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# Nottingham City Council: Highway Asset Management Policy

## Foreword

This overarching policy is aimed at supporting ward councillors and key service stakeholders, and outlines the principles adopted in shaping a Highway Asset Management Strategy for Nottingham City Council.

It supports the Council's Vision and Corporate Priorities, the Council's duty and obligations under the Highways Act 1980, how this aligns with the risk-based guidance provided in the Highways Code of Practice 'Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure' October 2016, and it outlines the benefits of adopting an asset management approach to service delivery.



The City Council understands the vital role played by Nottingham's highway infrastructure network in supporting the Authority's vision of 'A renewed Council, delivering for local people, leading Nottingham forward' as is stated in their Council Plan 2025-29:



Nottingham City Council recognises the importance of its local highway network in supporting the delivery of its works and services and achieving the overarching Council vision and transport goals and is committed to applying sound asset management principles to the maintenance and management of its highway infrastructure to:

- ensure high quality service provision for Nottingham City residents and its road users is safeguarded through effective asset management of all highway infrastructure and demonstrating value for money.
- maintain a safe network where the ability to protect residents and road users is an absolute priority.

Asset management will support the Council's objectives to deliver the following initiatives:

<b>A renewed council, delivering for local people, leading Nottingham forward</b>			
Fostering Governance Transparency and Innovation	Adopting a 'One Council' approach	Empowering Safe Communities	Healthy and Safe Residents
Enhancing Education and Skills	Revitalising the Economy	Improving Infrastructure and Connectivity	Championing Sustainability

We will do this by being radical, bold and daring to be different and by adopting a sound asset management approach to delivering a highway infrastructure that supports Nottingham's longer-term 20-year Vision for the City of Nottingham by:

<b>Asset Management will deliver this by:</b>	
Balancing competing needs across the highways network	Adopting a risk-based approach to maintaining a safe highway environment
Maintaining a highway infrastructure network that supports sustainability, investment, growth, effective transport links and journey times	Complying with statutory obligations for the safety of highway users and for the serviceability of the highway assets
Maintaining an accessible and reliable highways infrastructure network that supports connectivity, efficient journey times and enhances the travel experience	Ensuring safety by undertaking a risk-based approach to safety audits and service delivery
Prioritising the condition of strategic and resilient network routes to development areas whilst balancing the needs of communities, district centres and local services	Supporting air quality initiatives and low carbon transport choices and highway maintenance processes
Providing a maintained local road network and highway assets that shapes the character and quality of the local areas that it serves and promotes social inclusion	Providing infrastructure access and a safe environment for all to education, healthcare, employment, leisure and social opportunities enables people to make the most of life, supporting stronger communities and cultural heritage
<b>Working together and delivering on promises</b>	

# Council Engagement and Stakeholder Consultation

This 'Highway Asset Management Policy' is aimed at supporting ward councillors and key service stakeholders. It is important that their understanding and buy-in to this Policy and to its associated 'Highway Asset Management Strategy' is sought and attained. Managing stakeholder expectations and addressing their needs is a key aspect of asset management.

Engagement with the Council and stakeholders shall be undertaken in respect of:

- the asset management process
- the challenges faced by the service
- the determination of service levels
- works prioritisation and programming

## Commitment to Highway Asset Management

The asset management process provides the platform from which local authority infrastructure services may be developed, integrated and prioritised in consideration of the existing and future needs of its businesses, residents and stakeholders.

An asset management approach to service delivery will help optimise resource allocation within the limitations of funding provisions and resource availability and it will target those operations where and when they are most needed in a strategic and effective manner by adopting a priority risk-based approach to service delivery and taking account of condition and socio-economic criteria.

Nottingham City Council is committed to sound asset management of highway infrastructure for the benefit of current and future generations. This policy supports the adoption of the following well-founded and established asset management principles in support of developing and achieving the Authority's corporate and strategic objectives and priorities by:

- adopting a long-term strategic approach to highways maintenance management.
- considering stakeholder expectations, needs and aspirations.
- applying a systematic approach to maintenance management activities.
- the optimal allocation of resources (including broader utilisation across Resident Services).
- management of investment over the asset lifecycle.
- efficient asset performance management.
- review of current and future risks associated with all assets at a strategic, tactical, reputational, financial and operational level, using a robust and systematic approach to understand their significance to users, stakeholders and the authority.

The adoption of a risk-based approach to service delivery combined with a consideration of whole life value appraisals will promote a sustainable and customer focused infrastructure maintenance service which is socially inclusive and supports an integrated approach with connectivity to all infrastructure services areas.

The Council will prioritise the infrastructure assets that are most important to the city's growth, whilst recognising the importance of a well maintained and safe road network for communities, ensuring levels of service and maintenance priorities, consider the corporate vision, objectives and priorities, and take into account stakeholder experience, requirements and expectations for service delivery.

## **Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

The Authority is committed to seeking continuous improvement in its asset management practices by incorporating a holistic and coordinated approach to highway service delivery.



