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Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy 2025

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Foreword

The purpose of this Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy is to set out the main asset management principles that we will adopt as a Council. It describes our commitment to asset management in how we manage our highway infrastructure, and how this approach can help support our corporate policies.

Our aim is to provide a reliable, safe and efficient network and in doing so, optimise the available resources, and provide value and accountability. To do this the culture of the highway services we provide will need to adapt so that our systems, procedures, and methods of working are fully coordinated.

Introduction

This overarching policy statement is aimed at Council Members and key service stakeholders. It outlines the principles adopted in shaping a Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy which is effective in supporting Redcar & Cleveland's Corporate Priorities, statutory duty and obligations under the Highways Act 1980. This is in alignment with the risk-based guidance provided in the Highways Code of Practice 'Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure' October 2016.

Statement: -

We are working within the general guidance and provisions of the Highways Code of Practice 'Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure' 2016.

All roads and footways are allocated to a designated 'Maintenance Hierarchy' in accordance with the 2016 Highways Code of Practice which reflects the usage, importance and risks associated with the different highway types found in the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland and has been applied to the process of our risk-based approach to highways service delivery.

Corporate Plan:

Redcar & Cleveland's Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and Strategy is supportive of the Corporate Plan 2024-27, which is subject to periodic review. This Plan is aimed at improving the quality of life for people living and working within the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland and those visiting and investing in the area.

The overall vision of Redcar & Cleveland's Corporate Plan is to support the current and future needs of local residents, businesses and visitors to the region and to lead the Borough into the future. The actions and projects set out will support communities and the local economy and provide confidence that we are investing for the long-term future of the people and place of Redcar & Cleveland. We recognise and value the excellent support from communities, voluntary groups, businesses and others and we will continue to work with them to ensure that it is a thriving place to learn, work, live, care and connect, and through partnership arrangements we shall use our resources wisely and complement each other.

In summary, we are committed to:

- Tackling climate change and enhancing the environment
- Meeting our residents' needs
- Improving the appearance of the Borough and enhancing prosperity
- Investing public money wisely for the long term

Our policy is to support the Corporate Plan in achieving the above commitments wherever possible within the effective and efficient management of the infrastructure assets.

Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan (STP)

Redcar & Cleveland's local transport provisions are provided through the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan and is derived to deliver sustainability through its strategic and local transport links, which is the main focus of the STP. The document sets out strategies to address the five national transport goals identified in the strategy document "Delivering a Sustainable Transport System" (DaSTS). These are:

- Reduce Carbon Emissions
- Support Economic Growth
- Promote Equality of Opportunity
- Contribute to Better Safety, Security and Health
- Improve Quality of Life and a Healthy Natural Environment

The STP has been developed in partnership with key stakeholders and neighbouring authorities to reflect the external factors that are affecting service delivery.

This policy helps support and deliver the Strategic Transport goals as highlighted.

The Vision

Redcar & Cleveland's vitality is achieved through its strategic and local transport links which supports regional growth, and commerce, a manufacturing and engineering base, an evolving tourism industry and the welfare of its residents in going about their daily business and life activities. This places great significance on the need to effectively co-ordinate, manage and maintain the highways and transport infrastructure assets with the STP and the Corporate Plan.

In support of this, we will invoke strategic Highways Infrastructure Asset Management processes and practices that provides a holistic approach that encompasses all facets for the delivery of highways and transportation services, and we will engage with key stakeholders in order to communicate and help identify the priority needs of the service.

Highways Infrastructure Asset Management underpins the delivery of most other Council services delivered both internally and externally by providing a safe, serviceable, and robust highways and transport infrastructure that is the foundation stone and platform upon which Redcar & Cleveland operates.

Service Standards and Maintenance Priorities

The 'Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan' (HIAMP) has been developed in which service delivery targets for the highway's infrastructure assets are set at a level that equals or betters the national average asset condition where national data is available, and these shall be monitored and reviewed annually.

Highway Infrastructure Asset Maintenance priorities and investment needs shall be determined through a process of "Condition Appraisals" and "Value Management" and shall take account of risk and lifecycle planning principles in order to realise annual and future funding needs and to identify affordable and timely maintenance solutions.

Council Engagement & Stakeholder Consultation

We will continually engage with the senior decision makers within the Council to adopt the principles of highway infrastructure asset management as the basis for the determination of priority works programmes and investment. This will be achieved through a process of approval with the Highways Portfolio Holder, the Programme Management Board and with Council Cabinet to seek agreement to the proposed annual asset maintenance service delivery programmes, investments, and funding.

The opinion of Key stakeholders will be sought and considered as to the objectives and strategic direction that we propose to adopt for the implementation of the 'Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy' for the delivery of highway and transport services.

Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is committed to seeking continuous improvement in its asset management practices by incorporating a holistic and coordinated approach to service delivery through:

- Adopting a strategic, affordable and sustainable approach to highways infrastructure asset maintenance.
- The monitoring of annual condition trends through asset performance indicators thereby driving forward targeted asset improvement measures within affordable funding limits.
- The asset management principles adopted shall be risk based, support affordable and sustainable maintenance solutions, take account of whole life value appraisals, be customer focused and be socially inclusive, they shall operate within the limitations of funding and resource availability.
- The skills and competencies of staff in asset management roles will be continually assessed and development action plans developed accordingly. Vocational, educational, and professional training identified in the development action plans will be funded appropriately.