



Purpose of the Policy

Effective and efficient management of highway assets is a key factor in the ability of the Borough to deliver its services for the benefit of the local community. It contributes to and enables other services to deliver the aims and objectives of the Council.

The highway asset comprises 536 km of roads, 109 highway structures, 17,536 street lights and 141 signal installations and has a gross replacement value of £1.1 billion (excluding land).

The Borough of Poole seeks to use its resources well to provide good public services for all and to ensure sound investment in a sustainable future for Poole.

The Borough's purpose is to improve the quality of life for the people of Poole and is underpinned by the following priorities and values:

- Promoting the health and wellbeing of our population especially the most vulnerable
- Ensuring all children and young people have the chance to achieve their full potential
- Promoting Poole's economic growth and regeneration by attracting investment in business, housing and jobs for all
- Protecting and enhancing Poole's beautiful environment in a sustainable way so that it is a great place to live, work and play
- We put residents at the heart of everything we do
- We use public money to achieve the greatest benefit where it is needed most

The Corporate Strategy 2015-2019 outlines the steps that will be taken by the Council to deliver these priorities and recognises the importance of the investment in the Borough's infrastructure to deliver these priorities.

Scope

This policy is applicable to all public highway infrastructure managed and maintained by Growth and Infrastructure on behalf of the Borough.

Policy Statement

The Council believes that effective asset management is fundamental to the delivery of its services and the delivery of its long term vision and strategy. Asset Management principles enable informed decisions to be made about investment and maintenance funding; assist in the targeting of resources to where they can be most effective and enables the identification and management of the risks associated with its statutory duties to manage and maintain public infrastructure.

Policy Detail

In adopting an Asset Management approach to the management of our Highway infrastructure we will be implementing a methodology which includes:

- A systematic approach which takes a long-term view
- The consideration of the whole of life costs of maintaining an asset

- Consideration of customer expectations and defined levels of service
- The prioritisation of works based on assessed needs derived from the defined levels of service
- The use of lifecycle planning to inform the optimal treatment at each stage of the assets life

All of the above when implemented in a formalised approach will enable better decision making which takes account of the relationship between cost and performance.

This in turn allows potential for the delivery of an improved level of service for the resources available or in the case of reducing budgets it can assist in ensuring that available funds are used in the most efficient way such that risks are identified, balanced and mitigated in so far as is possible.

Communicating the policy

This policy will be made available on the Council's website as part of a suite of Asset Management documents available to all interested parties.

Non-compliance

Non compliance with this policy may leave the Council in a position where it is not able to discharge its statutory duty to maintain Highways and lead to a deterioration of the value and condition of publicly owned infrastructure.

Supporting Information

BoP Corporate Strategy

<https://www.poole.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/strategies-plans-and-policies/corporate-strategy-2015-2019/>

Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset Local Transport Plan 3 - Strategy Document 2011 -2026 –

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/roads-and-pavements/transport-planning/local-transport-plan/local-transport-plan-3.aspx>

HMEP Website - <http://www.highwayefficiency.org.uk/>

HMEP AM Area - <http://www.highwayefficiency.org.uk/efficiency-resources/asset-management/>

HMEP - Maintaining a vital asset - What should Councillors know about Asset Management

Transport Asset Management Guidance - <http://www.ukroadsliaisongroup.org/>

Highways Maintenance Funding: Incentive Element Guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-maintenance-funding-incentive-element>

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