
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND
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PROCEDURE FOR ROAD SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND DEFECT CATEGORISATION

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMM

approach and minimum standard following the principles of the Well Maintained Highways Code of Practice.

- 4.4 Through Governance and Law, the Council's insurers have reviewed the procedure and are happy that this document is adopted by the Council as the Council's inspection procedure.
- 4.5 The revised inspection procedure will also assist relevant Councils to attribute resources to inspect and maintain additional roads assets not contained within their list of Public Roads. The revisions to the inspection regime increase the frequency of inspection to some categories and also introduce additional inspections to some rural footways which haven't previously been inspected. Overall there will be an additional amount of staff time to fulfil the inspection requirements in terms of on-site inspections. However, by recording inspection directly into the system and by utilising administrative support that is currently assigned to the area teams, the revised inspection regime is deliverable with existing staffing resource.
- 4.6 This approach was adopted to provide a consistent methodology to the management of the road network that will focus on delivering a proactive programme of permanent repairs to improve the condition and safety of the road network. It is intended that the implementation of this new policy/procedure will also allow performance to be monitored and reviewed, implementing any necessary improvements recognised through its use.
- 4.7 The consistent approach will also assist local authorities when defending any public liability claims that may be intimated against them.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The West of Scotland Roads Working Group, which is an officer group working through SCOTS and currently chaired and facilitated by Argyll and Bute Council, have produced a revised roads inspection consistent regime.

6.5	Equalities	Helps to ensure a safe road network
6.6	Risk	Helps to ensure a safe road network
6.7	Customer Services	None known

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Procedure for Road Safety Inspections and Defect Categorisation