**ROAD SERVICES, EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL**

Service Manager- Alan Stubbs

**Introduction**

East Lothian Council as the Roads Authority has a statutory duty under Section 1 of the Roads (Scotland) Act to effectively manage and maintain the adopted road network within East Lothian. An adopted road is one which is on the list of public roads and managed and maintained at public expense. Non adopted roads are maintained by private individuals or other bodies such as developers or housing associations. There is approximately 1073km of adopted Road, 480km of adopted footway and 18,431 Lighting Columns within ELC that Road Services is responsible for maintaining.

Transport Scotland and there agent BEAR maintain the A1 Trunk Road.

**Background**

Since April 2000 this service was delivered by two sections under the then Head of Transportation, Road Network and Road Services. The Manager for Road Network was Brian Cooper and for Road Services was Bill Keating

The implementation of Voluntary Early Redundancy Scheme VERS and the realignment of Council services resulted in the merger of Road Network and Road Services into one combined unit in March 2014 taking forward in part the separation of the client/contractor split.

The Service is now led by the Head of Infrastructure, Tom Reid. Within Road Services there are 4 Teams each with a Team Manager. These are as follows:

1. Vacant Post – Structures, Flooding and Street lighting
2. David Henderson – Roads Operations
3. Callum Redpath – Roads Engineering
4. Ian Lennock – Asset and Regulatory

The following is a brief overview of each Team

**Structures, Street Lighting & Flooding**

This team carries out all statutory duties in relation to maintaining road structures (Bridges, Culverts, Retaining walls) and street lighting assets, including design work. ELC is responsible for the maintenance of its street lighting assets, but, some of the underground cables that supply the power to these assets are the responsibility of Scottish Power (SP). If there are faulty cables that are the responsibility of SP we will inform them of the fault as soon as we are notified. Please note it may take longer for SP faults to be repaired.

The team also carry out the Councils statutory duties under the Flood Risk Management Act 2009 and manage consultants engaged in flood risk management projects. This team is based in John Muir House.

**Roads Operations**

This team carries out the day to day operations related to the maintenance of the Road Network. This includes repair and maintenance of roads, footpaths, drainage, road verges and pothole repairs, Street Lighting, Installation and Maintenance. Maintenance and cleaning of some Bus Shelters and gully’s Emergency Provision and Winter Maintenance Service including Gritting of public roads, snow-clearing of public roads and responding to severe weather events (storms /flooding) and or vehicle accidents. This team is based at Macmerry Industrial estate.

**Roads** **Engineering**

The team carries out all statutory functions of maintaining the road network including safety inspections, needs assessments and design work. This team will complete works orders and programme capital projects and cyclic maintenance work. The team will lead in the delivery of major Civil Projects including the A1/QMU junction. This team also takes forward projects for other service Areas within ELC including the Area Partnership. They also manage and respond to 3rd party insurance claims.The team also co-ordinates the works carried out by Roads Operations team and external contractors. This team is based in John Muir House.

**Asset and Regulatory**

This team is responsible for, Road Safety, Signage, Transportation Planning, Regulatory Functions, Accident Investigation and Prevention, Parking Policy, Urban Traffic Control and Asset Management and Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure. The team is responsible for Roads related policies,School Crossing Patrol Service and Road Safety Initiatives. The team Monitors and Co-ordinates public utility works and the management of events. This team is based in John Muir House.

 Within Roads Services we have the following split:

**50** Operational front line staff (Roadworkers and Street lighting Electricians)

**32** staff (Managers, Supervisors, Engineers and Technical staff)

**43** School Crossing Guides