

COMMITTED TO QUALITY – THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE APPROACH TO BEST VALUE

Service Plans 2001 – 2002

Name of Service Plan Area Structural Maintenance and Surface Dressing **Service Plan Ref:** ES14

Part 1 Description of Service

Purpose of service

To provide structural maintenance and surface dressing civil engineering works designed to maintain the structural integrity, maximise the life and reduce the “whole life cost” of the highway structure.

What are the statutory parameters that regulate how the service operates?

Maintenance of public highways is a mandatory duty under the Highways Act 1980, but the maintenance method or level of expenditure is not specified.

Chairman of Policy & Resources 2001/02 Policy Steer(s) relevant to the service

Beyond seeking efficiency gains the Council will maintain – and if possible – expand its current support for Highways Maintenance. Resources to be targeted.

Resource Summary	2001-02
Budget £m	£406,003

Volume of service (2001/02)

Number of customers/users	All members of the travelling public, particularly local residents, statutory undertakers, emergency services, District/Town and Parish Councils
Number of location of sites	2966 km of roads
Number of staff (FTE)	Nil – (services supplied by contractors. Management of this service is covered by the service plan for Area Highways Maintenance Team)

Part 2 Performance of Service

Current performance (in relation to 2000-01 Service Plan outcomes and targets)

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/01	TARGET 2001/02	TARGET 2003/04
1. Roads are maintained to an adequate standard such that: 10(a), 10(d), 10(e)	1. Cost of highway maintenance per km principal roads. [NATIONAL BPVI 93]			
i. The safety of the public will not be jeopardised. 10(b)	2. Condition of principal roads. [NATIONAL BVPI 96]	(target = 13% expected performance =14%)	14%	

THREE YEAR OUTCOME	MEASURE OR INDICATOR	PERFORMANCE 2000/01	TARGET 2001/02	TARGET 2003/04
ii. The asset value of the highway is maintained at minimum cost.	3. Condition of non-principal roads [NATIONAL BPVI 97]		New BVPI	
iii. The control, protection and movement of traffic including pedestrians is given sufficient priority.	4. Traffic control/road closures due to Local Authority road works [NATIONAL BVPI 100]	(target = 0.71 per km)		
	5. Condition indices of Bucks road compared with National indices measured from NRMCS [LOCAL]	1998 -9.4 1999 -21.2		
2. Environmental Services is seen as being responsive to the needs of the community. 2(a), 4(b), 2(b)	1. Number of approved schemes developed through Local Committees	(target = 2 schemes per District Area)	5 schemes per District Area	

Portfolio Flagship Projects:

Project Outcome	Key Stages	By When
Leading: None Contributing to:		
Planning & Transportation 1 There is a visible improvement in the quality of roads by targeting resources to priority areas to ensure long-term life of the highway network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual total commitment of available budgets Measured objective improvement in the condition of A roads. Measured objective improvement in the condition of non A roads including pedestrian facilities 	<p>April 2001</p> <p>August and November 2001</p> <p>August and November 2001</p>

Part 3 For more information

Associated County Council Business Plans, and links with other Service Plans or Statutory Plans

When is the service due for a Best Value Root and Branch Review?

“Roads” Best Value Review commenced summer 2000.

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