

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council



Highway Asset Management Policy

The Council recognises the vital role played by the Blackburn with Darwen highway network in supporting the authority's vision and its strategic priorities.

The Borough Council remains committed to making the most effective use of its budgets, and recognises that an asset management approach for the maintenance of the Borough's local highway network is the most efficient way of delivering the best long term outcomes for local communities.

The Asset Management Strategy defines the delivery of Highway Infrastructure Asset Management in Blackburn with Darwen. This strategy will take into account current and projected financial constraints and will describe how available funds and resources should be utilised to maximise their benefit.

The Asset Management Strategy embraces a range of subsidiary procedures and policies that integrate to provide comprehensive asset management.

The principles described in the strategy contribute to the objectives, priorities and targets defined in Blackburn with Darwen's Three Year Corporate Plan .

To achieve this vision and achieve the required objectives the strategy will endeavour to:

- a. Adopt effective Asset Management that ensures the highway infrastructure assets support local services and the local economy, taking into account the longevity and durability of the asset. It will help local communities realise the positive effects of investment within available resources.
- b. Maintain the local road network efficiently so benefitting those most in need of access to local services, whilst also supporting vulnerable people within their own communities. In addition, an effective Asset Management Strategy will continue to support the delivery of road safety initiatives, helping reduce road traffic accidents.
- c. Develop procedures which will support an effective transport system that improves the quality of life of all road users, whilst addressing the needs of businesses and the local economy. This approach will ensure that the condition and performance of highway assets are enhanced and continuously monitored, in order to help optimise planned maintenance programmes.
- d. Optimise planned maintenance activities over the lifecycle of all asset types. This will allow the effective coordination of works to reduce road closures and their impacts, as well as providing maximum network availability and reliability, which supports the forward visibility of planned maintenance works.
- e. Set out a framework that will provide an integrated transport system that maximises cost over time, value to the community and environmental contribution, whilst keeping people healthy and supporting lower carbon transport choices. It will also integrate sustainable solutions and treatments, which minimise waste and landfill, at the centre of our approach to highway maintenance.