

HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council

- 1.1 There will have been 5 Cabinet meetings (23 April 2018, 14 May 2018, 25 May 2018, 18 June 2018 and 9 July 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 27 March 2018. There were no items of business were specifically attributed to this portfolio.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 May 2018

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

Cabinet - 24 September 2018

A022/18 Winter Service Operational Plan. Cabinet will be asked to approve the Winter Service Operational Plan for 2018/19

A038/18 Approval of Transport Asset Management Plan Annual Progress Report & Code of Practice - Well Managed Highways . Cabinet will be asked to approve this document.

Cabinet 22 October 2018

A037/18 Developments and Finance - Review of scope of works and charges to developers for newly created highways – Cabinet will be asked to agree a new approach for charging Developers for advice and for commuted sums.

A090/17 To consider whether to approve proposed changes to the current Highways Resilience– Cabinet will be asked to agree a range of strategies to ensure that the Highways Network is resilient.

A048/18 TRO Process- reviewing the reduction in consultation process for 20mph zone/limits – Cabinet will be asked to agree the new process for consulting on 20 mph Traffic Regulation Orders.

A049/18 LED Illumination Strategy – Cabinet will be asked to agree a new approach to LED lighting levels and timings.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 The Road Safety Partnership is developing a refreshed Road Safety Strategy for Hertfordshire. Written to cater for a variety of audiences, the Strategy sets out how members of Hertfordshire's Road Safety Partnership and other stakeholders will work together to reduce death, injury and health loss resulting from crashes involving people who drive, ride or walk on

Hertfordshire's road network. A draft strategy and action plan has been shared with partners and comments have now been received from most. A daughter to the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), the strategy has strong links to the Prevention and Health agendas and considers how a 'safe systems' approach might work in Hertfordshire. The strategy will be presented before the Panel in due course.

5. Other comments

- 5.1 I'm looking to improve the flow of local intelligence into the Highways Service, particularly as the increased capital maintenance funding and the release of revenue funding from restructuring Highways Locality Budgets (HLB_ means that the service can achieve more.
- 5.2 The new fault reporting system is far more user friendly for our customers, but it also provides much more accurate information from which officers and Ringway can make more informed decisions. This went live earlier this month and I would encourage fellow Members to use it to report basic faults.
- 5.3 I should also like to invite you to highlight your most important local maintenance issues to your assigned Assistant Highways Managers and that information will be passed on to the relevant programme managers within the Highways Service for their consideration.
- 5.4 This year the Highways Service is placing a particular emphasis on tree management and the control of vegetation, removal of redundant vehicle cross-overs and replacing signposts, in addition to medium sized footway and carriageway repairs that fall between the small patches that Ringway direct and the larger schemes within the Integrated Works Programme (IWP).
- 5.5 I have been working with officers on highway enforcement, looking at two main areas:
1. How we can strengthen our approach where residents drive across the footway without a dropped kerb;
 2. How we can ensure damage to the verge caused by third parties is put right at their cost.
- 5.6 Highway teams are looking at the possibility of creating a local act for Hertfordshire, similar to powers that exist for London boroughs, which would allow us to issue penalty notices for people who habitually drive over the footway. Developing a local act is not a quick fix and may take around 2 years to complete. In the meantime we are evolving our current approach and where someone continues to drive over the footway to access the property and the location meets our criteria, we will look to construct a dropped kerb and recover the costs.
- 5.7 We are looking to start a trial with one of the District/Borough Council's to help address the problem of verge damage caused by builders and developers parking and storing materials on the highway. This will include making the home owner aware of their responsibilities through the planning

process and getting information before works start so before surveys can be carried out and agreements reached on making good.

- 5.8 The Active and Safer Travel Team have been very busy throughout May and June with 208 schools participating in the Walk to School and Clean Air day campaigns. Initial figures look promising. A recent modeshift survey of over 22,000 children in schools with travel plans suggests 27.3% travelled to school by car compared to the figure of 47.3% quoted in the 2015 County Travel Survey.
- 5.9 Preparations are in place for the 2018 Learn 2 Live campaign which runs throughout September. Through powerful story telling from victims and members of the emergency services, the scheme will provide more than 7,000 young road users with solutions and options to avoid or mitigate risky behaviour.

6. Cabinet Panels

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Highways/Highways and Environment Cabinet Panel will have met on 9 May 2018 and 12 July 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Highways Cabinet Panel - 9 May 2018](#)

[Highways and Environment Cabinet Panel - 12 July 2018](#)

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