

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 planned actions.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

3. DETAILS

3.1 Appendix 1 sets out the current position as at the 8th of June 2007. With regard to recommendation 1, the Audit Committee at the last meeting received a copy of the annual report covering the condition of roads and maintenance backlog presented to the Strategic Policy Committee on the 14th of December 2006. A further report will be provided to the Executive Committee in November 2007.

3.2 In respect of recommendation 3, Roads & Amenity Services received notice from the Scottish Executive that the 32 Council Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) EGF funding bid had been unsuccessful. The section is awaiting a further proposal regarding future funding options.

3.3 With regard to recommendations 7 and 8, management have reported continued progress with the Roads Maintenance Management System (RMMS) roll out. It was intended that after RMMS was established it would be linked to other Councils and the Councils own financial system. Implementation was to be complete by February 2007. However, with the loss of the SCOTS EGF funding the link to the financial system and other Councils will not be made at this time. At this time management are awaiting a further proposal on funding.

3.4 In response to recommendation 6, management have reported that the options appraisal has been incorporated into the Operational Services Options Appraisal which is looking at the whole of Operational Services and is due to report in August 2007. Once this review is complete the Audit Committee will receive a copy of the report for its review.

3.5 Recommendation 4 remains an ongoing task for Operational Services.

4. CONCLUSION

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

5. IMPLICATIONS

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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