

## Pavement Condition Information Systems

(The Newsletter for the contract which includes UKPMS & SCANNER Support 2008-2011)

### **Newsletter No 4 – December 2008**

**Seasons Greetings to all involved with UKPMS and SCANNER.**

#### **Review of UKPMS core functionality**

As reported in the November newsletter, the Department for Transport has awarded a contract to TRL and Atkins to review the core functionality of UKPMS. The project started on 14th November and is to be completed within 6 months.

The objective of the commission is to produce an outline of the core functionality for highways engineering software systems (the core functional specification) which will provide the template required to replace the current UKPMS core specification. This will identify the minimum functionality that all PMS should embody, to ensure it addresses local authorities' future highways data analysis needs for UK local roads.

There are three elements to the commission:

- Determining the priorities for support and promotion of technological capabilities;
- Developing the core functional specification, and
- Mapping the agreed core functional specification to an indicative timetable and budget.

The project inception meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with Pete Burnham (Worcestershire) and Stephen Finley (Rotherham) representing local authority interests.

#### **Outline approach**

We intend to carry out the project in three stages, which reflect the elements of the commission (the three stages are the yellow boxes in the figure overleaf).

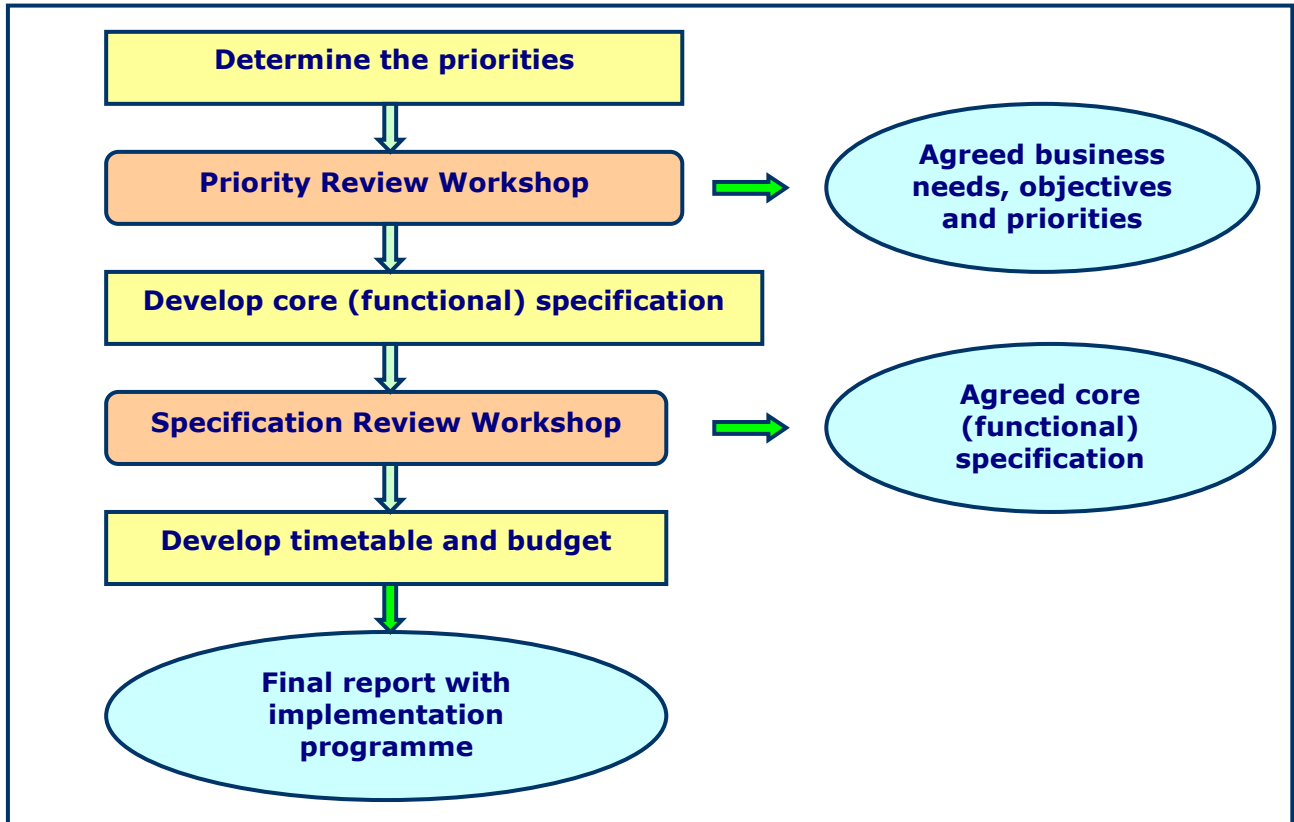
The first phase of the project will identify the business needs, objectives and priorities for the UKPMS core specification, leading to the first workshop (coloured tan in the diagram overleaf).

The second phase of the project will determine the rationale for commonality of functions across local authorities and systems, building on the conclusions of the first phase. This will include identifying which elements should be in the core (functional) specification and which areas would benefit from a preferred or "best practice" specification. This will enable us to develop the functional specification in more detail. It will lead to the second workshop (coloured tan in the diagram overleaf)

The third phase of the project will map the agreed functional specification to an indicative timetable and budget.

The project will culminate in the delivery of

- A core functional specification for UKPMS, and
- A final report incorporating all three stages of the project. (Coloured light blue in the diagram, overleaf).



## Outline Approach (diagram)

### Timetable

	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Project start	★						
Determine priorities	→						
Workshop 1				★			
Develop core specification			→				
Workshop 2						★	
Budget and timetable				- - - - -			
Final report							★

We will be arranging both the two workshops, probably in central London, to gather comments and feedback and provide critical review of our proposals for the core specification.

- The first workshop will be held in the week commencing 16th February 2009.
- The second workshop will be held in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

We intend to deliver our draft final report on 15th May 2009.

***Further information and some questions for you to answer***

We will be placing a summary of the project on the UKPMS website, so that everyone who has an interest in the future of UKPMS may comment.

There will also be a brief questionnaire and we would welcome answers from everyone, about what they want from UKPMS:

***What should a good PMS be able to do for UK local roads?***

***What should all PMS be able to do in the same way for UK local roads? (And why do they need to do it in the same way?)***

***Where is further research and development needed? (And why does it need to be commissioned centrally?)***

***Contact details***

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With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

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