

Highway Asset Management Policy

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Purpose of Policy

The Council recognises the vital role played by Warwickshire's local highway network in achieving the Core Purpose in the Council Plan 2020-2025 and its Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026.

Council's Core Purpose, is: "To make Warwickshire the best it can be, sustainable now and for future generations."

This is supported by two outcomes:

- *Warwickshire's communities and individuals are supported to be safe, healthy and independent*
- *Warwickshire's economy is vibrant and supported by the right jobs, training, skills and infrastructure*

Role of Highway Asset Management in delivering the Council's Core Purpose:

Highway Asset Management is a strategic approach identifying the optimal investment for the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of the highway transport network to meet the present and future needs of all transport users.

Warwickshire's transport infrastructure provides a vital public asset for all the communities in the County by facilitating mobility for local communities and connectivity for businesses. The local highway network is by far the most valuable publically owned asset managed by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) which has a total replacement cost of around £4.8bn. Thus, the importance in its effective and efficient management, together with continuous investment year on year cannot be understated.

Policy Statement

WCC recognises that delivering a structurally sound, reliable and well-connected highway network requires the effective implementation of the highway asset management framework. By adopting this approach, the County Council's resources will be targeted efficiently to provide a highway network that is fit for purpose now and in the future for its communities and businesses.

Specific Outcomes

The Councils outcomes derived from the Core purpose are: -

- Support our most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, providing early support, before situations become complex.
- Support Warwickshire residents to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing and reduce the need for hospital or long-term health care.
- Support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged adults in Warwickshire to enjoy life; achieve and live independently.
- Work with communities to promote safety, prevent harm and reduce crime and disorder across Warwickshire.
- Support communities and businesses to develop the digital skills and tools they need in an increasingly digital economy.
- Increase reuse, recycling and composting rates and reduce waste across Warwickshire.
- Support and enable children and young people to access a place in a high-quality education setting and achieve their full potential.
- Attract economic investment and maximise the rate of employment, business growth and skill levels in Warwickshire.
- Manage and maintain Warwickshire's transport network in a safe, sustainable and integrated way.

In contributing to the outcomes, the highway service will:

- *Maintain a reliably sound, and resilient network that is fit for purpose and enables residents, tourists and those passing through Warwickshire to undertake their necessary journeys.*
- *Enable communities to access all local services including education, training, healthcare, employment and leisure through a well-maintained infrastructure.*
- *Ensure that Warwickshire's transport infrastructure is well managed and maintained within the available budgets by balancing competing needs,*
- *Create a highway service that operates at optimal cost and utilises future investment in an efficient and effective manner in the medium and long term.*
- *Maximises value for taxpayers through existing and future service provider arrangements.*
- *Develop risk management strategies to identify and address proportionate and affordable asset availability for the transport infrastructure.*

Document Review	Review changes
December 2020	Ensure Corporate Objectives remain current. No changes made to Policy.

March 2022	Ensure policy aligns with the Corporate Objectives as set out in 'The Council Plan 2020-25', relevant changes have been made.
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