

Maintaining Scotland's Roads 2006 – 2007
Action Plan

No.	Recommendations	Current Position	Proposed Action	Timescale	Progress update as at 28 th of April 2006
1	Report on the condition of roads and maintenance backlog.	Awaiting 2004/05 information	Continue to report on annual basis.	Reported to SPC May 2005 next report May 2006	Still awaiting annual data from the National Road Condition Survey. The information report will be delayed till late September 2006
2	Determine the size of the structural maintenance backlog.	An accurate assessment is not yet available.	Determine the cost, in accordance with Scottish Executive approved techniques.	March 2006	COMPLETE
3	Establish a long-term strategy for road maintenance in the overall context of transportation and roads asset management strategies.	No action to date.	Implement action in association with Asset Management Unit.	December 2005	Initially delayed due to a lack of resources. Progress is now being made toward the implementation date September 2006.
4	Meet the recommendations stated in "Delivering Best Value in Highway Maintenance – Code of Practice for Maintenance Management".	Road Maintenance Plan introduced by Council in May 2004.	Continue to monitor.	-	On going.
5	Review budget setting procedures ensuring appropriate priority to structural maintenance to achieve long-term value for money.	Capital programme allows an element of structural maintenance.	Review Audit Scotland's recommendation.	Complete Review March 2006	COMPLETE
6	Conduct an option appraisal for procuring and financing road maintenance services.	No action.	Undertake recommendation.	March 2007	Not yet started.
7	Improve inventory information on the roads assets.	Work ongoing.	Complete inventory.	March 2006	This is progressing slower than had been anticipated

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					and should be implemented by September 2006.
8	Use asset management system linked to GIS and financial system.	No action.	Introduce a Roads Maintenance Management System.	Initial introduction complete full implementation 1 st April 2006	The introduction of a Roads Maintenance Management System has been delayed due to IT problems but these should be rectified shortly with the purchase of new hardware. Progress is now being made towards implementation by September 2006.
9	Consider joint working with other Councils	No significant opportunities found.	Review this recommendation.	To be reviewed March 2006	COMPLETE but will is an ongoing task.
10	Review unit costs of various service elements.	Complete for 2005/06	Review recommendation.	March 2006	COMPLETE
11	Develop a framework of performance indicators and outcome targets against which to measure the performance of the road maintenance system.	There are several performance indicators in the Roads Maintenance Strategy.	Review Performance Indicators in light of Audit Scotland's Report.	March 2006	Behind schedule due to resource issues and awaiting external data. New proposed implementation date July 2006.
12	Complete the Best Value Road Maintenance Service Checklist.	Complete	Review recommendation.	March 2006	Behind schedule due to resource issues and awaiting external data. New proposed implementation date July 2006.