

# Highways Maintenance

## What happened before?

Historically Coventry City Council (CCC), Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) and Warwickshire County Council (WCC) let their own contracts for highways related works.

## What happens now?

WCC underwent a comprehensive contract renewal process in 2010 and sought collaborative opportunities. The contract went live in May 2011.



## Benefits

### Savings

WCC have made a saving of approximately £600,000 per annum, around £200,000 of which has come from savings made on the maintenance of Street Lighting. CCC are set to make savings. SMBC joined the contract in 2013 resulting in approximately £700,000 per annum savings.

### Cost Overhead Costs are Reduced and Shared

CCC and WCC shared contract procurement costs based on usage (worth approximately £60,000 to WCC). SMBC joined the contract from April 2013 and avoided significant contract procurement costs themselves.

### Set a Platform for Further Collaboration

As all three authorities are using the contract there may be further operational opportunities for joint working such as sharing depots and work across the sub-region to deliver cost reduction and operational benefits.

### Additional Benefits

Due to being an Olympic city, Coventry was provided with funding to make infrastructure improvements. Thanks to the Highways contract, CCC were able to procure quickly resulting in work being completed in time for the Olympics.



## Awards

This project was a finalist in the 2012 Municipal Journal annual awards in the Innovative Procurement Category.

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