

Medway Council

Highway Asset Management Policy 2022



OUR COMMITMENT

Medway Council is committed to using good asset management principles to manage and maintain our highway assets, based on fundamental principles of lifecycle planning. Our long term approach to investment considers safety, serviceability, sustainability and affordability. We aim to deliver the best value for money both effectively and efficiently.

What We Do

Medway Council maintains the entire highway network, encompassing 831 km of carriageway as well as all highway assets on it. The replacement value of the network in its entirety is £2bn.

The highway network is crucial to all residents, visitors, and business in undertaking their daily journeys. It connects local communities and businesses, encouraging economic growth, as well as supporting Medway Council's vision and priorities. Our aim is to support our corporate Plan and Strategy with the ambition to put Medway on the map, built around culture, tourism, and regeneration.

To maintain the network, we must balance the short, medium and long-term needs of the assets and create strategies to ensure the network remains fit for purpose, both now and in the future.

Our Approach

To deliver our commitment we aim to ensure:

Asset Data

- To ensure our data is reliable, accurate and up to date, so that it can be fed into strategic, tactical and operational service delivery and that the data is maintained within a system that can support that.

Financial Planning

- To continuously review our financial plan and align funding to asset requirements, for the most effective outcomes, leading to better value for money.

Culture

- Ensure our staff, senior management and elected members take ownership of good Asset Management principles, understanding and embedding them across the service and linking to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and long term Capital Strategy

Lifecycle Planning

- Using our asset data and financial information to make long term decisions, on the whole life of our assets and using this to manage risk and make long term strategic plans

Our Highway Asset Management Strategy [\(add link\)](#) supports this Policy with further details on how we deliver our commitments and provides a strategic framework for how we maintain our asset base, creating a "golden thread" to align our operational delivery, throughout the business, right up to the corporate strategic aims of Medway Council.