



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board
17th January 2020

Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

Highway Asset Management Plan

Purpose of the Report:

To update Members with regard to ongoing development of Highway Asset Management planning and seek endorsement of a revised plan.

Executive Summary:

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) provides an integrated framework for the delivery of highway maintenance services across the Authority's road network and optimises resources for the management of the highway infrastructure.

Background:

In Neath Port Talbot as in other areas, residents, visitors and the business community rely on the local highway infrastructure to

undertake their everyday activities. In line with guidance and best practice the Council is continuing to improve Highway Asset Management Planning. The Council's current Highway Asset Management Plan was adopted by Members in 2015. The HAMP identifies the main asset groups of the highways infrastructure, individual asset inventory and condition data, along with any gaps where issues need to be reviewed to bring practices/assets up to required standards.

The aim of adopting an Asset Management strategy is to allow a planned approach to improve the management of the highway asset in respect of those components that are maintainable at public expense and for which the Council, as Highway Authority, is responsible. The Council's aim is to ensure the asset is maintained efficiently to both a safe and serviceable condition in support of the objectives established in the Neath Port Talbot Single Integrated Plan, and the asset plan is intended to set out in practical terms the Council's strategy for doing so.

In Wales, all authorities have agreed to follow a generic HAMP format derived from working group commissions instigated by CSS Wales (formerly County Surveyor's Society).

This is the fourth review of the Council's HAMP since its adoption and the document has been further developed in line with nationally agreed criteria.

Financial Impacts:

No direct financial implications.

The Highway Asset Management Plan is a means of identify the implications of given spending levels and ensuring that available monies are spent to best effect.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

The first stage assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment is not required. A summary is included below. The plan is classified to help ensure funding is invested to best effect and where it is most needed, thereby maximising community benefit.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

No implications.

Risk Management implications:

An asset management approach to Highway infrastructure provides a framework for informed decision making. This plan sets out the management arrangements required to ensure the benefits of investment are optimised and that the highway asset is managed to meet the expectations of the highway user, within the context of the Council meeting its statutory duties as the Highway Authority.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the revised Highway Asset Management Plan is endorsed.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To continue the Council's progress with taking forward Highway Asset Management Planning.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix A – First Stage Assessment
Appendix B - Revised HAMP document

List of Background Papers

None

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