

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Highway Management**

### **1. Introduction**

I have been asked to report to Council by Councillor Greenslade as follows:

***on the cost of highway maintenance caused by the recent heavy rain and whether there are still roads affected by floods.***

### **2. Response**

As of 25 November, the Council received over 326 public reports of flooding for the month, including reacting to 394 call outs, at least a third of which appeared to be due to standing water/flooding. Many of the reports appeared to be as a result of defects and / or drainage systems failing due to sheer volume and blocked gullies, ditches, grips etc caused by leaf fall, debris and high water tables.

The increased volume of defects and reactive responses alone have cost in the region of £400k to date and this would continue to increase. Events such as this had a knock-on effect to highways assets affecting retaining wall and slope stability, for example the prolonged severe weather had been a significant factor in the landslide on the A386 near Landcross.

As of today's date, I am not aware that there are any roads still affected by flood water.

**Councillor Stuart Hughes**  
Cabinet Member for Highway Management