

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

Meeting date: 12 March 2020

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

HIGHWAYS ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents details of the refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy which includes a copy of the Delivery Plan that supports the Strategy. This has built on the current approved Strategy agreed by Cabinet in November 2015 and has been updated to include the adoption of the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Good Practice.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy builds on the Council Plan and covers the key themes of

- Customers: Putting our Customers at the heart of everything we do.**
- Working Together: Working with partner organisations and communities to achieve shared aspirations.**
- Enterprise and Efficiency: Exploring new ways to deliver services and maximise our resources.**
- Prevention and Early Intervention: Acting early to achieve better outcomes.**
- Digital Transformation: Giving our customers choice and easy access to online services.**

2.2 There are no equality implications for this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *To note the process for refreshing the Highway Asset Management Strategy.*
- 3.2 *To note the Delivery Plan that has been developed in support of the refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 National guidance on highway maintenance recommends following an infrastructure asset management approach. This approach gives regard to the range of assets involved, the different maintenance life-cycles and the limited resources available to assist in developing an investment plan that maximises the impact of the budgets whilst ensuring the asset is in the best condition.
- 4.2 The County Council has progressed an asset management approach, and in 2015 developed the first Highways Asset Management Strategy which was approved by Cabinet on 26 November 2015. This document set out our approach to Asset Management and created the foundation for the Incentive Fund Self-Assessment as a Band 3.
- 4.3 In refreshing this Strategy the focus has been to align to the Council Plan, embrace the challenges faced by the highway network and incorporate current national guidance.
- 4.4 Cabinet will be considering a report in April prior to confirming the adoption of this refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy. Appended to this report is a copy of the Delivery Plan that supports the refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 To note the process around the refreshing of the Highway Asset Management Strategy.
- 5.2 To make comment on the Delivery Plan that supports the Strategy.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource or value for money implications arising from the recommendations in section three of this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Cabinet will be considering the Refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy in April with the supporting Delivery Plan. Members are invited to comment on the Delivery Plan.

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APPENDICES

Draft Highway Asset Management Strategy

Delivery Plan in support of the Refreshed Highway Asset Management Strategy

Electoral Division(s): All

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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Cabinet – Approval of Highways Asset Management Strategy 26/11/2015.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Highways Asset Management Strategy 2015

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