

REQUEST FOR RURAL ROADS POLICY PRESENTATION

Current Arrangements

- Manage Local Road Network in accordance with Statutory Duty
- To maintain highway to ensure safe passage as far as reasonably practicable – S41 Highway Act 1980
- To ensure traffic moves freely & reduce congestion where practicable – Traffic Management Act 2004
- Take steps to prevent accidents occurring – S39 Road Traffic Act 1988

Maintenance of the Highway

- Highway Safety Inspection Manual
- Council sets its own standards based on network hierarchy
- This generally recognises the nature and character of individual roads to ensure maintained effectively
- Hierarchy also differentiates based on volume of traffic & usage – varies monthly / 3 monthly / 6 monthly
- Intervention levels are currently the same for all roads

Investment in Highway Infrastructure

- Highway maintenance 3 year Plan
- Prioritisation scoring system – considers 8 separate factors
- Main criteria visual assessment, engineer assessment & maintenance costs
- Annual works programme limited by budget available

Safety on Local Highway Network

- Review collisions on local highway network – police duty to investigate
- Use the above review to prioritise funding for future safety improvement schemes
- Also, review highway safety concerns raised on a case by case basis & consider how best to deal

Summary

- The management of individual roads is based on statutory duty
- The procedures in place generally already consider the nature and character of each road
- The above ensures that the limited capital monies available is allocated appropriately to urban & rural network