

**TO: EXECUTIVE
20 OCTOBER 2015**

**HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN
Director of Environment Culture and Communities**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan. The Plan addresses matters relating to future highway maintenance.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That the Executive approves the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as set out in Annex A and agrees to its publication on the Council website.**
- 2.2 **That the Director of Environment Culture and Communities be authorised in consultation with the Executive Member to make any in-year minor amendments having regard to any comments received.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To comply with the recommendations and expectations of the Department for Transport and to ensure that national priorities and standards are delivered effectively and consistently at a local level.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The purpose of the plan is to detail the Council's highway maintenance policy and strategy and to reassure members and highway network users that key needs are being met. The plan will be delivered by officers from Highways Asset Management Team.
- 5.2 The Plan is of necessity a technical document albeit drafted in a straightforward format reflecting national recommendations and published standards. Annex A contains information on the annual works planning for future years proposals for delivery. The Plan reflects a refocusing of priorities identified by the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 5.3 Highway maintenance is a statutory responsibility of the Council.
- 5.4 Progress against the Plan will be monitored by officers and quarterly progress reported to Members in the Quarterly Service Report. The Council's performance against this Plan is subject to scrutiny by the DfT and will contribute to the Council's future highway maintenance funding allocations through the DfT Efficiency Assessment process. Failure to deliver could result in reductions in our funding allocations.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 No significant legal issues arise from the matters discussed in this report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that there are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report. Maintenance and improvement works are carried out within the approved budgets for highways.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 The Plan targets highway assets based on the strategic importance, condition assessments, and identified need. Where issues of equality may arise provision is made to help as necessary. The highway maintenance activity is a statutory duty.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 By following and delivering the matters laid out within the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan there are no strategic risk management issues relating to this report.

Other Officers

- 6.5 Not applicable.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The nature of the Plan is such that it is a rolling Plan and therefore we consult with stakeholders during and after its adoption. Any feedback is taken into account and helps inform the Plan's future development.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 The Plan will be published on the Council's website

Representations Received

- 7.3 None received to date.

Background Papers

Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

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