

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate

Part 1

Date: 8 April 2019

Subject: Draft Highway Asset Management Plan 2019- 2024

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Designation:
Bev Owen	Strategic Director - Place
Paul Jones	Head of City Services
Steve Davies	Senior Strategy Manager, City Services
Joanne Turner	Senior Technical Officer, City Services

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

Recommendations to the Committee

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan 2019 - 2024 (**Appendix 1**) and determine if it wishes to make any comments to the Cabinet Member for consideration with the Draft Plan.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 The Committee agreed at its meeting on 4 June 2018 that a Scrutiny Briefing upon: *Quality of the Road Network* should be included in its Annual Forward Work Programme, following which the Committee could consider whether it wished to scrutinise an aspect of the topic. (A link to the *Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate held on 4 June 2018 Report and Minutes* is included in the *Background Papers in Section 6 of this Report.*)
- 2.2 Members may recall that a Briefing upon the *Quality of the Road Network* was presented to Members of the Committee on 24 September 2018 by the Head of Streetscene and City Services and his Officers and copies of the presentation subsequently circulated by email.
- 2.3 Subsequently, the Committee at its meeting held on 14 January 2019 added the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan to its Forward Work Programme for consultation to make any comments to the Cabinet Member Pre-Decision. (A link to the *Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate held on 14 January 2019 Report and Minutes* is included in the *Background Papers in Section 6 of this Report.*)
- 2.4 The Draft Highway Asset Management Plan is attached as Appendix 1 and comprises the following Sections:
- Foreword
 - 1. Introduction
 - 2. Highway Assets
 - 3. Demands and Expectations
 - 4. Financial
 - 5. Monitoring Performance
 - 6. Service Standards and Current Investment
 - 7. Risks to the Plan
 - Appendix A - Anticipated Five Year Funding
- 2.4 The Committee is asked to consider the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan in **Appendix 1** and make any comments to the Cabinet Member for consideration with the Draft Plan.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The following is attached for the Committee's consideration:

Appendix 1 - Newport City Council Draft Highway Asset Management Plan 2019-2024

Appendix A - Anticipated Five Year Funding

4 Suggested Areas of Focus

4.1 Role of the Committee

<p>The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the content of the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan • Assess and make comment on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How achievable the plan is; - How measurable the plan is; - Whether sufficient resources for implementation have been identified; - How have the barriers / risks have been identified and mitigated; - How the plan will be monitored and success measured; • Conclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What was the overall conclusion on the report? - Does the Committee wish to make any comments to the Cabinet Member? - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the Draft Plan?
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4.2 Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

The Committees consideration of the Draft Highway Asset Management Plan should consider how the Plan is maximising its contribution to the five ways of working. Below are examples of the types of questions to consider:

5 Ways of Working	Types of Questions to consider:
<p>Long-term</p> <p>The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	What consideration has been given to the long term trends that could affect the Draft Plan or; how could the Draft Plan impact these trends?
	How will the needs of service users potentially change in the future?
	How will progress against the Plan be monitored?
<p>Prevention</p> <p>Prevent problems occurring or getting worse.</p>	What is the objective (or the desired outcome) of this Draft Plan?
	How does the plan assist in preventing future problems, or exacerbating current problems?
	How are identified risks being mitigated?
<p>Integration</p> <p>Considering how public bodies' wellbeing objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other</p>	Are there any other organisations providing similar / complementary services?
	Have you consulted with other public bodies, third sector, emergency services, businesses and anyone else you think might be impacted?

5 Ways of Working	Types of Questions to consider:
public bodies.	What practical steps will you take to integrate your Plan with existing plans and strategies of other public organisations to help us all contribute fully to the seven national well-being goals?
Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the organisation itself).	Who have you been working with? Why? Who have you collaborated with in preparing the Draft Plan?
	How are you co-working with other sectors?
	How are you using the knowledge / information / good practice of others to inform / influence the Draft Plan?
Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.	How have you involved the people who will be impacted by the Draft Plan?
	How have you taken into account diverse communities in your Draft Plan?
	How have you used different / alternative methods to reach people and involve them?
	How will you communicate the Draft Plan?

Section B – Supporting Information

5 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

5.1 Newport City Council's Corporate Plan and Well-being Objectives:

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

7. Background Papers

- Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate – [14 January 2019 \(Item 7 refers\) and Minutes](#)
- Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate – [4 June 2018 \(Item 5 refers\) and Minutes](#)
- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan 2017 - 2022](#)