

REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT**HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report, which will be accompanied by a presentation at the meeting, is to provide the Committee with an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the Highways Review and an overview of the County Council's road safety arrangements to inform the scrutiny process.

Information

2. The Council's highways review has considered a number of key strands of activity and on 15th December 2022 Cabinet considered progress and outputs from the review which has been taking place following on from the motion agreed at Full Council on 27th May 2021. The Cabinet report is included at Appendix 1 to this report. As well as a full update on progress, the Cabinet report also details the background to the review and gives a detailed breakdown of the review process. The review has involved regular meetings of a cross-party Member panel, input from the Local Government Association, with support from external sector expertise and an officer group to steer and progress the work.

The key strands of activity reviewed are:

- *Vision, Strategy and Policy*
 - *Capital Maintenance Programme*
 - *Revenue Maintenance Programme*
 - *Operational Improvements*
 - *Drainage*
 - *Neighbourhood (Streetscene) Maintenance*
 - *Street works and Utility Permit Schemes*
 - *Communications*
 - *Performance Management*
 - *Functional Split and Leadership*
3. At the 15th December 2022 meeting Cabinet approved that a formal approach to continuous improvement is embedded in our highway's functions with the creation of a joint continuous improvement plan across the activities of NCC and Via East Midlands, and more details of this will be provided in the presentation.

4. The County Council has a fully integrated road safety function which is in the main delivered through Via East Midlands. There are a number of strands of activity which contribute towards the aims of the service and these are grouped around the themes of education, enforcement and engineering. The County Council has been successful in reducing casualties over many years and has exceeded the national targets and continues to invest in and progress this important work.
5. The accompanying presentation provides further information on each of the areas of improvement from the Highways Review and an overview of the Council's approaches to Road Safety activity to inform the Committee's considerations.

Financial Implications

6. Budgetary information for highways and road safety functions will be set out in the accompanying presentation.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

7. Equality Impact Assessments are carried out where appropriate for any changes to policy or highways / road safety processes.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members consider and comment on the report and accompanying presentation.

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Constitutional Comments

Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2022)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Reports to Transport and Environment Committee June 2021 to May 2022 – Highways Review
- Full Council papers 27th May 2021
- Full Council papers 20th Jan 2022
- Reports to Policy Committee 2nd December 2021 and 15th December 2022

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All