



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Extract of the Minutes of the Meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Kamal - Chair
Councillor Metcalfe - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Thompson - Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Honiball Councillor Maw
Councillor Newitt

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92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they had in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations were made.

100. MONITORING REPORT - KEY AND BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Service Director of Highways and Transportation submitted a report that summarised the current position against key indicators. The report gave the results for the Key and Best Value Performance Indicators for the activities carried out in the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department which impacted on this Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee was informed of the difficulty in comparing Performance Indicators at the present time, as there has been a change in methodology of surveying the condition of roads, but it was noted that in the near future, the same machine would be used nationwide, which would provide consistent results.

The purpose and safety of concrete roads was queried, and it was noted that although they often looked messy, they were structurally sound, and that money had been spent injecting gel under the concrete roads to prevent them 'moving'. The purpose of patching up roads rather than repairing them fully was questioned, and in response the Committee were informed that this was

an emergency procedure, and that full repairs would be undertaken where necessary in due course.

It was noted that progress had been made over the last 2 years on repairs of principal roads, however, the Committee were reminded that Leicester City was still in the bottom quartile for this Performance Indicator, and concern was expressed by Members that without an increase in the amount of Capital Maintenance funding allocated to Highway Maintenance, this situation would not improve, as discussed under the previous item (minute 99 refers).

Councillor Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Thompson, moved the following suggested resolution, which on being put to the vote, was carried:-

That Cabinet be requested to reinstate 100% of the Department for Transport Capital Maintenance settlement notionally allocated to Highway Maintenance.

RESOLVED:

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