

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
LEAD MEMBER - TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
POLICY SUMMARY**

Highway Asset Management Policy

Purpose of Policy

To create stakeholder value by operating a sustainable highway network in such a way to optimise long term condition and investment.

East Sussex County Council considers that an asset management approach to the maintenance of the highway network will support this achievement, and the Council Priorities and Local Transport Plan visions.

Policy Statement

East Sussex County Council is committed to maintaining a safe highway network, through efficient coordinated and economical service activities, that sustainably serve the needs of our stakeholders.

Through our adopted asset management we optimise the long-term condition of our assets relative to the investment available.

Our priorities and delivery outcomes are driven by our four overarching priority outcomes:

- driving sustainable economic growth
- keeping vulnerable people safe
- helping people help themselves
- making best use of resources now and for the future

'Making best use of resources now and for the future' is the gateway through which all activity and accompanying resources must pass. The remaining three outcomes guide our activities, direct our resources, and are reflected in our targets.

We will comply with the legal, regulatory, and environmental requirements placed upon us and will not compromise the safety of our employees, stakeholders, and the public.

We will not work in isolation and will work with our partners and neighbours to make sure there is a shared view of priorities.

We will make the most of opportunities and resources available to East Sussex both locally and nationally.

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

- Delivers our Asset Management Strategy, objectives and performance targets, ensuring they are consistent with the Council Vision.
- Considers the complete lifecycle of our assets, allowing us to develop investment plans that are sustainable, efficient, and based upon cost, risk and performance.
- Makes the case for funding
- Improves communication with stakeholders
- Facilitates an understanding of the contribution highway infrastructure assets make to economic growth and social well-being of local communities

- Tracks the delivery of our asset management objectives and reviews the achievement of their benefits.
- Integrates with and compliments our risk, health and safety and environmental requirements.

Officers shall comply with this policy and contribute towards continuous improvement of the asset management system and by ensuring sufficient information, training, and resources are available to enable this to be achieved.

Supporting Information

Council Plan

The Highway Asset Management Strategy

Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice UK Roads Liaison Group 2016

Local Transport Plan

Further Information:

Date of Approval:

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