

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Highway Structures Maintenance Policy Statement

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**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 28/04/20

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**Report of:** (a) Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration

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**Key Decision:** (b) Y

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Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

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**Summary:**

The Well-managed Highways Infrastructure: A Code of Practice (WMHI) was published in 2016 and came in to full effect at the end of October 2018 when the Well-Maintained Highways, Management of Highways Structures and Well-lit Highways Codes of Practice cease to be recognised.

Historically the Council has relied on meeting the standards of the old codes to defend the quality of our maintenance processes, and this has been accepted in court when defending highways related claims. The WMHI contains no prescriptive or minimum standards for maintenance responses. The WMHI advises Councils that it be used, in conjunction with the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance, as the starting point against which to develop, review and formally approve highway infrastructure maintenance policy.

This document has been developed to meet the advice contained within the WMHI and therefore to support: the risk based approach to maintenance; the collection of data and the maintenance of a detailed network inventory to assist with asset management; enable efficient claims management; and support the Council's financial and lifecycle planning for the assets.

This report provides the opportunity for comments to be made on the Highway Structures Maintenance Policy Statement and supplements several other previously adopted maintenance policies which were adopted in 2018.

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**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

“The maintenance of Stockport’s highway structures is an important part of the Councils responsibilities and this policies clearly outlines the necessary steps to make sure that this is done in a appropriate manner. Therefore I recommend that it is approved by the Cabinet.”

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**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

Cabinet is recommended to approve the adoption of the Highway Structures Maintenance Policy Statement.

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): (e)  
Economy & Regeneration

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication): *(f)*

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business':** *(g)*

**Yes/ No** (*Please circle*)

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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