

Sustainable Transport Division

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Service description

This division manages all aspects of transport planning, traffic and highways management, parking, road safety and support to public transport and has a critical role to play in assessing the transport and traffic impacts of the council's portfolio of major projects and leads in the development of other key transport infrastructure projects such as Rapid Transport, cycle demonstration town status.

Service teams

Transport Planning & Policy

Head of Transport Planning and Policy : Andrew Renaut Tel : (29) 2477

This service area includes the Public Transport, Road Safety and Transport Planning teams and deals with the transport infrastructure implications for all the city high profile infrastructure projects such as the community stadium, King Alfred, Brighton International arena and the proposed delivery of a new rapid transport system.

The *Public Transport Team* works closely with Brighton & Hove Buses in improving access to buses through the development of accessible bus stops and real time information, works with southern rail in the development of rail services and manages the contracts for the delivery of subsidised bus contracts across the city.

The *Road Safety Team* administers the council's road safety programme delivered through the local transport plan, manages and delivers the school crossing patrol service and manages the development of school travel plans.

The *Transport Planning Team* is responsible for the development of the Local Transport Plan (LTP), it also provides services in respect of the management of section 38 and 106 agreements and provides transportation comments on all major and minor planning applications received by the council. In addition at the present time the team is delivering a 3 million 3 year programme of walking and cycling improvements across the city funded by the LTP and through the government sponsored cycle demonstration town project.

Highways Operations

Highways Operations Manager : Christina Liassides
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This service area includes Highway Enforcement team, the Traffic Regulation team, the Highways & Streetworks team, the out of hours emergency call out team and provides the winter maintenance service.

The *Highway Enforcement Team* deals with abandoned vehicles and bicycles, and works closely with the police, DVLA and NCP to reduce the amount of nuisance or

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problem vehicles in the city. The team co-ordinate monthly environmental action days with these partner agencies.

The team also licenses objects on the public highway and will take enforcement action if a licence is being breached or has not been applied for. The licensing regime includes : skips, scaffolds, builders materials, hoardings, tables & chairs, A-boards and shop displays

Officers in this team will deal with overgrown vegetation from private residences that are obstructing the highway, by taking enforcement action against the owner if necessary

The *Highways & Streetworks* Team. The Highway Inspectors are responsible for the basic (safety) maintenance of the roads and pavements. They conduct regular safety inspections of every street, as well as responding to complaints and insurance claims. Basic (or safety) maintenance work includes the small-scale repair and replacement of missing or damaged slabs, railings, bollards, kerbs and tarmac.

The Streetworks Officers oversee the work of public utility companies, or statutory undertakers, such as gas, electricity and telecommunications, both on the public highway and if necessary, in large-scale developments. The officers also inspect and licence vehicle crossover applications for private driveways

The *Traffic Regulation Team* deals with the consultation, design, implementation and review of parking schemes across the city. The team also deals with traffic regulation issues both within and outside of parking schemes, including: lining requests, such as white lines, double yellow lines and single yellow lines; general signing requests Traffic Order enquiries disabled bay requests; Traffic Orders; maintenance of signs and lines and street names plates

In addition the service has a small *Out of Hours Emergency Team* that provides a response to environmental emergencies outside of normal office hours. An officer is on duty throughout the night and also at weekends. The officers provide a front-line service for highway incidents, car and building alarms, and other urgent environmental matters that need to be dealt with immediately. For large-scale emergencies, the officer on duty will mobilize extra help such as the Emergency Planning Officer or highway contractors.

Furthermore the service provides the *Winter Maintenance Service* for which a duty rota system is in place using staff drawn from the various Highway teams for monitoring weather and gritting needs. The duty officer is responsible for overseeing any gritting operations. Drivers come from City clean and are trained up in winter service and gritting vehicle operations. We have different routes in place depending on the severity of the weather (e.g. hilltops through to a full precautionary salt of all the main routes).

Transport Systems and Lighting

Transport Systems and Lighting Manager : Currently vacant) Tel : (29) 2515

This team is responsible for management and control of all the city's traffic signals and street lighting. The operational delivery of the management of street lighting is

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provided through a contract with COLAS. The management of the energy to street lights is not provided through the council but is delivered through EDF energy and on occasions this arrangement can delay repairs to street lighting.

A leaflet that describes the responsibilities and service standards of the council in respect of repairs to street lighting and the operating arrangements between the City Council and EDF energy is currently being prepared and will be sent to all members in the near future.

Highways Engineering & Projects

Highways Engineering & Projects Manager : Ian Furnell Tel : (29) 2239

This team deals with the design, delivery and implementation of all the transport and traffic related schemes across the city as agreed through the LTP. The team also manages all bridges and highway structures in the city and manages coastal protection engineering schemes and manages the delivery of highway maintenance across the city.

Parking Operations

Parking Operations Manager : (Currently vacant) Tel : (29) 2245

This team is responsible for the delivery of on and off street parking in the city. The on street parking service is delivered through a 4 +2 year contract with NCP . The new £3 million plus annual contract commenced on 1 January 2007 and NCP are responsible for the enforcement of all on street parking across the city by the employment of parking attendants and the issuing and processing of penalty charge notices (PCN's) . The team provides two parking information shops where PCNs can be paid and deals with any appeals to PCN's. The service also directly manages five off street car parks and delivers through NCP a number of other off street car parks across the city.

Environment Initiatives

Environment Initiatives Manager : Sarah Jay Tel : (29) 1028

Whilst situated in the Sustainable Transport Division this small team works across the department and supports all the divisions of the directorate in research, consultation & analysis of a variety of projects, ranging from assisting with approaches to consultation through to handling all aspects of the consultation either in house or overseeing tendering to commission consultants. The team also provides analysis & reporting of quantitative and qualitative data and provides support to all departmental divisions for the design and development of information, leaflets and articles to ensure what we are saying is in plain English and not ambiguous or confusing with use of technical detail or jargon. The team also prepare or support colleagues on proof reading or drafting & entering of award submissions.

NOTE

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This division of the directorate is currently being restructured and this process should be completed by the end of March 2008