

### Sponsorship of infrastructure

Current situation: A review of our arrangements for sponsorship of roundabouts and other assets is ongoing and is anticipated to take longer than originally expected. Thank you to everyone that has assisted with data collection so far.

As an interim measure, applicants will now be given sponsorship deals for 12 months (as opposed to the existing 3 years).



The **Highway Services Team** processes these applications with input from the Neighbourhood Highway Officers. So requests should be directed to the highways services team in the first instance.

Applications have been on hold for a short while, and anyone on that list will be contacted in due course to see if they are still interested.

**NHO's** will need to confirm:

- the site is suitable
- the requested sponsorship signage and maintenance arrangements are appropriate and
- that there are no other potential sponsors already interested in the same location.

Moving forward: We will now explore options to determine the best way forward which may include a countywide contracted out arrangement, localised agreements (in particular with community groups) or a combination of the two.

In addition, we will be talking to colleagues across highways to identify other suitable highways infrastructure that may be suitable for sponsorship arrangements. Some sites might not be suitable for legal or safety reasons but we are potentially missing commercial opportunities to secure much needed revenue to support our service delivery.



**So, if you're got so ideas or are aware of a missed opportunity in your area please let me know.**

### Safety Inspection Policy

Thank you to everyone that contributed ideas during the most recent team days. Following your input and some further detailed work by Andy Cole, we intend to take a document to Cabinet in the autumn for consideration. The document will focus on high level guiding principles for a new approach to safety inspections, rather than significant detail at this stage.

We are looking for Cabinet agreement for the general direction towards a practical risk based policy, which is bench marked against other Local Authorities. We are also looking for their support to do trials on some favoured options in order to inform development of the final proposals, which will be put forward for agreement in early 2016. **Andy Cole** is leading this project and can provide further information if required. If you are interested in helping with the development and trials, do get in touch.





## Winter

It's not a great thought but as summer starts to turn to autumn, we're getting ready once again for winter service, which starts in October.

The main changes this year are to accommodate new highways infrastructure around the County into the salting routes, for example South Devon Link Road.

Invites for the **essential annual training** for decision makers and others involved in winter will be sent out soon.

## Civil Parking Enforcement

Audit results: The civil parking enforcement function was brought in-house last year and the Devon Audit Partnership have recently undertaken an audit of the service and found it to be of a 'good standard'.

This is an excellent result for the team given the work that has to be done over the past year - well done to all involved.



Dispensation for traders: In September we are launching the new dispensation scheme for traders and so we're proactively approaching contractors around the County to let them know about the changes. For further information on this scheme please contact **Chris Rook**.

## Happy Birthday Your Majesty – 90th Birthday Street Parties



The Queen will be 90 next year and it is likely communities will wish to celebrate with street parties. We are currently proposing to take the same approach as for the Big Lunch, with a streamlined process for applicants which is much less onerous than a standard special event. We await further information, but the annual Big Lunch and the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup>, may be marketed as one.

Our web pages will be updated shortly so keep an eye out for the latest information if you are involved with this process or fielding enquiries from the public.

## Highways Coordination Team (formerly TMU!)

Rebranding: From 1 September 2015, having a generic email address [highwaycoordination@devon.gov.uk](mailto:highwaycoordination@devon.gov.uk). There is a generic telephone number for the **Highway Coordination Team: 01392 382090**. This is to enable calls to be distributed amongst the team more evenly.

## Section 58:- Protecting our Asset: Update

The proposal notices were served approximately three months ago and in the next coming weeks we will be in the process of serving the restriction enforce notices. The significance of this is that we will be able to protect our resurfacing asset for up to three years. Utilities may still be able to dig in the road for new connections and emergencies. However now that we have these

restrictions in force we have more control on how they reinstate the asset so can ensure a longer life expectancy from our surfacing.

This data will also be available on roadworks.org for the general public to see which sections of the network are currently protected.

Work is ongoing to expand the Section 58 process to the 'B' road resurfacing programme for 2016/17.

**Traffic Lights – for Utilities:**

Highway Coordination Team (HCT) have taken on the responsibility for agreeing traffic light applications from the utilities for two-way lights. This relieves some burden from the HEO's. Three or four-way lights will still be referred to NHO's.

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