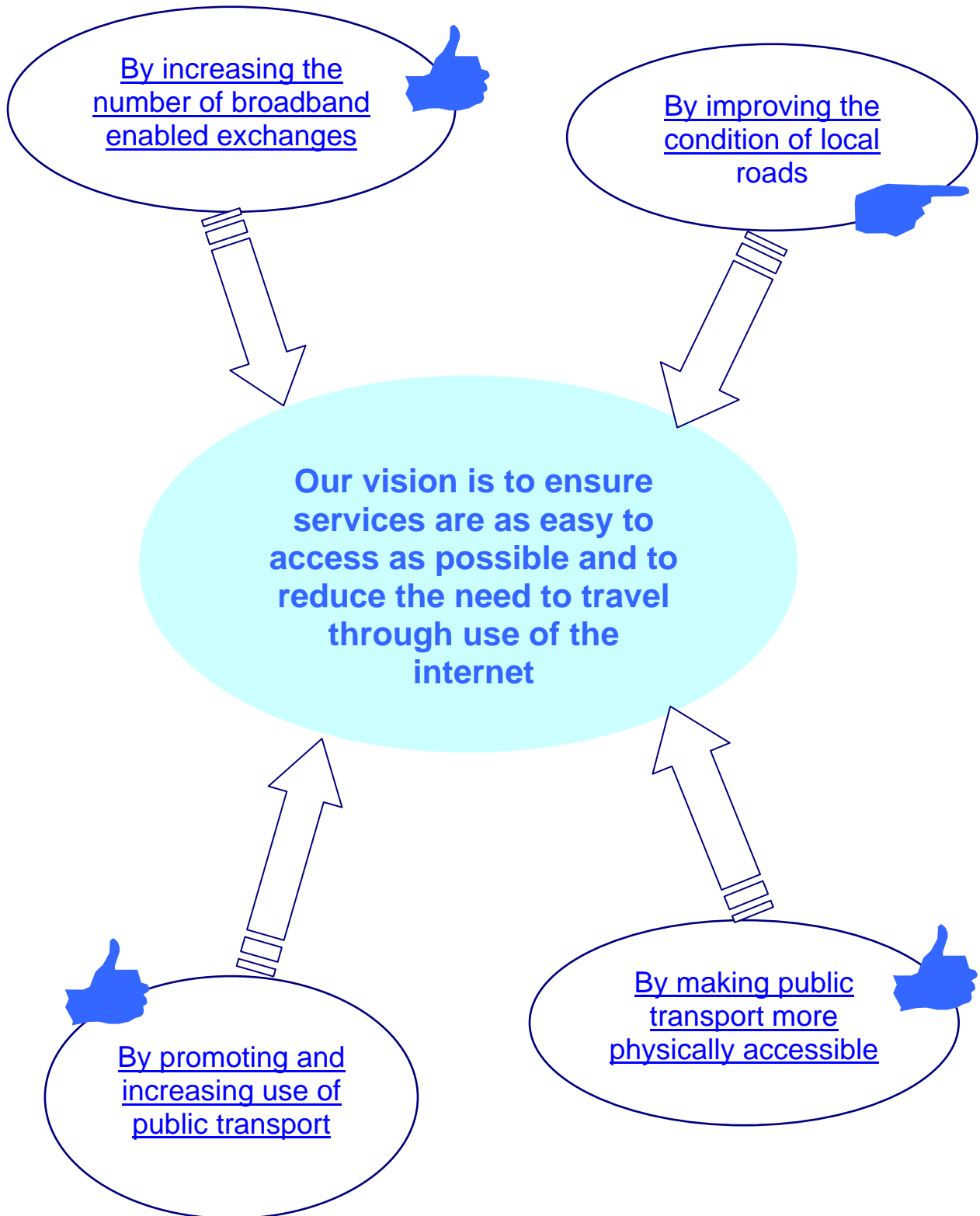





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-  On or exceeding target
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Target 1: Increasing the number of broadband enabled exchanges



What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would increase the number of exchanges that are broadband enabled from 13 to 55 by 2005.

How does this target help achieve our vision?

Much of East Sussex is rural and, consequently, access by public and private transport can often be relatively slow. The development of fast and reliable internet connections is very important for our many small and medium-sized businesses, reducing reliance on physical transport and enabling speedy communications and trading via the web.

What did we achieve?

64 of the county's 65 exchanges have now been broadband-enabled, meaning that we have exceeded our original target. Isfield, the one exchange not included in the upgrading programme, is being provided with a radio broadband service. This means that all residents in the County can now benefit from broadband.

A "broadband bus" has visited over 30 locations in the County to promote take up of the service. Over 600 visitors have benefited from one to one advice sessions. The bus has also been an important support facility for the Rural Business Clinics (informal drop-in advice sessions) held in villages across the County.

Grants of £100 have also been introduced to help businesses take up broadband and so far 190 applicants have been approved. All successful applicants receive a tailored advice session to help them choose an appropriate solution for their business. It is also being ensured that these businesses are able to access quality and affordable ongoing ICT support once broadband is installed by compiling a directory of approved ICT suppliers for the County.

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Target 2: Improving the condition of local roads



What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would improve the conditions of local roads and reduce the percentage of roads needing structural treatment.

How does this target help achieve our vision?

While we are trying to find ways to reduce the need to travel, it is important that our roads, when people do use them, are safe and reliable to drive along so that our services can be accessed easily.



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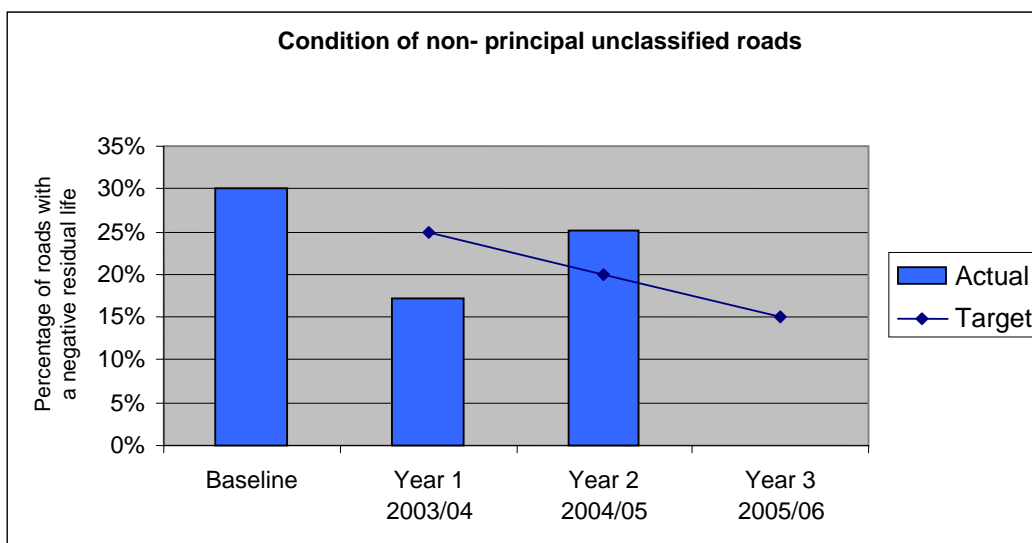
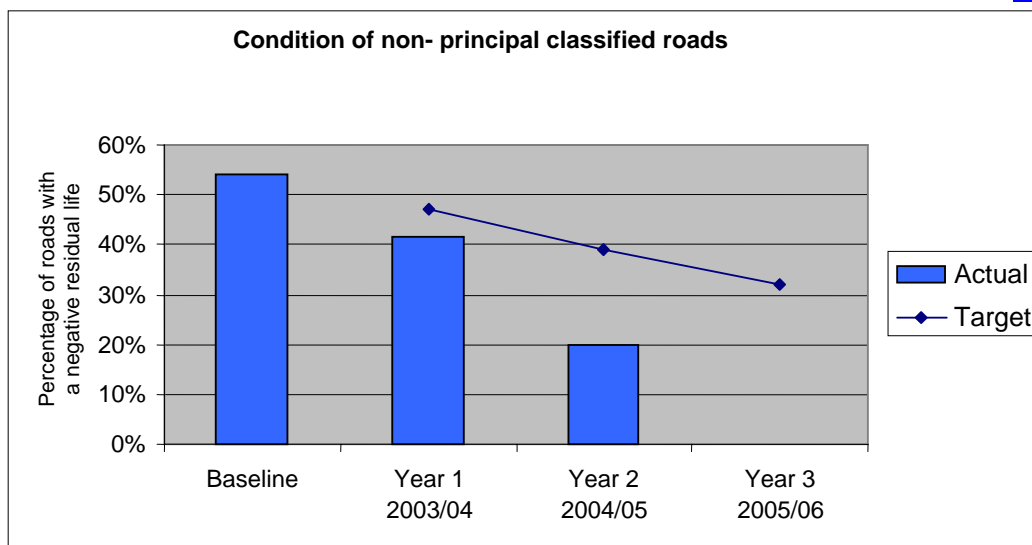
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What did we achieve?

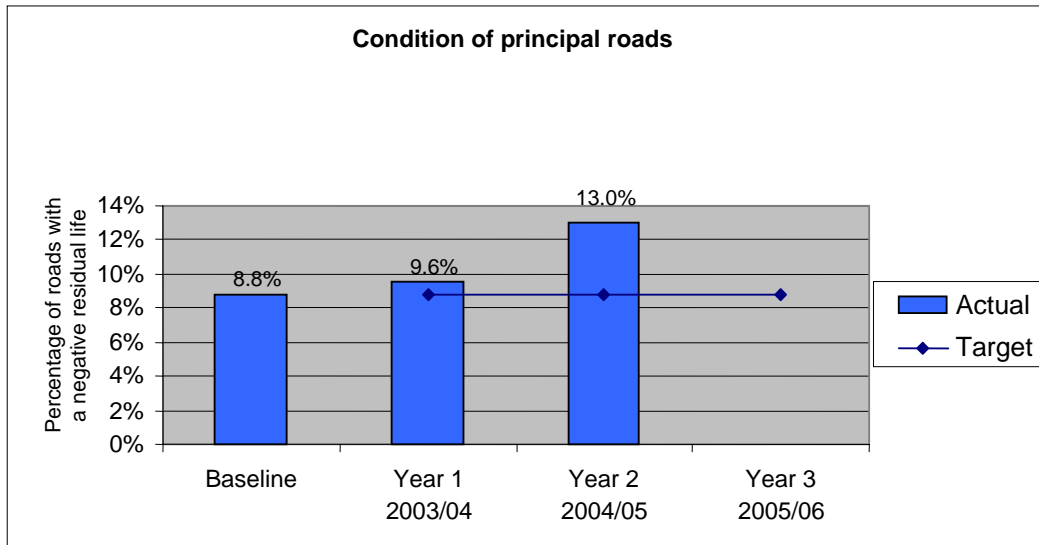
The damage done by the long dry summer of 2003 had a widespread and diverse effect on the condition of the local road network. The majority of roads in East Sussex are founded on clays and silts which are susceptible to damage with widespread cracking and deformation to the road surface. In light of this, the percentages of non-principal unclassified roads and of principal roads in a poor state of repair at the end of 2004/05 – expressed as those having a negative residual life - were 25.2% and 13% respectively, both being higher than our targets for the year. The percentage of non-principal classified roads in a poor state of repair was much better at 19.9%, exceeding by far our expected 39%.

Pleasingly, additional funds have been provided to undertake the necessary repairs to the dry weather damage and it is certain that this target will show a recovery during 2005/06.

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Target 3: Promoting and increasing the use of public transport



What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would:

- Promote and increase the use of public transport
- Establish a sustainable policy and strategy for the provision of bus and rail services
- Further develop meaningful partnerships with commercial bus and train operators

How does this target help achieve our vision?

Public transport remains an important option for many people, especially young people and the elderly. In our towns, it can reduce congestion and in our rural areas provide vital access to services. While, due to the rural nature of much of the County the private car remains as a key mode of transport, we want to ensure that wherever possible public transport is developed as an option so that people can travel when they need to.

What did we achieve?

In 2004/05 there were 14.92 million bus journeys recorded, compared to an expected 14.84 million. This means we are on track to reach our target of 15.29m passenger journeys by 2007/08.

Work has begun on implementing a new IT management system which will improve the co-ordinated delivery of public, school and social services transport.



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Bus challenge funding has been secured for two new routes in the Westham/ Pevensey/ Stone Cross area in partnership with Eastbourne Buses and the Pevensey and Westham transport group.

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Target 4: Making public transport more accessible



What did we say we would achieve?

We said we would make public transport more accessible to people with disabilities or mobility problems.

How does this target help achieve our vision?

Public transport can be a key for many to accessing services. However, some may be excluded due to a disability or mobility problems. We want to make sure that as many

people as possible can use public transport when they want it and thus get the services they need.

What did we achieve?

Of the 237 buses in the fleet servicing East Sussex, 132 assist disabled access with such measures as reduced step heights, specially design grab rails and priority seats for the elderly and infirm.

The number of buses with a low floor design has gone up from 29 to 99 since 2002, an increase of 341%.

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