

# Infrastructure Asset Management Policy

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## Infrastructure Asset Management Policy

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The purpose of Torbay Council's Network Management Team is to create customer value by operating a sustainable highway infrastructure system in such a way as to optimise the network condition within the available budgets.

Our vision is to be regarded as delivering the best all-round highway infrastructure management service in the United Kingdom. To achieve this:

This asset management policy shall be achieved through the operation of a co-ordinated end to end asset management system that:

- Produces an infrastructure management strategy, objectives and performance targets that are consistent with our business priorities;
- Considers the complete lifecycle of our assets to develop investment plans that are sustainable, efficient and based upon an optimised consideration of cost, risk and performance;
- Develops a resource/training strategy aligned with the requirement of the investment plans;
- Ensures the efficient execution of our plans and fulfilment of our customer promises;
- Tracks delivery of our asset management objectives and targets and reviews the achievement of their intended benefits;
- Integrates with and complements our risk, health and safety, environmental and quality management system requirements; and

- Incorporates regular audits and formal management reviews designed to seek and implement continual improvement.

All members, employees and contractors shall comply with this policy and contribute towards the continuous improvement of the asset management system.

The authority will provide sufficient information, training and resources to enable this to be achieved.

## Community and Corporate Plan 2019-2023

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### Working Differently

As part of our strategy, policy and plan for Transport Asset Management, it is key that we demonstrate that our goals align with the Corporate Strategy.

Torbay Council's opportunities and challenges are as defined in the corporate policy.

Torbay can offer an unrivalled quality of life for individuals and families – its natural environment, clean air, climate, location, excellent schools, growing arts and cultural sector and wide range of outdoor activities means that Torbay can provide everyone with the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilled life. We need to make sure that everyone benefits from these opportunities whilst at the same time meeting the challenges that we and our communities face:

- An ageing population

**Ensuring that risk of potential highway defects is correctly assessed to ensure that all users of the highway network are able to traverse it safely**

- The need for economic and housing growth

**To maintain an efficient and effective highway network to facilitate future growth**

- The climate change emergency

**To reduce carbon emissions associated with street lighting and make more use of recycling techniques and consideration of low carbon materials, emerging technologies and processes when considering treatments for highways**

- Substantial reductions in central government funding

**Intelligently applying the principles of asset management to future capital schemes to ensure that the current asset register is maintained to the highest standard.**

### Four Visions

The Community and Corporate Plan identifies 4 key visions which we can align our goals with

Thriving people

Ensuring our Highway Network is fit for use, by all users will ensure that we encourage the authority's vision of "Thriving People"

A safe and usable highway encourages users to use sustainable means of travel and in turn meeting the following aims:

- Support healthy, physically active lives for all
- Promote good mental and physical health, reducing the occurrence of preventable illnesses

#### Thriving economy

Encouraging economic growth by ensuring that our Highway Network and Assets are maintained to high standard, using our assigned budgets intelligently.

#### Tackling climate change

Through intelligent use of sustainable measures, recycling and procurement, along with the use of emerging technologies, we can encourage a reduction in Torbay Council's carbon footprint.

#### Council fit for the future

Encouraging the use of technology, and data collection methods so that we can use qualified data and information to make better informed decisions that will benefit Torbay.

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