

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

Almost every resident in the East Riding uses our transport network on a daily basis. Some drive to work, others walk to school with their children and some choose to cycle around the beautiful countryside of East Yorkshire. We stop at traffic lights, use pedestrian crossings and look at traffic signs. Many of us live in areas illuminated by street lights. All of these elements come together to form the largest asset base held by this Council, and the gross replacement cost of our highway assets is valued at over £4bn.

Transport connects people to work, school, healthcare, shops, family and friends. It plays a crucial role in supporting local communities, encouraging economic growth and allowing local businesses to remain competitive. An efficient and effective transport network is key to ensuring the future economic prosperity of the East Riding and the quality of life of our residents. As such, it is vital that the Council has a robust policy and strategy framework in place to ensure that our transport and highway network is maintained in optimum condition.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is committed to adopting the principles of asset management in managing and maintaining our transport infrastructure. We understand the vital role that effective asset management can have in helping to achieve the Council's corporate values, particularly those related to 'growing the economy' and 'valuing the environment', and our future aspirations for the East Riding. Our primary aim for highways asset management is to achieve the following overarching objective:

The Council will work with partners to implement a systematic approach to the asset management of the Council's transport network considering 'Safety', 'Serviceability' and 'Sustainability'

The asset management approach adopted by the Council to maintain our transport network is consistent with our local plans and policies and national guidance, and is an approach used across the Council in terms of managing and maintaining its assets (as outlined in our Asset Management and Capital Investment Strategy (2016-2046)). This approach considers risk, local needs, and affordability, with the aim of providing an effective and efficient service. Clear communication with our key partners and stakeholders ensures that this approach fully embraces local priorities and leads to more informed management of the asset base.

Our [Transport Asset Management Plan \(2016-2029\)](#) provides a long-term strategic framework for highways asset management and looks at the quantity and quality of our existing transport assets to determine how to make the most of them now and in the future. It considers condition, investment needs and current and future priorities to develop lifecycle plans for each asset type, leading to a planned programme of repairs and improvement with the aim of providing the right treatment is delivered in the right place at the most appropriate time. Generally, this means ensuring that the strategic routes are maintained in a good condition, offering an alternative to the car for short journeys and minimising the use of energy and resources.

This long term approach to investment leads to greater value for money, reduced reactive maintenance costs, and the best outcomes for residents, businesses, and all those travelling on the local highway network. Reflecting on our progress to date coupled with ongoing review and monitoring of performance will lead to continued improvement in our approach and delivery of asset management in the future.