



Development Strategy and Policy



Main responsibilities:

Sustainable Development – environmental management, policy and awareness, design, landscape and conservation area and listed building advice, tree protection, minerals, waste and contaminated land.

Transport Policy – Local Transport Plan, environmental assessment, road safety, policy monitoring, and post Supertram transport strategy.

Planning and Economic Policy – Unitary Development Plan, local development framework, economic strategy, planning frameworks/briefs and project implementation.

Urban Traffic Management Control – managing the signal control system for the benefit of all road users.

Graphics and Communications – providing graphic design and mapping services to support departmental and corporate activity and developing internet and intranet communications.

Budget highlights 2007/08:

All Departments have agreed to contribute to funding a Corporate Travel Plan officer, with specific responsibility for implementing a travel plan for Leeds City Council. This seeks to identify and address problems associated with employees travelling to and from work.

The Department has received funding to employ a Public Arts Officer. The creation of this post is to develop a strategy to deliver public art, reaching out into the city.

Additional resources have been included to carry out site inspections to identify contaminated land. This is required due to the statutory duties that Leeds City Council has to carry out, identified in Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It was also identified in the Corporate Plan for 2005/08 that we need to further improve the environment by putting our contaminated land inspection strategy into practice.

Further resources have been identified to assist with the increase in traffic signal costs, including maintenance, as a consequence of technology changes and growth in this area. Additionally, funding has been identified to enable a contribution to be made to the operational cost of the Leeds free city centre bus service.