

**Thurrock Council**

**Highways Asset Management Policy 2016**

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## Policy purpose

The aim of this document is to present an openly communicated, realistic overview of Thurrock's vision and strategic objectives for highway assets while supporting Thurrock's overall corporate plan and vision.

The corporate outcomes supported by the suite of asset management documents and practises are:

- **create** a great place for learning and opportunity
- **encourage** and promote job creation and economic prosperity
  - maintaining a reliable, sound highway network enables users to make necessary journeys to places of education, training and employment
- **improve** health and wellbeing
- **promote** and protect out clean and green environment
  - environmental impact can be considerably lessened by adopting good asset management practises (such as recycling of materials or using less energy intensive street lighting methods)

## Highways asset management objectives

As well as corporate objectives, 3 primary highways asset management objectives have been set:

- **Value for money (VfM)** – Thurrock Council intends to take a long term view on investment decisions. Good asset management practises aim to remedy issues before they progress and become much more expensive and disruptive to remedy.
- **Looking ahead** – Using data modelling and life cycle planning a clear understanding of current and future requirements can be obtained to meet current and future stakeholder needs. Life cycle scenarios have the potential to identify gaps in funding based on different scenarios over a long term period of time.
- **Investment** – Informed, data driven investment decisions can aide in creating a safer, more accessible and more sustainable highways network. Embracing emerging technologies can lead to a more efficient highways service.

## Achieving objectives

Using Asset Management principals we aim to achieve the targets stated in the policy using methods including life cycle planning, risk management, and performance monitoring.