

Future Highways Programme

Appendix 1: Highways Services potentially in scope

1. Statutory obligations of a Highways Authority

As a Highways Authority, ECC has a number of key statutory duties and obligations, including but not exclusive to:

- Duty to maintain the Highways network in accordance with the Highways Act 1980
- Duty to assert and protect the rights of public to use the Highways network in accordance with the Highways Act 1980
- Duty to ensure traffic moves freely on the Highways network in accordance with the Traffic Management Act 2004
- Duty to co-ordinate and manage the interaction of others working on the network in accordance with the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA)
- Duty to maintain, protect and assert the rights of the public to use Public Rights of Way

2. A130 hand-back

- The future management and maintenance of a key section of the A130 from Howe Green Interchange (A12 near Chelmsford) to Rayleigh Spur Roundabout (A1245) currently being operated under a 30-year Design, Build, Finance and Operate (DBFO) scheme by County Route.
- Includes management and maintenance of this road and all assets associated with it (bridges, drains, fences, etc).
- All contractual aspects, including asset condition agreements, maintenance operations hand-over, and financial retentions

3. Typical highway services

These highway services would form part of a new contract, but some could be split out depending on the delivery model selected:

- Highways Infrastructure Maintenance including safety inspections, minor maintenance, signs and lines, winter maintenance, emergency response, fencing
- Resurfacing works and other major maintenance
- Improvement Works (schemes up to typically £500k) e.g. cycleways, junction improvements, zebra crossings, etc
- Client Support Services (Bridge Inspections, Condition Surveys, Database information maintenance and management, Consultancy Services - for example minor scheme design, provision of consultation information, highway condition surveys, transportation planning and design for projects typically over £500K)

- Administration of licences for example, skips/scaffolds/works within the highway, etc
- Administration of insurance claims
- Management and development of the Traffic Control Centre and emerging Digital Technologies
- Supply of management information for the service and services delivered
- Consultancy Services to assist the client
- Gulley Emptying, jetting and drainage investigation
- Public rights of way maintenance, enforcement and administration of the definitive map
- Surface Dressing
- Network management responsibilities including NRSWA inspections
- Highway records
- Highways Lighting including lit signs, bollards and high mast lighting
- Structures Maintenance
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Electrical and Structural Testing
- Supply and operation of IT systems
- Other Consultancy services for example ecology, geotechnical, traffic modelling
- Works associated with public realm/street scene, e.g. weed control, grass cutting, etc.
- Design, construction and maintenance of traffic control systems, variable message systems and traffic counting/monitoring systems
- Civil parking enforcement
- Environmental maintenance, e.g. tree management
- Client Support Services e.g. Design, Procurement, Project & Site Management

These highway services could also form part of a new contract:

- Bus Stop infrastructure supply and maintenance
- Passenger Transport (Education and Social Care transport, local bus networks, fleet management)
- Real time passenger information system maintenance and upgrading