

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Highway infrastructure is vital to the social and economic well-being of Rutland. As the custodian of such a vital asset, the County Council is required to have a defined and structured approach to the management of this asset so that it clearly delivers good value for our stakeholders by the optimal allocation of resources; this approach is called Highway Infrastructure Asset Management.

Rutland County Council is committed to continuing to maintain the network in a very good condition by implementing sound Asset Management principles in the management of its highway infrastructure. Our Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy:

- supports the Council's vision of "High Quality of Life in Vibrant Communities" as set out in the Corporate Plan for 2019 to 2024:
- enables the vision for transport as set out in the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) to be addressed:

"A transport network and services that support: sustainable growth; vulnerable residents; and health and wellbeing."

Levels of service have been defined in the strategy for each aspect of highways maintenance to support the Corporate Plan and Local Transport Plan. These are:

- Safety - to ensure that highway assets are maintained in a safe condition and strive to reduce the number of casualties on our roads.
- Serviceability - to maintain the current condition on carriageways, footways and drainage and seek to improve the connectivity of footways, cycleways and public rights of way.
- Sustainability - to consider the future impacts of decisions on cost, the environment and stakeholders expectations, and to address the challenge of climate change.
- Customer Service - to continually strive to improve by understanding our stakeholder needs and to keep them informed.

Maintenance strategies have been defined for each key asset group detailing the method, challenges and outcomes. The over-arching maintenance strategy for all asset groups will be to:

- ensure that investment decisions consider the whole life cost and environmental impacts.
- seek to extend the life of assets using a preventative maintenance approach to maintain the level of service over a longer period.
- prioritise resources using condition data and supplementary information to generate outcomes which have the greatest benefit.

Progress with delivering the asset management strategy will be monitored through a regular review which will highlight risks and provide recommendation for future actions.