

Presentation on Maintenance Funding, Potholes and an Interim Review of the Asset Maintenance Plan

A report by the Divisional Manager, East Kent to the Highways Advisory Board on 10th July 2007.

1. The HAB presentation will explain to the Board Members some of the pertinent changes that have been implemented this year to improve KHSs approach to cyclic maintenance.
 2. The main points of discussion will be a change of approach to street lighting faults, which has already seen a dramatic decrease in outstanding faults; targeting of specific maintenance activities to achieve an approach to maintenance which allows the optimum balance between the efficiencies of planning work and the need to be responsive to our customers. This is primarily in the field of potholes, patching, signs & lines, safety fencing and gully emptying.
 3. There will also be an explanation of the need to target 'safety critical maintenance' as a priority, enabling KHS to provide evidence of a risk based approach to maintenance.
 4. A presentation about the need to review the HAB approved policy of highway maintenance will explain the gap between policy statements, available budget and vision of how maintenance should be undertaken. The presentation will be a forerunner to a paper at the next HAB which will seek authority for an interim policy on the asset maintenance plan.
 5. Finally, the presentation will explain the issues surrounding potholes and the way in which they occur and the complexities of repairing. The presentation will discuss the issues of materials, traffic management, cost and volume; there will also be a look at the possible future of pothole repairs.
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