



12 November 2015

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF ACTING SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the Nottinghamshire Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP),

Background

2. Nottinghamshire's Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan provides the framework to deliver better value for money in capital maintenance spending, through adoption of a sensible and forward thinking maintenance plan. Our customers will have greater visibility as to the relative status and condition of their roads and future maintenance strategy.
3. In May 2013 the UK Roads Liaison Group produced the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance Document, and along with this a summary document was published called Highways - Maintaining a vital asset – 'What should Councillors know about asset management?' which is attached as Appendix 1. It is a requirement that NCC produces a HIAMP.
4. The HIAMP is linked directly to the 14 recommendations in the UK Roads Liaison Group guidance document as these are the cornerstone to good asset management practice. A list of these recommendations is included in Appendix 2.
5. A draft HIAMP has been produced and the key features are detailed in the Executive Summary contained in Appendix 3.
6. Spring 2015 saw the culmination of over five years development work by the Department for Transport to create a new set of funding models for highways maintenance across the country consisting of three key elements:
 - A revised 'Needs-Based' Block Funding Formula - Based upon network length.
 - The Challenge Fund.
 - The Incentive Fund.

Greater detail on the three elements listed above is contained in Appendix 3 (Executive Summary)

7. The Department for Transport Incentive Fund is one of the key drivers behind the creation of a HIAMP for Nottinghamshire. It is an essential requirement of the Incentive Fund that all highway authorities must outline steps being taken and the strategies being employed to demonstrate commitment to the adoption of asset management principles in all highway maintenance activities. In Nottinghamshire, the HIAMP is one of the documents which will be used to achieve this.
8. A draft of the HIAMP is available through the members report area and is displayed for public consultation on the following link: [HIAMP Link](#)
9. The HIAMP has been displayed on the Authorities website since the 16th September and notification was sent to key stakeholders advising them of the consultation and seeking their input. The consultation period closed on the 14th October, feedback has been reviewed and the document has been amended where appropriate.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. It is recommended that Committee:
 - a. Approve the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan as a document that sets out Nottinghamshire's approach to managing the highway asset.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 02/11/2015)

12. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Highways Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways has been delegated.

Financial Comments (IC – 30/10/15)

13. There are no immediate financial implications as a result of this report.

Background Papers

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All