

Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee Best Value Review of 2001

The following information is to be reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee following the meeting of the 1st December 2004, where further action points were requested by Members.

- i) That a request for additional information, in relation to the cost of shift working with the Rhino patch teams be supplied as previously requested to Cllr Mutton.**

The information has been supplied to Cllr Mutton as part of the Labour Group PPR process.

- ii) That Best Value review point 4 be answered in respect of:-**
 - a) Tree spraying and**
 - b) Previous costs for tree examination**

The information around the tree spraying issue is currently subject to confidentiality a separate note is included as a Private part of this meeting.

The previous surveys in relation to Highway trees and Woodland Edge trees was undertaken as emergency measures to identify trees which required pollarding to prevent the potential problems in relation to safety for pedestrians and damage to buildings.

Some of this work has been used as a foundation to incorporate the data into the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) within the current survey work.

- iii) Best Value point 16, Service Statements**

The service statements detailed in the report of 2001 for footway, carriageway and street lighting have been some what merged and super ceded by the subsequent Best Value review and performance indicators, Service Improvement Action plans and the Code of Practice for Maintenance Management.

Going forward we have current service standards for inspection, identification and repair in line with the above and also have BVPI's across the area of Highway's and Lighting.

The delivery of a new Highways Maintenance Strategy document, which has strong links to the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP) will also provide further performance indicators and objectives.

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