



Development Design Services



Main responsibilities:

Design Services is a comprehensive construction consultancy service covering design and construction management of new and refurbished buildings, highways, bridges and watercourses, helping to create a high quality built environment for the City. Working within strategic partnerships with the private sector the service delivers a substantial element of the Council's capital construction programme, and aims to provide a 'one stop', client-facing service which delivers quality projects on time and within budget

Main responsibilities include –

- Design and delivery of major and minor highway schemes, transportation projects and major council sponsored prestige projects.
- Bridge assessment and strengthening, together with the management of the authority's structures in accordance with national programmes and standards.
- Provision of a geotechnical and site surveying consultancy service including topographical and soil surveys.
- Provision of the full range of architectural professional design services to support the design and delivery of the capital programme.
- Undertaking all the statutory responsibilities of the council as the land drainage authority for the Leeds Metropolitan District. Full riparian responsibilities for Leeds City Council properties. Management of watercourses and fountains.

Budget highlights 2007/08:

With the exception of the land drainage and general maintenance (structures revenue) functions, the service is fully rechargeable with a large proportion of its income being generated by fees from the capital programme.

For 2007/08 major engineering projects include: the East Leeds Link Road; Inner Ring Road Stage 7; the A65 Quality Bus Initiative and; the private street works programme. Working with other departments, major Architectural projects include: the Art Gallery and Central Library internal remodelling and Resource Centre; the remodelling and refurbishment of the City Varieties Theatre; Phase 2 of the Children's Centre Programme and; a number of high profile projects in Holbeck Urban Village.

Annual asset valuation report for highways structures, as required by Whole of Government Accounts, will be prepared by the Bridges Section

£700k to undertake responsibility for water asset management helping to build the service and to build on the success of the 2006/07 programme.

The continuation of additional resources for the maintenance of water features in the city.