

Annex B: Incentive Element Questions

1. What is your local authority's assessment of the Gross Replacement Cost / Asset Value of your total highway assets (including bridges, cycleways, footways, drainage, trees etc but excluding land), using the HAMFIG/CIPFA methodology and the last available rates?

Rotherham Council's current Gross Replacement Costs are shown below.

Asset Type	Gross Replacement Cost (GRC)
Carriageways	£1,365,709,000
Footways	£238,730,000
Structures (2020 figures)	£244,074,947
Lighting	£59,000,000
Traffic Systems	£15,023,000
Street Furniture	£14,500,000

*Cycleways are incorporated in the Carriageway / Footway element

2. What percentage of your current asset value has been spent on maintenance in each of the last 5 years?

Approximately 0.75% is spent on Highway Maintenance each year

3. Does your local authority use a Customer Service / Satisfaction Survey such as the NHT network? If so, who do you use and how does this get factored into maintenance operations?

Rotherham Council takes part in the NHT (National Highways & Transport Network) and has been a participant over the previous 16 years.

The NHT Public Satisfaction Survey collects public perspectives on, and satisfaction with, Highway and Transport Services in Local Authority areas. It is a unique, standardised, collaboration between Highway Authorities across the UK enabling comparison, knowledge sharing, and the potential to improve efficiencies by the sharing of good practice.

NHT - https://nhtnetwork.org/nht_product/public-satisfaction-survey/

4. Does your authority carry out benchmarking of its performance with other authorities, and can you provide evidence of that?

Rotherham Council also take part in the APSE (Association for public service excellence) reporting and the ALARM (Annual Local Authority Road Maintenance) Survey.

These surveys and reports allow Rotherham Council to benchmark across other Councils that are identified as being a similar size or 'Family' grouping. The public satisfaction surveys allow the Highways team to understand the public's perception on it's performance and ensure continued improvements are made to communication around highway maintenance.

5. Do you have a highways asset management performance management framework against which you are regularly tracking performance?
What are your KPIs for maintenance?

The Council measures the condition of its 'Green' condition of its Network in its Council plan.

The target for each category is;

Principle = 72% Green

Non-Principle = 66% Green

Unclassified = 60% Green

Our current (01 April 2025) Condition is;

Principle = 81.05% Green

Non-Principle = 78.46% Green

Unclassified = 66.98% Green

6. Does your authority have, and can you provide a weblink to a Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP);

HAMP

The Council has a Highway Asset Management Plan a copy of which can be found at; <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2119/highways-asset-management-plan-pdf->

7. Does your authority have, and can you provide a weblink to a Highways Resilient Network Plan;

Resilient Network plan

In response to the extreme weather experienced during the winter of 2013 and 2014 the Secretary of State for Transport commissioned a review of the resilience of the transport network in the event of extreme weather. Rotherham MBC - Highway Asset Management Plan

As part of the recommendations Local Authorities should develop asset management plans with Drainage assets being an integral component. Rotherham Council has identified a 'resilient network' to give priority, in order to maintain economic activity and access to key services during extreme weather.

As part of the Council's highways winter maintenance duties, salting routes have been developed to support the identified strategic network in Rotherham. In the event of a forecast for significant snowfall or prolonged sub-zero conditions a senior management team meets daily to provide clear leadership and take a strategic view of action. If necessary, salting may be restricted to these roads to provide resilience to the strategic network.

The Council has also recorded all strategic highways which are at risk of flooding. This information has been taken from actual records of flooding, historical flood events and predicted flooding in an extreme flood event.

Further details on the Resilient Network can be found in the Highway Asset Management Plan, Section, 6.5.1 <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2119/highways-asset-management-plan-pdf->

8. Can you confirm that your Local Authority has provided, or will provide, DfT with all of the data required under the annual Single Data List requirements in 2025, namely:

- 130-01: Principal roads where maintenance should be considered.
- 30-02: Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered.
- 130-03: Skidding resistance data
- 130-04: Carriageway work done from April 2024 to March 2025
- 251-01: Winter salt stock holdings for winter 2025/2026

Rotherham Council can confirm that it provides the DfT with the data required under the annual single data list. Rotherham Council have submitted the 2025 returns in May 2025.

Winter salt stock holdings for winter 2025/2026 are confirmed at 6,300 tonnes (as 01/04/2025) gritting continuing until May 31st, 2025

9. In addition to the data required for the Single Data List what other data does your authority collect on the condition of its highway assets, including footways, cycleways, structures, and lighting columns? To what standard do you collect this data and with what frequency?
Street Lighting Data.

Carriageway, Footways and Cycleways forming part of the highway network

A treatment identification method uses failure mechanism information from Scanner and Course Visual Inspections (CVI) surveys of each road section to identify the likely required treatment. This method will give an idea of treatments for the prioritisation process. However, trained officers will still determine actual treatments to be undertaken for schemes using detailed individual assessments.

UKPMS Scanner surveys are undertaken on 50% of A, B and C classified roads in both directions each year. This means that for classified roads, each carriageway section will be surveyed once every 2 years.

For Unclassified roads and all classes of footways a CVI is carried out on 25% of this network. This means that the unclassified roads and all footways are surveyed in a four-year period. Engineering judgement is still required in the prioritisation method. One reason for this is to consider the potential that the condition of some roads that were not included in the most recent surveys could be known to have deteriorated significantly.

Street Lighting

Electrical testing is carried out at 6 yearly intervals and condition data is collected at the same time, also each column is inspected when a street lighting unit is attended for a routine fault repair.

Additional structural testing is also carried out at 3 yearly intervals on aging concrete columns to provide an indicative replacement programme.

The data on the condition data is collected in line with ILP report TR22.

Structures

Rotherham has a highway structures stock consisting of 202 Bridges and Culverts and 241 Public Rights of Way Footbridges and approximately 60km of highway retaining walls. An extensive electronic inventory is maintained for each structure consisting of construction details, inspections and repairs. This system is networked

and accessible by all relevant staff. Data collection is carried out as recommended in the Code of Practice for the Management of Highway Structures and this process is controlled / monitored by a database.

Structures general inspections are every 2 years, principal inspections are between 6-12 years and special inspections are when necessary.

The information provided to the Department will need to be signed off by:
The leader of the council or the cabinet member with responsibility for highways;
And your section 151 Officer

Signed by;



Signed;
Rob Mahon – Deputy Section 151 Officer
Date: 08/08/2025



Signed;
Cllr Read – Leader of the Council
Date: 18/08/25

Signed;



Cllr Williams – Cabinet Member for Transport Jobs and the Local Economy
Date: 18/08/25