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RESPONSE TO SELECT COMMITTEE 2  
REPORT ON ROADS

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Councillor Essex  
Chairperson of the Select Committee 2  
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Dear Councillor Essex,

Thank you for your letter of 26 April 2025 and the formal report of the Select Committee 2 on roads. I am pleased to advise that my Portfolio has considered the report and its recommendations. Our comments on recommendations under each theme are given below.

Policy Framework

Recommendations 1.1 to 1.4 inclusive.

These recommendations will be considered as part of a review of the Roads Maintenance Policy 2024 and a revised version of the policy will be presented to the Safety, Security and Home Affairs Advisory Board in November 2025.

Recommendation 1.5.

Development of relevant legislation will be informed by a Road Users Policy, which is under development. The need for this legislation will be added to the legislative timetable for the next Government to consider.

Maintenance Practices

Recommendation 2.1

You may be aware that I lobbied for an Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) funded project (which has been approved) to repair and resurface many more kilometres of primary and secondary roads this financial year, as well as bridges and culverts which are of high risk. This will almost quadruple the amount of road surface that is usually repaired, and it will not only improve road safety, but help to stimulate our fragile economy. This is funding for Yr1 of a 5 year programme. Looking ahead to the next financial year, my portfolio will be developing a Strategic Outline Case for Yr 2 of the programme, for consideration from EDIP funding. This work if approved, will continue to address this recommendation.

### Safety Considerations

#### Recommendation 3.1

This is something that we have been doing since the ministerial system has been in place, we will continue to do this as part of our business as usual. Areas of high risk are identified on our Risk Register.

#### Recommendation 3.2

Our Roads Section will investigate and report its findings to the Safety, Security and Home Affairs Advisory Board in October 2025.

### Budget Challenges

#### Recommendations 4.1. 4.2 & 4.3

From a portfolio perspective, we can only put forward suggestions regarding budget spending, it is for the Government to make decisions regarding how limited funding is allocated.

### Staffing and Capacity

#### Recommendation 5.1

This recommendation is one for Central Support to consider and is not a matter for this portfolio.

The Portfolio will though continue to enhance our processes and address the other recommendations where practicable.

Yours sincerely



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