

## Chronology of FOIA and internal review requests (7130 Road Maintenance)

1. By your email dated 4 May 2016, you made the following request:

1. *Who is the current Highways Survey company that the County Council uses?*
2. *When was this contract tendered and when does it end?*
3. *Which Software system does the council use to assess it's road condition*

2. Mr Vincent Nardini, Customer Information Adviser, responded to your requested by an email dated 17 May 2016 as follows:

*'Thank you for your request for the information about the above. Your request was received on 05/05/2016 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We always aim to respond as quickly as possible, but we do need some clarification before we can process your request. We conduct different types of surveys, using different companies. Which type of highway surveys are you referring to?'*

3. You responded to this correspondence by email dated 23 May 2016 as follows:

*In relation to your clarification I seek the information relating to Highways Surveys that:*

1. *Are used to calculate the Government's Road Condition Statistics submitted to Department for Transport annually.*
2. *Are used to supplement the Road Condition Statistics such as accidents on highways.*

4. Mr Jeremy Coleman, Freedom of Information Officer, responded to your request by an email dated 1 May 2014 as follows:

*'1. This information is no longer held. We believe the information generated by the SCANNER survey would be submitted to the DfT although no one in the current team has ever passed this information to the DfT. We will need a little more time in order to clarify what information is routinely requested by the DfT to calculate their Road Condition Statistics. As far as we know SCANNER is the only information we might pass to the DfT however they may also request SCRIM, CVI and DVI surveys too. Really we would need to enquire from the DfT what data they use to determine their Road Condition Statistics.*

*2. Accident data is provided to us as Stats 19 information. The Department for Transport has overall responsibility for the design and collection system of the STATS19 data (generally collected by policy). This information is used by our traffic and safety team at County Hall to identify clusters of accidents around the county. In certain instances we will be contacted by the our traffic and safety team to provide the SCRIM survey results for a section of road to establish whether the road contributed to the accident. The SCRIM surveys are carried out annually to determine the skid resistance of the roads surface.*

*The Road condition surveys to be undertaken this year are:*

- SCANNER
- SCRIM
- CVI (Course Visual Inspection)
- DVI (Detailed Visual Inspection)
- FMS (Footway Maintenance Survey)

*Please see the below with useful links.*

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/510428/road-conditions-in-england-2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/510428/road-conditions-in-england-2015.pdf)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/509876/road-conditions-guide.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/509876/road-conditions-guide.pdf)

4. By an email dated 17 June 2016, you requested an internal review of Mr Jeremy Coleman's response to the above request as follows:

*'Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.*

*I am writing to request an internal review of East Sussex County Council's handling of my FOI request 'Road Maintenance'.*

*I have asked specific questions for the responses and not received satisfactory answers .*

*I asked*

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*Your response:*

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*This does not answer "current Highways Survey company" which would obviously required to undertake the SCANNER survey you refer to. I do not understand how this information not held?*

2. When was this contract tendered and when does it end?

*Your response: This question was not answered*

3. I asked what 'software' system was used at East Sussex to derive the data used for DfT's Road condition, DfT have told me that only East Sussex can answer this as councils use various systems. Therefore I respectfully ask for this question to be answered. I did not ask for Accident data nor does this answer the question about software. The links to DfT are useful but again do not answer the question.

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*[1]<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/sy...>*

*[2]<https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/sy...>*

*A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/road\\_maintenance\\_27](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/road_maintenance_27)*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Lee Turnbull'*