

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Road sweeping/cleansing operations

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

You asked:

I would be grateful if you would supply the general information listed below relating to your routine road sweeping/cleansing operations.

- i. How do you risk assess routine road sweeping activities to comply with Regulation 3 of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999?**

In accordance with the HSE guidance - Five steps to risk assessment which is then recorded onto a Leicester City Council corporate risk assessment form.

- ii. Do you use a generic/model risk assessment(s) for routine road sweeping activities? If so, please provide copies of your current documents.**

Yes, a copy of the risk assessments for road sweeping with the Mechanical Brush and Applied Sweeper is enclosed.

Please see attached:

[RedAnsAttch1 Risk Assessment Mech Brush.pdf](#)
[RedAnsAttch2 Risk Assessment Appl Sweep.pdf](#)

- iii. If you use a generic/model risk assessment, please describe how you assess the risk posed by individual roads?**

If a road poses a specific risk, it would be risk assessed individually in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations and recorded on Corporate form.

- iv. How often do you review risk assessments for routine road sweeping activities?**

In accordance with regulation 3 of The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

- v. Within risk assessments for routine road sweeping, do you take account of the designated road speed?**

Yes.

- vi. During routine road sweeping, please explain what traffic management is used and whether it differs based on specific locations?**

Speed limits, Highway code, corporate motor policy, warning beacons, Audible warnings, high visibility chevrons, directional signage, scheduled peak and off peak road sweeping. No difference with any locations unless specified on a specific risk assessment.

- vii. **During routine road sweeping, do you erect warning signs such as 'men at work' or an exclamation (!)?**

No but vehicles are fitted with warning beacons, directional signage, audible warnings and high visibility chevrons.

- viii. **If you only erect warning signs on certain roads or road types, please explain the reasoning behind this approach?**

This is dependent on the Risk assessment.

- ix. **If you do not erect warning signs on any roads, again please explain the reasoning behind this?**

This is dependent on the risk assessment.

- x. **When routine sweeping is being undertaken, do you use more extensive traffic management than warning signs, such as road closures, stop and go, traffic lights or crash cushions?**

No

- xi. **Please detail what internal and external training is provided for the drivers of road sweepers?**

Manufacturers training including refreshers training, Induction training, Cleaner safer driving training.

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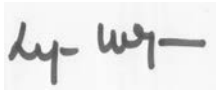
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Yours sincerely



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