Policy

Council officers will use a simple, systematic and readily usable system for the inspection, evaluation and maintenance of paved footpaths and cycleways which are under the care and control of Council.

Objective

This policy has been prepared to ensure that Council has clear and concise directions on the inspection and maintenance of footpaths to minimise public liability exposure emanating from the provision of services to the community. Council has prepared a set of procedures based on current best practice which comply with the Best Practice Manual – 'Footpaths, Nature Strips and Medians' issued by Statewide Mutual.

Procedures/Practice

1. Inspection

Upper Hunter Shire Council will conduct inspections of all of its paved footpaths/cycleways in accordance with the procedures contained in RISK MANAGEMENT – PROCEDURES – Footpaths and Cycleways (the "procedures"). This inspection program is the responsibility of the Director Infrastructure Services.

2. Assessment

Council will assess the findings of the inspection program by using the analysis tools set out in the procedures. This assessment is the responsibility of the Director Infrastructure Services.

3. Controls

Council will endeavour, at all times, to follow the order of risk as set out below:

1. eliminate the risk
2. reduce the risk
3. accept the risk

by using the techniques set out in the 'Footpaths/Cycleway' Procedures. Implementation of controls is the responsibility of the Director Infrastructure Services.

4. Monitoring

Council will monitor the results of the program by using the procedures. Adoption of this monitoring program will be the responsibility of the Director Infrastructure Services.

5. Allocated Resources

Council will allocate sufficient human and financial resources to conduct the inspections, assess conditions, and implement appropriate controls for the implementation of the policy and procedures.
References

- This policy was adopted by Council at its meeting on 30 January 2017. It replaces the policy of the same title adopted by Council on 29 January 2013.

Review Date

December 2020, by the Director Infrastructure Services

Authorised by: ..........................................................  ..................................................
Waid Crockett, General Manager  Date: 3/3/17