

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	1 February 2018
<b>Decision Maker</b>	John Hobbs, Director of Economy and Infrastructure
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>One of the key requirements of the Department for Transport Incentive Fund is that the County Council has a Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy.</p> <p>The Highway Asset Management Policy sets out Worcestershire County Council's commitment to highway asset management and demonstrates how the County's asset management approach aligns with the County Council's Core Purpose and vision with its medium to longer term objectives. The Policy also ensures that the investment in the highway maintenance service supports the County Council's wider transport objectives as outlined in the <a href="#">Local Transport Plan v4 (LTP4)</a>.</p> <p>The Highways Asset Management Strategy sets out the objectives that Worcestershire County Council aspires to achieve from the management of its highway assets. It describes how Worcestershire's Highway Asset Management Policy will be delivered and links to the Corporate Plan called <a href="#">Shaping Worcestershire's Future 2017 – 2022</a>. It demonstrates how the highway maintenance service supports the County Council's vision and key priorities over the medium to long-term. The Strategy also defines the major assets that Worcestershire County Council has and how we will manage the highway asset to ensure we achieve our corporate priority outcomes, taking into account finance and the current asset condition, differing stakeholder needs, localised priorities and the benefits they provide over the medium to long-term in terms of defined outcomes.</p> <p>The Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy is supplemented by other key documents which include the following operational plans and policies that form the operational delivery elements of the Highway Asset Management framework and supports the long-term management of the asset groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways Maintenance Policy</li> <li>• Highways Maintenance Plan</li> <li>• Highways Asset Management Communication Strategy</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways Lifecycle Plan</li> <li>• Highways Funded Information Strategy</li> <li>• Highways Inspectors Manual</li> <li>• Transport Asset Management Plan</li> <li>• Tree Risk Management Plan</li> <li>• Highways Emergency and Resilient Network Plan</li> <li>• A number of operational policies e.g. Ford Crossings Policy, Wet Spot Policy and Level Crossing Policy.</li> </ul> <p>The Director of Economy and Infrastructure gives approval: (1) to the implementation of the Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy to take immediate effect from February 2018; and (2) to implement these supporting operational documents detailed above, to support the delivery of the Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy, developing Worcestershire's approach across all highway infrastructure asset groups.</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	In 2015 the Department for Transport (DfT) introduced an Incentive Fund to encourage highway authorities to embrace and adopt efficient good practices and effective asset management. Authorities have to demonstrate that efficiency measures are being pursued in order to receive the additional funding. The approved and published Policy and Strategy documents are a mandatory requirement to enable an authority to maximise the value of the Incentive Fund element provided as part of the Local Highway Maintenance Block Fund for the 5 years between 2016/17 to 2020/21.
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	None notified – it is a mandatory requirement to meet the DfT Incentive Fund criteria.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	Not applicable.