

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 9 December 2013

ITEM 6(c)

Highway Asset
Management Plan Annual
Information Report 2013

Portfolio(s): Housing & Environment

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor John Harrison

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present to Cabinet the Authority's Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) Annual Information Report 2013.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1) Note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report at Appendix 1; and
- 2) Note the challenges of maintaining the highway network as described in this report and the Annual Information Report.

1.3 Forward plan:

Notice of this report has appeared on the Forward Plan since the edition that was published on 2 October 2013.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework

The HAMP Annual Information Report is not specifically referenced within the Council Plan 2014 to 2018 however the maintenance of the highway network is complementary to a number of the key priorities set out in the Plan, in particular:

- 1 C We will improve accessibility in the borough and support accessibility by walking and cycling; and
- 2 A We will carry out a programme of road and pavement repairs

1.5 Information:

The Authority's Highway Asset Management Plan 2012 to 2017 (HAMP) includes a commitment to provide Cabinet with an annual information report outlining the progress and key issues associated with the maintenance of the Authority's public highway network. The report has a particular emphasis around the condition of the network and the resources required to maintain it effectively.

Engagement surveys undertaken in recent years consistently show that customers feel that the improvement of the highway network should be one of the Authority's top priorities. Although recent additional capital investment in highway maintenance has led to some improvement in customer satisfaction, the level remains considerably below other service areas.

The Government's ongoing Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP) sets out best practice, and the Authority has continued to implement many of the programme's recommendations.

However we continue to face many challenges, which are set out in the attached Highway Asset Management Plan Information Report, to keep North Tyneside's highway network in a serviceable condition.

Cabinet is invited to note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2013, attached as Appendix 1. The report will be used as the basis for ongoing discussions around the challenges of maintaining the highway network. The report is aimed at supporting those discussions so that any decisions about potential changes in highway maintenance priorities and resources can be made in an informed manner.

Cabinet members have each been provided with a copy of the HAMP Annual Information Report (see Appendix 1). The report can also be viewed on the Authority's website and copies have been placed in each of the member group rooms.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision option is suggested for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1:

- 1) Cabinet should note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report; and
- 2) Note the challenges of maintaining the highway network.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

No alternative options have been outlined as no further direct decisions by Cabinet are sought in relation to the HAMP Annual Information Report 2013.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1: North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan 2012-2017 Annual Information Report

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan 2012 to 2017, available on the Council's website at:

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p_ID=527383&p_subjectCategory=380

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no immediate financial and resource implications directly arising from this report. However, there are a number of issues contained in the HAMP Annual Information Report which do themselves have long term financial implications for the Council if they are to be addressed. The report suggests that there remains a significant backlog of highway repairs that is likely to increase unless current resources are maintained. It is anticipated that this issue will be discussed and considered further as part of the 2014-18 Financial Planning and Budget Setting process.

2.2 Legal

Under the Highways Act 1980 the Authority has a statutory duty to maintain the adopted highway network. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

There are no immediate consultation or community engagement implications directly arising from this report. However, community engagement is a prominent feature of the HAMP Annual Information Report and any decisions around changes in maintenance priorities will continue to take into account the needs of customers.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

The risks associated with matters in this report will be managed in accordance with the risk register set out in the Highway Asset Management Plan 2012 to 2017.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications directly arising from this report. However, the report informs Cabinet of the condition of the built environment with regard to the highway infrastructure.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Manager - Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communication