

East Lothian Council

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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information regarding your road maintenance policy.

1) Does your local authority use a risk based approach to the repair of highway defects such as potholes?

Yes

2) If yes to Q1, when did you switch to a risk based approach? If no to Q1, what approach do you use?

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3) How does your frequency of monitoring for highway defects, such as potholes, differ for different road types/carriageway hierarchy: as defined in Well-maintained Highways: Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management (e.g. motorway, strategic route, main distributor, secondary distributor, link road, local access road)?

Please refer to paragraph 4.2 of the Code of Practice published on East Lothian Council's (ELC) website:

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/13353/05_2005_wellmaintained_highways_code_of_practice_for_highway_management_policy_for_road_inspections

4) In what ways is your authority alerted to or detect highway defects such as potholes?

Public Information Portal, Service Inspections & Safety Inspections

5) How do you categorise highway defects, such as potholes, and how are those categories defined?

Please refer to paragraph 4.4 of the Code of Practice.

6) For identified highway defects, such as potholes, what are your intervention criteria?

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7) For the different highway defects categories identified, how quickly to you aim to repair them/what is the repair schedule once they have been entered into the system?

Please refer to paragraph 4.4 of the Code of Practice.

8) Have your intervention criteria for highway defects, such as potholes, changed in the last 5 years? If so, please indicate when, and what the previous intervention criteria were.

No

If this information is available in a highways maintenance policy document, please provide the latest copy (either as an attachment or link) and identify the page number/sections for the answers to the above questions.

It may help to explain that this legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or questions which simply require a yes/no answer. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that ELC may or may not hold. In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>