

Roads safety Plan (RAMP) – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Who is responsible for the preparation of the road safety plan?

The East Lothian Partnership is responsible for delivering Community planning in East Lothian. However, East Lothian Council, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is responsible under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Road Traffic Regulation Act 2984 for Road safety. The East Lothian Council single outcome agreement looks to secure East Lothian as an even safer place and consequently leads to the development of the Road Safety Plan to assist in the delivery of this outcome.

What is the aim of the Road Safety Plan?

The road safety plan aims to categorise the scale and characteristics of road traffic collisions and identify trends within accidents that can be mitigated; it is used to evaluate the performance of road safety proposals and initiatives, and it assists in the co-ordination of partnership working, helps meet national casualty reduction targets, and enhances delivery of the Local transport Strategy.

How does the Council intend to implement the Road Safety Plan?

The Council holds quarterly Road Safety Working Group meeting to discuss programmed engineering works, educational initiatives, enforcement campaigns and means to encourage and alter driver behaviour to make East Lothian Councils roads even safer. The Council and partners monitor the performance of projects and feedback to the Safe and vibrant communities' partnership on road safety matters for their consideration.

How much does the Council currently spend on Road Safety?

The Councils spend on road safety varies year on year and is determined as a consequence of accident, investigation and prevention. However, discrete projects are not separately identified in this regard but realised through maintenance initiatives such as surface dressing that replaced macro texture to the road or Cycling, walking and safer streets initiatives. In this regard in 2016-17 spent circa. £1m on road safety.

What are the current road safety priorities for east Lothian Council at this time?

The priorities are to reduce traffic speeds and potential serious accidents on rural roads; to understand cycle related accidents and act appropriately; to reinforce the no drink-driving message; to introduce speed limits that are appropriate and effective and to re-iterate the use the seat belt message through young driver training and road checks.

How does the Council monitor the performance of the road network with regard to skidding and vehicle collisions?

On an annual basis, the Council undertakes a machine based survey SCRIM (Sideways force coefficient Routine Investigation machine) of the A and B road network to measure and assess resistance to skidding in the wet. The Council also undertakes a high speed

road monitor that calculates the macrotexture and ride quality, which is used to prioritise investment on serviceability and safety considerations. Finally, the Council maintains a database of all road collision data supplied by Police Scotland to look at causality and attributable factors in collisions.

How many accidents were there in East Lothian?

In 2014 (i.e. the data used for the Road Safety Plan) there were 181 recorded injury accidents in East Lothian. By type these can be broken down into the following categories:-

Pedestrians 21%

Cyclists 9%

Bus 5%

Single Vehicle 19%

Two Vehicle 38%

Multi Vehicle 8%

The latest validated statistic for 2016 show 157 accidents in East Lothian.

How will we measure success?

The Council will measure success through the Road Safety Action plan proposal to evaluate the performance in a series of KPI's. It is proposed to set up arrangements to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy as part of Council business.

How will East Lothian Council decided on the outcome of this Consultation and what are the next steps?

Given the scope of the consultation, a report will be prepared by officials to identify priorities and key outcomes from the process. Feedback through the consultation process will be taken into account in the final drafting of the strategies and associated plans before coming back to Council for further scrutiny, debate and adoption subject to agreement.