

Wiltshire Highways Asset Management Policy



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Introduction

The highway network, roads, bridges and related infrastructure represents the Council's largest and most valuable public asset, with a replacement value of over £5 billion. The effective and efficient management of this infrastructure is considered to be a key factor in the ability of the Council to deliver its services.

The Council's Business Plan 2013 – 2017 sets out the vision to create stronger and more resilient communities will continue to underpin our work and provide a clear focus to the actions we take. The priorities are:

- To protect those who are most vulnerable
- To boost the local economy – creating and safeguarding jobs
- To support and empower communities to do more for themselves.

The key actions to help deliver the three priorities in the Business Plan include investing additional money 2014 – 2017 to reduce the historic backlog in highways maintenance, and to stimulate economic growth in areas such as tourism, and create additional jobs in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Policy

The proposed Highways asset Management Policy is:

Wiltshire Council is committed to adopting the principles of asset management, and will take a long term view when making maintenance and investment decisions. The asset management approach will deliver value for money and maximise the benefits for future prosperity by ensuring the right investment decisions are made. It will assist in targeting resources and managing risks associated with the statutory duties to maintain the highway infrastructure.

Consultation and Engagement

In preparing the policy the views of the public as expressed in the Wiltshire People's Voice, National Highways and Transportation surveys and other consultations, including for the Local Transport Plan, have been taken into account.

Road maintenance is a high priority for the residents and businesses in Wiltshire. The proposed Policy will be considered by the Environment Select Committee on 14th April 2015, and reviewed at the Cabinet meeting on 19th May 2015.

This policy will be made available on the Council's website, and will be reviewed from time to time as necessary and in 2017.