

**Department of Place**  
**Planning, Transportation & Highways Service**

**Highway Infrastructure Asset**  
**Management Policy**

## **Introduction**

Bradford Council is responsible for managing the district's highway network infrastructure and it acknowledges the importance of this infrastructure in supporting the corporate priorities defined in the Council Plan 2016-2020, namely:

- Better skills, more jobs and a growing economy
- Decent homes that people can afford to live in
- A great start and good schools for all our children
- Better health, better lives
- Safe, clean and active communities
- A well-run Council, using all our resources to deliver our priorities

## **Policy Statement**

The Council has adopted an asset management approach to managing and maintaining its highway network infrastructure in order to support its corporate priorities by delivering the best outcomes for its stakeholders.

A Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy has been developed which sets out how Highway Infrastructure Asset Management will be delivered.

By following robust asset management principles, we will:

- Ensure our highway infrastructure network is in the best condition for the available investment
- Adopt a lifecycle planning approach to inform the level of funding required to maintain an asset over its lifespan
- Ensure that cost effective planned maintenance treatment interventions are undertaken at the appropriate time in order to maximise the life of the asset
- Establish the desired levels of service for our highway assets and monitor our performance against these targets
- Balance competing needs across the highway infrastructure network and select options that best meet desired outcomes
- Manage the risks of asset ownership and operation to ensure resilience of the highway network and continuity of service

- Comply with all statutory obligations in order to meet users' safety needs
- Give attention to road safety and work collaboratively with colleagues when developing work programmes
- Work collaboratively with other constituent Councils of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) in order to ensure efficiency savings using innovation and sharing best practice so that our performance is further enhanced
- Adopt a continuous improvement approach to asset management policies and practices

## **Communicating the Policy**

The policy will be made available on our website along with our Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy.

## **Review**

The policy will be reviewed annually with senior management and the Executive Member (Portfolio Holder) for Regeneration, Planning & Transport.



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