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Dear Mark,

Our teams have been in contact about the potential costs of transferring responsibility for cleaning litter from All Purpose Trunk Roads from Local Authorities to Highways England. There is a commitment in the Government's Litter Strategy for England to consider the viability of this. We are having discussions with Defra, and, as previously, this issue has the potential to gain significant Ministerial interest, so I want to make sure we are armed with the best information to avoid ill-informed and costly decisions.

Therefore I thought it would be useful to formally commission information from you; your team are already aware of this.

We are seeking the following data:

- an initial estimate of costs for modifying existing contracts with service provider to take on additional responsibility for cleaning APTRs
- resource implications for Highways England with respect to any additional responsibilities and associated costs for cleaning APTRs.
- a timeline showing the contracts lifecycle to make changes to the network information when new contracts are tendered. (i.e. when would be the best time to transfer if we chose to)

I recognise that this information will need to be partly informed by the results of Defra's roadside littering survey. We have requested this information from Defra. They in turn require some help in identifying APTRs on which HE currently have responsibility for litter clearance. I attach a list of the APTRs in question, and would be grateful for a reply to unlock the Defra work.

Could we please have a reply on the APTR list by end of June and then the cost, timescales and resource implications information by end of July.

Happy to discuss.

Regards,

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