

Highway Asset Management Policy

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Surrey County Council Policy for Asset Management

- 1 Surrey County Council is committed to adopting an asset management approach for the highway network in order to support the Council's vision:

'To be delivering great value for Surrey's residents'

- 2 The Council recognises that highway infrastructure plays a huge part in facilitating a high quality of life by meeting the needs of individuals, businesses and the local economy.
- 3 The Council's transport vision has been defined as 'To help people to meet their transport and travel needs effectively, reliably, safely and sustainably within Surrey; in order to promote economic vibrancy, protect and enhance the environment and improve the quality of life'.
- 4 In order to meet the objectives of the Corporate Strategy and Transport Plan, the Council's Asset Management Policy will seek to assist with the provision of:

Effective transport: To facilitate end-to-end journeys for residents, business and visitors by maintaining the road network, delivering public transport services and, where appropriate, providing enhancements

The Council's approach to asset management has ensured that highway infrastructure assets will be maintained to support delivery of services, and the local economy taking into consideration the long term performance of the asset. The MTFP (to 2017) provides additional capital funding for each year from 2013 to provide enhancements to highway assets.

Reliable transport: To improve the journey time reliability of travel in Surrey

Adopting an asset management approach will allow optimised planned maintenance activities over the lifecycle of all highway infrastructure assets and coordination of works to reduce road closures allowing for maximum network availability. This will also provide the local economy with an improving highway network.

Safe transport: To improve road safety and the security of the travelling public in Surrey.

Adopting an asset management approach ensures that the condition and performance of highway and transport assets is continuously monitored and all criteria, including safety data, is used to optimise the planned maintenance programmes.

Sustainable transport: To provide an integrated transport system that protects the environment, keeps people healthy and provides for lower carbon transport choices.

The adoption of an asset management approach will take a long term view in making maintenance and investment decisions, particularly making the most of the funding available. This is demonstrated with "Operation Horizon" which is providing additional funding over a 5 year period to allow timely interventions on roads.