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Company's expertise in making routes safer highlighted by council official

## Firm in line to land Angus roads contract

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A contract to improve the safety of problem roads in Angus looks likely to be awarded to a Cheshire company.

If approved, Klaruw RMS, of Widnes, will apply skid-resistant technology to a number of roads across the county.

The company, which is hoping to do similar work in the Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City local authority areas, is the only UK supplier of the service. Angus Council is expected to award the £71,000 contract to the company during a meeting of the infrastructure services executive subcommittee at Forfar on Tuesday.

Infrastructure services director Eric Lowson said: "Following a machine-based skid-resistance survey of several road lengths in Angus, a number of areas were identified which would benefit from improvements to the skid resistance of the surface.

"From the areas identified only those surfaces in sound condition – with no major cracking or deformation which would call for additional work such as surfacing – have been selected for the process.

"Although other re-texturing contractors exist, Klaruw are the only ones known to offer a mechanical process to deal with the micro-texture of the stone in all-weather conditions. On that basis, and that the price offered is considered to offer best value, it is recommended that Klaruw be awarded the re-texturing work proposed at the rates received."

Among the roads identified for improvement are the A92 Inverkeillor, A92 Big Tree bends, A92/A934 junction, A933 Craigmore, A933/A934 junction, Brechin Castle, Queenswell Road in Forfar, A926 Maryton, A94/A928 junction Glamis and the A94/C16 Glamis.

None of the roads identified as blackspots by the Road Safety Foundation earlier this week have been earmarked.

The foundation examined 28,000 miles of A roads and motorways across Britain and identified the A932 Forfar to Friockheim, A930 Carnoustie to Monifieth, A928 Kirriemuir to Lumley Den as high-risk routes.

A council spokeswoman said: "A number of areas have been identified which could benefit from this type of treatment.

"We undertake treatment of roads in our network as and when appropriate, prioritising on the basis of condition, and taking account of such factors as safety and usage.