

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 13 November 2017

ITEM 6(f)
North Tyneside Highway
Asset Management Plan
Annual Information
Report 2017

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 North Tyneside Transport Strategy, adopted by Cabinet on 8 May 2017, sets out the Authority's vision for transport in the borough. It seeks to ensure that "North Tyneside will have a safe, easy to use, healthy, affordable, accessible and integrated travel and transport infrastructure that works for residents, businesses and visitors effectively and efficiently." It sets out five principles which are key to achieving this.

The Highway Asset Management Plan 2017 - 2032 (HAMP), approved by Cabinet in September 2017, sets out the Authority's approach to maintaining North Tyneside's highways and responds to the Elected Mayor and Cabinet's policy direction to provide greater emphasis on footways.

The purpose of this report is to fulfil the commitment within the HAMP to provide Cabinet with an annual information report outlining the highway and infrastructure work undertaken over the last 12 months, future planned work activities, and other items of relevant interest.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that:

- 1) Cabinet note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2017, attached as the Appendix.

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 16th October 2017.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report is relevant to the following priorities set out in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2016 to 2019:

- Our People will be listened to, and involved by responsive, enabling services
- 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 2017 - 2032 (HAMP), approved by Cabinet in September, 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, the resources required to maintain it effectively and a commitment to increase future spending for the footways of the Borough.

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 been invested through the Authority's Investment Plan.

Cabinet is invited to note the content of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2017, attached as the Appendix. The report will be used as the basis for ongoing consideration around the challenges of maintaining the highway network. The report is aimed at supporting those considerations through the interrogation of objective data so that any decisions about potential changes in highway maintenance priorities and resources can be made in an informed manner.

Following this Cabinet meeting, all ward members will be provided with a personal copy of the HAMP Annual Information Report as attached as the Appendix. The report will also be published on the Authority's website.

1.5.2 Key Highlights of the HAMP Annual Information Report 2017

The following key highlights can be drawn from the annual report:

- The highway network is the most valuable asset in the Council's ownership.
- The current total value of highway assets is £1,374m.
- The continued additional capital investment in highway maintenance is continuing to improve the overall condition of the network.
- The successful implementation of the HAMP policy and investment strategy is demonstrating that the adoption of asset management principles by North Tyneside is gradually improving the condition of the road network.
- The Council is performing well in relation to the maintenance of classified main roads. This would indicate that the increased use of preventative maintenance treatments

and a relatively healthy financial investment in main roads is producing the expected benefits.

- The Technical Services Partnership with Capita continues to achieve and exceed its KPI targets and through its Annual Service Plan is identifying innovative ways of working, service improvements and efficiencies which are outlined in the report.
- How we spend our allocated funding needs to be carefully balanced across our highways infrastructure to ensure its condition is appropriately managed.
- Current investment levels for highways maintenance have ensured that the condition of highway network has not deteriorated.
- Continued customer engagement is providing better intelligence on what the public want us to focus our highway maintenance efforts on.
- Bridge maintenance is currently under control and can be managed within existing LTP budgets.
- With the publication of the revised Codes of Practice, Well-managed Highway Infrastructure, the Technical Partnership has commenced work on a plan to implement the new Codes by October 2018. The Code is designed to promote the adoption of an integrated asset management approach to highway infrastructure based on the establishment of local levels of service through risk-based assessment.

1.5 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.

1.6 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 2017.

1.7 Appendices:

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

1.8 Contact officers:

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1.9 Background information:

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

- (1) North Tyneside Transport Strategy, available on the Authority's website at:
http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p_ID=568803&p_subjectCategory=41
- (2) North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan 2017 to 2032, available on the Authority's website at:
<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/760/highway-asset-management>
- (3) Highway Infrastructure and Asset Management Guidance, UK Roads Liaison Group 2013
<http://www.ukroadsliasongroup.org/en/utilities/document-summary.cfm?docid=5C49F48E-1CE0-477F-933ACBFA169AF8CB>
- (4) Well-managed highway infrastructure, Code of Practice, UK Roads Liaison Group 2016
<http://www.ukroadsliasongroup.org/en/guidance/codes-of-practice.cfm>
- (5) Highways Act 1980
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66/contents>

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 Authority if they are to be addressed. The report suggests that there remains a significant backlog of highway repairs and it is anticipated that this issue will continue to be discussed and considered further as part of the 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.

2.3 Consultation / community engagement

There are no direct consultation or community engagement implications directly arising from this report. However, community engagement is a prominent feature of the HAMP and it is expected that any decisions around changes in maintenance priorities will continue to take into account the priorities of residents, the Mayor and elected members.

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 management protocols set out in the Highway Asset Management.

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