

Appendix 2

Vision, Aim and Policies

Telford and Wrekin Highways Vision

We will keep Telford moving by

- Delivering a safe, efficient and sustainable highway to meet the needs of communities and businesses, providing access to jobs and services, supporting health and wellbeing and catering for future growth
- Maximising and managing investment into the highway network to support the local economy, investing in new technologies and our workforce to promote innovation and creativity

Consultation, collaboration and community engagement will be the key to our success

Overarching Aim: Keeping Telford Moving

We will provide a safe, well managed, maintained and resilient transport network for all who use it. We will make every effort to understand the current and future demands on the transport infrastructure and our stakeholders' needs.

Policy Objective 1: Commitment to Asset Management

We will adopt and promote the principles of asset management to give a strategic approach to managing the highway network. This will provide clarity and confidence to decision makers in relation to current and future planned maintenance.

Policy Objective 2: Data Collection and Asset Inventory

We are committed to a robust data collection and management programme for all assets. This will provide the information required to enable lifecycle planning to be undertaken and for levels of service to be fully developed.

Policy Objective 3: Lifecycle Planning

We will establish lifecycle planning, based on the current condition of each of the main asset groups. This will provide a robust understanding of how deterioration rates and future funding levels will impact on the long term condition of these assets. The lifecycle planning process will provide a solid foundation and evidence base for smart decision making and enable Levels of Service to be set with confidence.

Policy Objective 4: Levels of Service

We will define and apply Levels of Service for each asset group. These will determine the condition at which each of the asset groups will be maintained
Stakeholders will be consulted before Levels of Service are applied.

Policy Objective 5: Scheme Selection

We recognise that the process for identifying planned maintenance works varies for each of the main asset groups and we will make planned maintenance decisions based on asset data, lifecycle planning and the agreed Levels of Service for each asset type.

Policy Objective 6: Maintainability

To ensure that our highway improvement schemes are truly maintainable, asset managers will carry out a maintainability audit for any schemes that affect the assets they manage. Consideration will also be given to the development of a core pallet of trusted materials for highway works.

Policy Objective 7: Performance Monitoring

Performance monitoring will be applied to our asset management policies, practices and processes and we will use all available data to ensure continual improvement in all aspects of asset management.

Policy Objective 8: Emergency Works and Network Resilience

We will further develop a resilient network that is able to cope with a range of highly disruptive events. The resilient network will be maintained to the required Level of Service to maintain access to the essential areas of the Borough should such an event occur.

Policy Objective 9: Winter Service

We will ensure so far as is reasonable practicable, that safe passage along the key highway network will not be endangered by snow or ice.

Policy Objective 10: Stakeholder Communication

We will ensure that key stakeholders and members of the public have easily accessible and direct channels of communication to report issues, provide input into the management of the highway asset, and be kept informed about highway maintenance works and key decisions.

Policy Objective 11: Asset Management Framework

A suite of asset management policy and process documents will be developed. These documents will form the framework for asset management in Telford and Wrekin

Policy Objective 12: Strategy Review

We will review the Asset Management Policy and Strategy and supporting documents on an annual basis. This review will include consultation with key stakeholders if major changes are proposed.