

Appendix 'K'

Asset Disposals

1. The Legal Road Reserve

From time to time, areas of (unformed) legal road reserve becomes surplus to requirements, and the most businesslike approach is to explore the possibility of them being 'closed' and sold to the adjoining property owners.

Whenever this occurs, the Council is required to follow a very prescriptive legislative process – including public notification.

2. Bridges

A number of bridge structures have been identified for disposal.

These structures are usually within a legal road reserve, but are not serviced by a maintained road.

In the past, these bridges may have been created as part of an agreement with a landowner, but they are no longer considered a necessary part of the roading network. As they are not on maintained roads, they have been ignored in terms of maintenance, and are generally in poor condition. Due to their poor condition and the confusion about their ownership, they pose a significant risk to the Council.

Work has been done to identify the history of each structure, and to identify the options for removing them from the network. As the bridges often provide access to part of a farm property, the landowners are generally keen to retain them in some form.

Transfer to the landowners may be either by way of a direct sale, or transferral for a nominal fee. There may need to be extensive negotiation between the Council and some landowners before the terms of the transfers can be agreed.

The task to transfer these 'off road' bridges is continuing, and all of the structures and their disposal methods have not been identified yet. An estimate of cashflow will be prepared once the options for each structure have been investigated.

Sometimes bridges or components of bridges are replaced with a new bridge or components.

These are generally in poor condition, have little to no commercial value and are disposed of by the Contractor. On occasion there may be bridge beams that are of a condition that they can be sold by Council for nominal amounts.

3. Street Lights

Sometimes there are street light lanterns, controls, and poles that have had to be replaced with new components.

These have no commercial value, and are disposed of by the contractor.

4. Signs and Posts

Faded and damaged signs and posts are replaced on a regular basis. The redundant signs and posts are held by the Contractor for a minimum one month period. After this time they are free to dispose of them.

They have little commercial value and are normally sold as scrap by the Contractor.

5. Issues

Nil.