

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Can you please tell me how the authority provides services for each of the following works: -

- 1. Grounds Maintenance**
- 2. Street Cleansing**
- 3. Roads Term Maintenance**

These will be provided by either your own in-house teams or contracted out to a third-party.

If contracted out can you please tell me the name of the contractor, the date the contract started, the expiry date and any extension periods that could be applied to the contract. A description of the services included under each contract would be appreciated.

For street cleansing can you state if public toilets and council offices are included in the contract.

Roads term maintenance includes such works as planned road maintenance, unplanned and emergency maintenance, winter maintenance and gritting, surface dressing and possibly other areas such as street lighting and bridge maintenance.

- 1. Grounds Maintenance**

ANSWER

Grounds maintenance is provided in house.

- 2. Street Cleansing**

Street Cleansing is provided by Cleansing Services which is an in-house service.

Our specification is to maintain that the highways within Leicester inclusive of the City Centre are maintained to a high cleansing standard.

These high standards are maintained by undertaking cleansing scheduled routes which involves removal of litter, detritus and illegal dumped items away from the highway.

To ensure these standards are maintained all routes are inspected on a regular basis.

Within the spec Cleansing Services also maintain the cleansing within the public toilets, these are situated in the city centre and within various wards in Leicester.

Cleansing Services do not maintain the cleansing within council offices.

3. Roads Term Maintenance

Maintenance of roads and footways is largely provided in-house. This includes planned road maintenance, unplanned and emergency maintenance, winter maintenance and road gritting.

We do, however, have term maintenance contracts in place for:

1. Street Lighting & Signs:

Public Lighting Contract 2012-2020, placed with Balfour Beatty Living Places Ltd, 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2020, no provision for extensions.

2. Traffic Signals

The maintenance of Traffic Signals in the City and the Counties of Leicestershire and Rutland is delivered by Siemens under one contract that Leicester City Council has awarded and manages. The contract term is 7½ years: 1st February 2013 to 31st July 2020, with no provision for extensions. The contract can also be used for the provision of new signal installations.

3. Road Markings

Term Maintenance Contract for Highway Works, 2009-14, Schedule D: Road Markings and Studs, placed with WJ Linkline Ltd. The term of the contract is 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2014. The Council may award two extensions of up to a year each thereafter.

4. Anti-Skid Surfacing

Term Maintenance Contract for Highway Works, 2009-14, Schedule F: Anti-skid and coloured surfacing, placed with HMS Ltd. As above, the term of the contract is 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2014 with options of up to two extensions of up to a year each.

In addition, in recent years we have issued tenders for Surface Dressing and Slurry Sealing works contracts.

A term maintenance contract for Bridge Maintenance is currently being procured.

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