

Area West Committee – 21st November 2012

## 8. County Highway Authority Report

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### **Purpose of the Report**

The report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority at the halfway stage through the financial year and what schemes are remaining on the work programme for the rest of the year.

### **Recommendation**

That members note the report.

### **Report**

#### **Surface Dressing**

Weather this year has been a major factor in delivering our surface dressing program. It was delayed until August, which only gave us a one month window in which to complete the work. After this time the road temperature is too unpredictable to ensure there are no surface failures.

Surface dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, when carried out correctly it is highly effective and can bring significant improvements to the highway infrastructure.

#### **Verge Cutting**

Grass cutting this year has been difficult due to the rapid growth of vegetation and as you can appreciate; our works are largely governed by resource. With a highway network exceeding 3500km in length, the size of the task is significant.

The County Council therefore has a policy and procedures that are in place to ensure the work is carried out in the most safe, effective and economic way. In a world of ever increasing risk assessment and claim/liability scenarios, the policy must take into account the range of road classifications across the network and prioritises them accordingly.

We were able to do 2 cuts on A and B roads together with one cut on the C and D class roads this year. The programme was largely completed by the end of September.

#### **Winter maintenance**

The preparation for this years winter maintenance programme has now started. Our salt supply for the upcoming season has been delivered to the depot.

Local parishes will again be invited to collect their allocation of ten 20kg grit bags.

If grit bins are being considered at new locations, can the members please confirm these positions as soon as possible as the filling of bins has now commenced. It may also be beneficial to confirm previous locations to ensure that these areas are not missed.

### Structural Schemes Completed 2012/13

Many of the structural maintenance schemes for this year have been completed and are listed below:

Crewkerne	A356 Broadshard Road	Resurfacing
Crewkerne	Bushfield Road	Resurfacing
Merriott	Higher Street	Resurfacing
East Chinnock	A30, High Street	Resurfacing
Chard	Boden Street	Resurfacing
Chard	Touchstone Lane	Resurfacing
Chard	King Cuthbert Drive	Footways
Chard	Nursery Gardens	Footways
Chard	Glynswood (Phase 1)	Footways
Chard	Ash Grove	Footways
Chard	Henson Park	Footways
West Chinnock	Poop Hill	Drainage
Donyatt	Old A303 / Watery Lane	Drainage
Chard	Thorndun Park Drive	Resurfacing
Ashill	Wood Road	Drainage

### Outstanding Structural Schemes to be completed in 2012/13

Chard	East Street/Crewkerne Road	Resurfacing
Donyatt	Chilworthy Lane	Drainage
Chard	East Street	Footways
Ilminster	Summerlands Park (Phase 1&2)	Footways

### Deferred Schemes

Resurfacing and Footways at Coronation Street, Chard

**Background Papers:** None.