

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 12 December 2016

**ITEM 6(e)**  
North Tyneside Highway  
Asset Management Plan  
Annual Information  
Report 2016

**Portfolio(s):** Housing and Transport

**Cabinet Member(s):** Councillor John Harrison

**Report from Service Area:**

Environment, Housing and Leisure

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**Wards affected:**

All

## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

The Authority's Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) was adopted in 2012. The HAMP contains a commitment to provide Cabinet with an annual information report so that Members receive information about all aspects of highway maintenance including current performance and work that has been undertaken in the previous 12 months. The annual information report for 2016, attached as the Appendix, also contains information about future plans.

### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Cabinet note the content of the Highway Asset Management Plan Annual Information Report, November 2016.

### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 10 October 2016.

### **1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework**

The Highway Asset Management Plan contributes to the following priority of 'Our North Tyneside', the Council Plan 2016 to 2019:

- Our places will:
  - have an effective transport and physical infrastructure - including our roads, cycleways, pavements, street lighting, drainage and public transport

## 1.5 Information:

### 1.5.1 Background

The Authority's Highway Asset Management Plan 2012 to 2017 includes a commitment to provide Cabinet with an annual information report outlining 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 used to maintain it effectively.

Currently the highway maintenance activities delivered through the HAMP are funded through a number of funding streams. Capital work is funded by the annual Local Transport Plan Maintenance Block and in recent years additional funding has come through the Authority's Investment Plan.

Cabinet is invited to note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2016, and note that this year's report is the last under the current plan. The report will be used as the basis for a new Asset Management Plan, which will be considered by Cabinet next year.

Following Cabinet, all Members will be provided with a copy of the HAMP Annual Information Report and the report will be published on the Authority's website.

### 1.5.2 Key Highlights of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2016

The following key highlights are included within the annual information report:

- The highway network is the most valuable asset in the Authority's ownership. The current total value of highway assets is £1,314,000,000
- The investment in highway maintenance has improved the overall condition of the network
- The Authority is performing well in relation to the maintenance of classified main roads. This would indicate that the increased use of preventative maintenance treatments and additional investment in main roads is producing the expected benefits
- The Highways function continues to achieve its Key Performance Indicator targets and through its Annual Service Plan is identifying service improvements and innovative ways of working
- Continued customer engagement is providing better intelligence on what the public want us to focus on. This includes continuing our improvements of residential and strategic roads and footways, improving the gully cleansing service and addressing issues of parking on footpaths
- Effective bridge maintenance is taking place and is being managed within existing budgets
- The Department for Transport has introduced a new incentive fund which involves self-assessment and is an important issue given the relationship to future funding

- There are newly published revised national codes of practice which will result in changes to the Authority's highway inspection regime.

### 1.5.3 Renewal of the HAMP

The HAMP is due for review in 2017 and work has started. This process will involve consultation with all stakeholders.

### 1.6 **Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

#### Option 1

Cabinet should note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

### 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 2016.

### 1.8 **Appendices:**

Appendix: North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan 2012-2017 Annual Information Report 2016

### 1.9 **Contact officers:**

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### 1.10 **Background information:**

The following background information has been used in the compilation of this report and is available at the office of the author:

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

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p\\_ID=527383&p\\_subjectCategory=380](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 direct financial and resource implications arising directly from this report. However the report highlights that continued investment is required in order to maintain the highway infrastructure asset. The development of the updated Highway Asset Management Plan from 2017 will determine the priorities for future maintenance schemes within allocated resources. Once the plan is approved it will be considered as part of 2018-2021 Financial Planning and Budget 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.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Regulations made under that Act, Cabinet is responsible for considering and determining this matter.

### **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. The highway maintenance programme is developed in consultation with the lead Cabinet Member.

### **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 are managed in accordance with the risk register set out in the Highway Asset Management Plan 2012 to 2017. Risks associated with delivery of the Authority's Highways function are monitored via the Technical Services Partnership risk arrangements.

### **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 highway infrastructure.

### PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive  x
- Head(s) of Service  x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)  x
- Chief Finance Officer  x
- Monitoring Officer  x
- Head of Corporate Strategy  x