

Date Received	Date Replied	Questioner	Responder	Question	Answer
16/04/24	18/06/24	Cllr Paul Thorogood	Cllr Tom Cunningham	<p>Essex County Council originally invested £36.675million per year of the £77million required to maintain the county's highways assets (roads, footways, street lighting and other public rights of way) in 2023/24. I understand the shortfall was partly made up to about £55million with some additional funding but was still some £22million short of the required amount. How much is ECC investing in the current financial year 2024/25 to maintain the county's assets and how much was required by Essex Highways? And how many defects that were reported in 2023/24 were unattended and have now gone into 2024/25?</p>	<p>Thank you for your written question, please accept my apologies for the extended delay in response.</p> <p>The 2024/2025 budget for Highways Maintenance is: Revenue £24,405m, Capital Maintenance £74,640m. This includes maintenance of all assets such as structures, signage, footway, carriageway, PRow, drainage, bus stop maintenance etc. Please note these totals are as per budget book and therefore, exclude any revenue/capital year-end adjustments. Also note the capital figure excludes the ECC £12m and DfT £7.7m additional funding. Defects are split into 4 categories, S1-S4. Those that are assessed as S1 and S2 are 'safety defects' that we respond to as a matter of urgency. S1 defects are attended to within 2 hours, and S2 defects, depending on the risk score, are between 2- 5 working days. There were no outstanding S1 or S2 defects from 2023/2024</p>