



RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE REVISED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PLAN AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2018 - 2023
COUNCILLOR PETER HILLER, CABINET MEMBER FOR GROWTH, PLANNING, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MAY 2019
Deadline date: MAY 2019

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development
Responsible Director:	Dave Anderson, Interim Development Director
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan : Yes Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan : KEY/27MAY19/02
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	N/A

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
1) Adopt the Highway Maintenance Plan and Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

1.1 This report seeks approval from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to adopt the revised Highway Maintenance Plan and Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan. The revised code of practice for highway infrastructure (Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure) required changes to the approach for highway authorities when managing their highway assets. In order to meet these new requirements Peterborough Highway Services needed to review and amend its Highway Maintenance Plan. The new code of practice also requires a Highway Infrastructure Asset

Management Plan that incorporates an Asset Management Framework. These documents enable Peterborough City Council to meet these requirements. The Highway Maintenance Plan includes very few changes to the approach taken when managing the highway asset as Peterborough Highway Services were already undertaking a risk based approach under the old code of practice. This was demonstrated with excellent repudiation of claims with 3 years out the last 4 showing £0 payments in highway claims.

2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (b).

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

- 4.1 Approval of the revised Highway Maintenance Plan and Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as part of the document review process with key stakeholders.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 Approval is given to adopt the revised Highway Maintenance Plan and Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 This will enable the Council to meet the requirements of the new code of practice "Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure". A recent audit by Zurich Insurance confirmed that these documents and approach will ensure that Peterborough is excellently placed to meet the requirements in relation to the new code of practice.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Not meet the requirements of the new national code of practice. This has been ruled out because it could have a number of consequences including reputational, legal and financial.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Highways Act 1980 provides that the highway authority is under a duty to maintain the highway at public expense. This requires that the highway has to be maintained so that it is reasonably passable by the ordinary traffic of the area. If the Council is not compliant with the new code of practice then it cannot demonstrate that it is meeting its obligations.
- 9.2 In addition, the legal implications of not approving the documents and approach outlined in this document may mean that the Council cannot meet its strategic transport and highway priorities for Peterborough.

9.3 Approving the adoption of both documents will meet the statutory duty to maintain the highway and the Council's transport objectives.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Failure to comply with the national code of practice will result in increased compensation claims and possible negative media reports.

11. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no procurement implications.

12. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and there are no detrimental effects associated with adopting the documents.

13. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

13.1 None

14. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
- Highway Maintenance Plan
- Zurich Insurance audit report

15. APPENDICES

- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
- Highway Maintenance Plan