15 SCOTTISH ROAD MAINTENANCE CONDITION SURVEY (AN273-2004)

Reference is made to Article XIV of the minute of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee of 29 April 2002, when approval was given to participate in the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey. This machine-based survey was developed jointly between the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) and the Scottish Executive as a means of determining a performance indicator for the condition of local roads in Scotland. The indicator is an objective measure of road surface condition and identifies the percentage of the road network that should be considered for maintenance treatment.

The first year's survey comprised a trial across Scotland and in Dundee only included the 'A' class roads. The second year of the survey again included all of the 'A' class roads but extended the survey to include a pre-determined proportion of the other road categories and therefore forms a baseline Performance Indicator. The results of the survey have recently been received and submitted to Audit Scotland as formal Performance Indicators.

The detailed results of the survey are currently being reviewed to assess the implications for future road maintenance. These will also be used to assist in identifying areas for future maintenance and will act as benchmark for monitoring the ongoing condition of the road asset.