

Road safety inspection and repair policy noted – Recommendation to City Administration Committee.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability regarding the proposed road safety inspection and repair policy, advising

- (1) that the policy referred to the guidance documents provided by the Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) for the management and implementation of road safety inspections, which had been revised to accommodate the local context of this Council, with the implementation of the policy being supported by a SCOTS Training toolkit;
- (2) of the Road Safety Inspection and Repair Manual for this Council, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report;
- (3) that the Council's current inspection policy, approved in 2012 in accordance with previous guidance, was not fully compliant with the new "Well Managed Highway Infrastructure – A Code of Practice" (October 2016), which recommended a risk based approach to managing all aspects of the road network and included inspection and repair;
- (4) that the new policy specifically related to a risk based procedure for conducting road safety inspection, which was the area of service that resulted in the Council's greatest number of claims;
- (5) of the key aspects and the implementation of the proposed policy;
- (6) that an effective public engagement and communication strategy would be required to promote the new policy, which would highlight key benefits and highlight how it would represent better value than existing arrangements; and
- (7) that the conclusions from the new national Code of Practice guidance produced by SCOTS would enable the Council to implement a risk based approach for road safety inspections and categorise any necessary repairs identified, which would result in a number of benefits, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the road safety inspection and repair policy; and
- (b) recommended to the City Administration Committee approval of the policy.