

MAINTAINING SCOTLAND'S ROADS

1. SUMMARY

Audit Scotland issued a national report towards the end of November 2004 entitled, "Maintaining Scotland's Roads". The national report did not have any implementation dates assigned to its 9 recommendations. The Head of Roads & Amenity Services prepared an action plan incorporating the report's recommendations and added a further 3 to reflect dependent issues. The Head of Service commenced reporting to the Audit Committee and Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) in December 2004. Set out below is the current implementation position in respect of the Action Plans for 2005/06 & 2006/07.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and to be followed up by Internal Audit.

3. DETAILS

3.1 As at the 14th of February 2006, there are 2 recommendations remaining to be implemented from the 2005- 2006 Action Plan. See Appendix 1. Management have reported that they will not complete these tasks until June and September 2006. They cite staff resource issues as the reason for both being delayed.

3.2 Regarding the 2006 – 2007 Action Plan set out in Appendix 2, as at the 14th of February 2006, management have reported 10 of the 12 recommendations as progressing to plan. Of the remaining 2 recommendations management have quoted resource and IT issues as the main factors delaying implementation. Management have provided new implementation dates for both.

4. CONCLUSIONS

Progress with the implementation of recommendations will continue to be reported by Internal Audit.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy: | None |
| 5.2 | Financial: | None |
| 5.3 | Personnel: | None |
| 5.4 | Legal: | None |
| 5.5 | Equal Opportunities: | None |

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