



Highway Asset Management Strategy & Policy 2015

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Foreword

“I am pleased to introduce Calderdale Council’s Highway Asset Management Strategy and Policy. This is aimed at maintaining an efficient and effective highway network which will ensure good access across the borough.”

**Councillor Barry Collins
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economic Development**



Policy for Highway Asset Management

Calderdale Council believes that effective highway asset management is one of the key factors to support the delivery of its corporate priorities listed below:-

- **Growth** Driving economic development and enterprise
- **Ambition** Raising aspiration and achievement for all our residents
- **Resilience** Supporting personal, community and environmental resilience
- **Sustainability** Managing demand and investing for the future
- **Efficiency** Delivering efficiency and effectiveness in public services
- **Fairness** Reducing inequalities and tackling disadvantage

These support the Council's ambition of “***Everyone Different Everyone Matters***”.

Highway Asset Management is important as it allows us to manage and maintain our highway infrastructure assets through long term planning and best use of resource.

The highway network as a whole is the Council's largest and most valuable asset. It provides access to jobs, services, schools and healthcare. It enables delivery of materials and goods throughout the borough and allows us to access leisure facilities and our unique countryside and heritage. Our local roads are at the heart of the transport network. To ensure that they meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors Calderdale's policy on Highway Asset Management will feature five aims linked to the corporate vision and ambition.

1 Providing a safe Highway Network. Our first priority will be to provide a safe, well managed, maintained and more resilient highway network for all who use it. We will work with stakeholders to understand current and future requirements for the highway infrastructure.

2 Maintaining Access to Calderdale. We recognise the vital role transport has to play in Calderdale's economic vitality and will endeavour to maintain access to education, employment, healthcare and rural services, as well as widen travel choice through public transport, supported by reliable and safe journeys on our highway network.

3 Each Highway Asset meets stakeholder expectations. It is recognised that customer feedback and satisfaction surveys should feature at the heart of any future decision making processes. Calderdale Council has access to customer feedback surveys from its own “e-panel”, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority “Tracker Survey” and the National Highways & Transport (NHT) “customer feedback survey”. These surveys will encourage engagement with stakeholders resulting in a better understanding of their aspirations and needs.

4 Reducing the impact on the environment. We will reduce our environmental impact by reducing our carbon footprint, increasing recycling, reuse of materials and reducing our street lighting energy consumption.

5 Deliver Value for Money. Our adoption of a highway asset management approach will enable greater value for money to be delivered within budget constraints by taking a long term view on investment decisions. This approach will ensure that the right investment decisions are made to support the wider economy.



Strategy for Highway Infrastructure Asset Management

Calderdale Council's strategy for Highway Asset management is to:

Be an active partner within the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to support delivery of the West Yorkshire Transport Asset Management Plan and Asset Management Framework.

Work with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, other local highway authorities, consultants, contractors and supply chain partners to implement best practice through shared knowledge, experience and resources.

Monitor and review the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement annually to ensure it is fit for purpose and supports informed decision making.

Minimise deterioration and maximise the lifespan of all assets using lifecycle planning.

Allocate available budgets to maximise planned maintenance and to minimise reactive repairs.

Maximise budgets through the use of best practice and innovative work methods and materials.

Prioritise works programmes using a risk based approach.

Programme and deliver works more efficiently to minimise cost without compromising quality.

Minimise maintenance cost and liability through rationalisation of all highway assets and through adoption of cost effective, durable and low maintenance materials.

Use high quality and up-to-date asset inventory and condition information to inform investment decisions and develop business cases to bid for additional funding.