

**Maintaining Scotland's Roads 2005 – 2007
Action Plan**

| No. | Recommendations | Current Position | Proposed Action | Timescale | Progress update as at 18 th of August 2006 |
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| 1 | Report on the condition of roads and maintenance backlog. | 2005/06 Information received. | Continue to report on annual basis. | Report to SPC October 2006 | Information being assembled for October 2006 SPC Paper |
| 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. | The Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) is working on an overall Scotland Approach and is seeking funding from Efficient Government Fund (EGF). | The Council is part of this Scotland Wide process. | Ongoing | Awaiting the result of SCOTS EGF funding bid. See Appendix 2. |
| 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. | - | Continuous monitoring. |
| 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. | Work has commenced. | Undertake recommendation. | March 2007 | The Streetscene initiative which was approved at a recent SPC meeting will impact on road maintenance service delivery practices. Once this work has been completed it will be possible to then |

APPENDIX 1

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| | | | | | further review the procurement and financing issues affecting roads maintenance. |
| 7 | Improve inventory information on the roads assets. | Work ongoing. | Complete inventory. | March 2006 | The Roads Maintenance Management System (RMMS) system is now in place however dates for staff training extend into September/October. Management believe the system will be operational by October 2006. This will allow the recommendation to be completed. |
| 8 | Use asset management system linked to GIS and financial system. | Progress is now being made. | Introduce a Roads Maintenance Management System. | Initial introduction complete full implementation 1 st April 2006 | Progress is now being made towards implementation by the end of September 2006. |
| 9 | Consider joint working with other Councils | No significant opportunities found. | Review this recommendation. | To be reviewed March 2006 | COMPLETE 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 included in the Roads Maintenance Strategy. | Review Performance Indicators in light of Audit Scotland's Report. | March 2006 | COMPLETE |
| 12 | Complete the Best Value Road Maintenance Service Checklist. | Complete | Review recommendations. | March 2006 | COMPLETE |