Report to the Cabinet Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 December 2017

Report of the Head of Asset Management

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected: All

Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) - 2017 Data Refresh and Update (Appendix 'A') refers

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Executive Summary

The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) was approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 10 June 2014 and sets out the County Council's investment strategy in respect of the maintenance of certain of its transport assets for the period 2015-2030.

The TAMP 2017 data refresh document at Appendix 'A', provides an update in relation to changes in service standards, performance and progress in a number of key areas.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the TAMP 2017 Data Refresh document attached at Appendix 'A'.

Background and Advice

Lancashire's transport infrastructure assets are the most valuable publicly owned resources managed by the County Council, with a combined estimated value of £9 billion. These assets are fundamental in helping the citizens of Lancashire to not only access a range of County Council services but also take advantage of the wide range of economic, health, social and recreational opportunities that are available to them. Without this infrastructure Lancashire would not function as a place to live, work or visit.

The TAMP sets out how the County Council intends to maintain its publicly maintainable vehicular transport assets (i.e. A, B and C roads, unclassified road



network, footways, street lighting, traffic signals and structures) over the period 2015/16 to 2029/30. These assets are referred to as "transport assets" in this report.

As the TAMP is a live document it is important that it is reviewed and refreshed on a regular basis. The document attached at Appendix 'A' provides an update in relation to changes in service standards, performance and progress in a number of key areas since the TAMP was approved in June 2014. The refresh documents are intended to supplement the original TAMP, so that when they are read together they provide an up to date analysis of the condition of transport assets and detailed information of any new pressures now being faced.

This update includes information relating to progress in relation to the Department for Transport's Self-Assessment Questionnaire, new codes of practice, revised asset condition data and performance updates.

Good progress has been made in implementation of the TAMP with many parts of the A, B & C road networks improving as measured by the percentage of RED or AMBER roads across this network. The change from 'worst first' to a preventative maintenance regime has also seen a reduction both in the number of defects and the number of footway claims received.

As anticipated within the TAMP, the update shows that the overall condition score of transport assets has fallen slightly. This relates to the unclassified network, where the policy is that priority be given to this part of the network in Phase 2. In respect of these roads the continued focus is on preventative maintenance and with key safety defects being addressed, so that the network can be maintained to the best condition possible until the unclassified road network becomes the main focus of the TAMP in Phase 2, commencing April 2020.

Consultations

The TAMP approach was presented and discussed at the TAMP scrutiny workshop for county councillors on 25 September 2017.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no risks associated with this report save that should a refresh document not be approved, the TAMP would remain as it was refreshed in 2016. The TAMP Refresh is also supporting evidence for the Department for Transport Self-Assessment which is carried out annually.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
The Environment Directorate's Draft Transport Asset Management Plan 2015- 2030	10th June 2014	Peter Mayes/(01772) 535231
Transport Asset Management Plan Refresh 2015	June 2015	Keith Postlethwaite/ (01772) 534602
Transport Asset Management Plan Refresh 2016	June 2016	Keith Postlethwaite (01772) 534602
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		

N/A