worst case scenario thinking when assigning categories of response. The revised approach utilised a risk matrix tool to evaluate hazard in terms of likelihood and most probable consequence. The risk posed was then categorised and the corresponding level of response determined.

Decision

The Executive agreed the adoption of the revised road safety inspection policy to fulfil the requirements of the Code of Practice in implementing a risk based approach to the maintenance and management of the road network.