

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 19th March 2025

Title: Ceredigion Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP)
2025-2030

Purpose of the report:

To provide an update on the high-level strategic direction for the Highways Asset Management Plan 2025-2030 (HAMP). The report sets out a 5-year plan on how Ceredigion County Council will manage and maintain the highway asset. It will replace the HAMP 2020-25 approved by Cabinet on 9th June 2020.

Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:

The report will form the strategy behind how Highways Services will discharge its Local Highway Authority duties within the resources (human and fiscal) available. The plan is required to be scrutinised by the committee prior to presenting to Cabinet for approval.

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:

Cllr Keith Henson,

Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management

Background

Ceredigion County Council, as the local highway authority, is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 2153km of carriageway, 212km of footways and cycleways, 983 bridges, culverts and retaining structures and 6,877 street lights with a combined gross replacement value of over £1.92 billion.

The County's highway network was of significant importance to the public, businesses and visitors and its condition vital to the economic and social prosperity of Ceredigion.

The Highway Asset Management Plan 2025-2030 would apply to the operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and disposal of all Council Highway Assets. The document consists of 3 main parts.

- Volume 1 – Policy and Strategy
- Volume 2 – Highway Asset Management Framework
- Volume 3 – Highway Maintenance Plan

The document updates the HAMP approved for the period 2020-2025

Current Situation

The HAMP document that is in front of Committee has been reviewed in line with current best practice, resource availability and need. The operational contents of the HAMP and recommended investment in the highway asset is intended to fulfil the

statutory duties placed on the Council by the Highways Act 1980 acting as the Local Highway Authority whilst meeting the goals of the Corporate Strategies.

During the life of the HAMP the Highways Service will provide annually an Asset Status and Options Report (ASOR) to show the condition of the highways asset and how the investment is performing against the baseline set by this HAMP. The ASORs will recommend Options each year on the investment required to meet the performance criteria set out in the HAMP. It is intended that the ASORS will be available to members prior to the budget setting process for the following financial year.

In addition, the key performance indicators presented in the ASORS will be benchmarked nationally through the County Surveyors Society Wales and reported to Welsh Government as part of the State of Nation Asset report.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.

NO – The report will not introduce any significant changes to an existing policy, strategy, or plan that will affect Ceredigion residents. The new HAMP will not remove, reduce or alter a service that will affect service users.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: Not Applicable
Collaboration: Not applicable
Involvement: Not applicable
Prevention: Not applicable
Integration: Not applicable

Recommendation(s):

To agree the contents and strategies presented in the HAMP for the the period 2025-2030

Reasons for decision:

To recommend to Cabinet that the current level of financial investment in the County’s highway infrastructure continues, with the HAMP 2020-2025 providing the effective management framework, as highways maintenance has an impact on activities of all kinds, from day-to-day journeys to work, school, shopping or for leisure, through to the needs of the emergency services and the road freight industry

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Acronyms:

HAMP – Highways Asset Management Plan