

Asset Management Policy

1. Oxfordshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, is ultimately responsible for the maintenance of all carriageway, footway, verges, trees, structures (with the exception of structures/embankments maintained by third parties e.g. network rail), electrical, drainage, signs and lines within the Highways Boundary throughout Oxfordshire excluding motorways and trunk roads.
2. Oxfordshire is committed to making the best use of its budgets and advocates an asset management approach for the maintenance of its highway network, in order to help deliver the best long-term outcomes for local communities.
3. A well-maintained highway network is key to the future economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents, as stated in our Corporate Vision that there will be “Thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire”.
4. This policy encompasses the Oxfordshire County Council’s corporate vision and objectives and is also informed by the Local Transport Plan.
5. This policy does not cover private roads, third party structures or embankments adjacent to or supporting the highway, property/building assets maintained by Oxfordshire County or civil enforcement within the highway boundary.

Policy: AMP1

Oxfordshire County Council We will develop and operate a formalised asset management approach in line with industry best practice to ensure the optimal use and direction of the County Council’s resources in maintaining the local road network and assets for the benefit of current and future users.

Policy: AMP2

Oxfordshire County Council will adopt a whole life cost approach to maintaining the local road network that, as far as practicable within available budgets, reflects both the structural need of the assets, the strategic importance of the route and local priorities

Policy: AMP3

Oxfordshire County Council will prioritise available resources for maintenance interventions and treatment choices using a risk-based approach taking account of the safety and needs of different user-groups, network hierarchy and levels of use, network condition, customer expectations, environmental impact, and the implications of approved and anticipated developments.

Policy: AMP4

Oxfordshire County Council will develop long-term, sustainable, rolling programmes of work to ensure greater value for money by allowing investment decisions to support strategic priorities and provide better coordination with other work programmes and projects; Use the most cost-effective maintenance treatments at the right time to maximise the life of the asset and deliver value for money.

Policy: AMP5

Oxfordshire County Council's approach to asset management will help us to support our Corporate Priorities:

Thriving communities

- We will engage with local communities to ensure the delivery of a highway service that reflects local needs, and enables Town and Parish Councils to contribute to the enhancement of their locality
- We will deliver improvements in facilities used by those who walk and cycle, thus encouraging these active modes of transport

Thriving people

- We will provide a highway environment that is easy for the old and young to use in a safe manner
- We will take a "risk-based" approach to infrastructure management to ensure that, within available budgets, treatments will be more effectively directed to optimise the condition of the network in ways that help people to live independent lives

Thriving economy

- We will ensure that the maintenance and improvement of existing transport links is carried out in ways that support the local economy
- Our asset management approach will ensure that we are able to make better informed strategic decisions to ensure that we make best use of available resources
- We will be delivering an efficient transport network, in good condition, where disruption and delay is kept to a minimum and where journey times are reliable

Service Aims

1. Improve, or maintain, the overall condition of the as set out within Oxfordshire's Highway's Asset Management Plan & Strategy.
2. Secure funding to improve the conduction of all assets
3. Improve Customer Satisfaction in relation to Highways Maintenance
4. Reduce the whole life cost of maintaining assets.
5. Oxfordshire County Council will adopt a continuous improvement approach to asset management policies and practices.

Reference & Supporting Documents

- Highways Asset Maintenance Strategy
- Highways Asset Management Plan
- Asset Life-cycle Plans
- Oxfordshire's Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

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