

Appendix 2 - Local Authorities

The following are the nine local authorities that exceeded the targets set for 2011 for the unit cost of road surfacing. In each case the main reason for the excess is stated.

Carlow County Council: The Council explained that the higher unit rates resulted from the considerable amount of edge strengthening preparation required in advance of the surface dressing operation.

Kerry County Council: The high unit rate related to the use of bituminous overlay on 2 projects which increased the overall average. The surface dressing works which were undertaken were below the maximum threshold.

Kildare County Council: The high unit rate related to a miscalculation between the regional and local roads works. This was rectified and a revised form was submitted by the Council which brought the unit rates below the maximum threshold.

Laois County Council: The high unit rate related to the use of hot rolled asphalt as a surface course on a number of roads in urban areas, increasing the overall average. The surface dressing works which were undertaken were below the maximum threshold.

Longford County Council: The high unit rate occurred due to the incorrect charging of works against the Restoration Maintenance grant. This was rectified by the council which left the unit rate still slightly above the maximum due to hot rolled asphalt being used as a surface layer on three schemes.

Meath County Council: The high unit rate occurred in four areas due to the fact that the previous winter's harsh regime had caused the roads to deteriorate to an extent beyond reasonable expectation and thus caused an increase in preparation costs.

Offaly County Council: The high unit rate was due to necessary remedial works that had to be carried out on a number of bog roads prior to surface dressing.

South Tipperary County Council: The high unit rate occurred due to the damage caused by the previous severe winters. Some roads needed considerable patching, edge treatment and general repairs prior to carrying out surface dressing.

Westmeath County Council: The high unit rate was due to the requirement of strengthening works to be carried out prior to surface dressing on two heavily trafficked roads.