

**Highways & Transportation
Local Service Agreement**

Summary relating to parking issues

2. Key Aims and Objectives of the LSA

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- To provide a seamless service to the public;
- Provide a better quality and more responsive service
- Provide a clear and long term structure for Local Members to have higher levels of involvement in decision making on Local Roads
- Implement local decision making on local issues and central decision making on cross-County issues
- Bring together the various parties involved in service delivery to achieve close co-ordination and collaboration
- Meet public expectations and Member requirements;

These aims recognise that there is a strong interface with District and Borough Council functions that have a significant bearing on the Highways and transportation service such as town planning, development control, parking and streetscene. The LSA, driven by the above aims and objectives, will enable the County Council and EFDC to work together in partnership and will provide a firm foundation for the delivery of services and respective responsibilities.

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Clearer accountability (division of the network into County Routes & Local Roads).

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Local District and Borough Members will have the authority under the LSA to make a range of decisions on Local Roads within the framework. The delivery of the service will be a separate matter and will be provided through the most efficient and effective means to meet local needs.

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Under the LSA individual authorities can elect to undertake certain functions that are best delivered locally and it has therefore been necessary to tailor the LSA to meet the needs and special circumstances of each authority.

Public Interface (seamless service).

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Enquiries from the public will continue to filter through from the County Council or the District and Borough Councils with protocols in place to ensure they are dealt with in a manner that is consistent across the County.

4. Decision Making Arrangements;

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4.1 County Routes

Decision on these roads will be made by the Cabinet Member for Highways and transportation. Consultation with the Local County Council Member will take place in accordance with existing County Council practices and procedures. ECC will engage the District Members on key issues

4.2 Local Roads

Decisions on these roads will be made by EFDC in consultation with the local County Member. Local Members will be able to initiate work on Local Roads, subject to available resources and with the approval of the respective Councils. There are some exceptions to the rule.

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4.3 Political Arrangements

Each individual authority will establish its own organisational arrangements for political decisions to be made and it is important that these arrangements & processes are transparent, accountable, auditable and effective and made in accordance with County Council policies and guidelines.

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However, there are some services which have not been included and fall outside of the LSA.

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- On street parking – *(editors note, presumably management and enforcement, not provision- needs clarification)*

4.5 Local County Council Members

On strategic issues affecting County Routes within County Council divisions, Local County Members and District Members will be consulted, as appropriate, allowing views and inputs to be addressed although the ECC will continue to make any final decision by due process.

5.2 Budget Setting

EFDC can continue to supplement the budget for services on Local Roads and County Routes as considered necessary (e.g. enhancement of grass cutting frequency).

5.5 Reporting Mechanisms

Area Highways Offices will provide regular reports to EFDC on the progress of scheme programmes and the development of future LTP programmes. This will be through the internal arrangements established by each authority and through the Joint Member Panels.