

### Drainage/Patching/Signing

The team locality budgets for next year have been decided. Whilst the drainage budget has stayed the same as this year, the patching budget has been significantly reduced. The monthly signage budget to maintain existing signage also remains.

### Tough Choices

Following the results of the Tough Choices consultation and the approval decisions made:-

Lengthsman – There will now be half the number of Parish Lengthsman resulting in each parish getting 2 visits annually. The lengthsman will be concentrating mainly on drainage issues.

Grass Cutting – It has been agreed that DCC will now only be cutting visibility splays in the next financial year, these visibility splays will receive 4 cuts a year. However the decision not to carry out other grass/verge cutting will of course have an impact on customer contact and the BCMT will be working on a standard response for these customers.

Further clarification is required in order to determine what constitutes a 'visibility splay' and a more definitive plan of exactly what sections will be cut under this programme.

### Office Re-location

The Barnstaple Neighbourhood Team is involved with the office re-location from the Civic Centre to the Library.

The team are going to start going through storage, files, paperwork etc in a bid to heavily reduce this to determine what needs to be taken to the Library and what is no longer required.

### I-Ways

The team have been made aware of the upcoming training available and the instructions on how to add themselves to the waiting lists. The main issues seem to be with the speed, there is a possibility that this could be an I.T issue rather than an issue with the system itself.



### StarTrek 2015

The Highways Team successfully completed the StarTrek course, in a much quicker time than last year. The results are still being calculated so we do not know the final placing as yet, a follow up article will be provided.