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To: Members of Cabinet Member - Highways Assets and Transport

Wednesday, 22 September 2021

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member - Highways Assets and Transport** to be held at **10.00 am** on **Thursday, 30 September 2021** in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

**Helen Barrington**  
**Director of Legal and Democratic Services**

## **AGENDA**

### **PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS**

1.     Declarations of Interest  
  
       To receive declarations of interest (if any)
2.     Petitions  
  
       To receive Petitions (if any)
3.     Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)  
  
       To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member

– Highways Assets and Transport held on 12 August 2021

4. To consider the Joint Report of the Executive Director - Place and the Director of Finance and ICT on Performance and Budget Monitoring/Forecast Outturn 2021-22 as at Quarter 1 (Pages 5 - 20)

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT** held on 12 August 2021**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor K S Athwal

Also in attendance – Councillors C Cupit

**14/21**      **PETITIONS**      **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions: -

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
New Mills, Goyt View – Request for traffic safety measures	47	Councillor A Clarke
Dronfield, Hanbury Close – Request for Further Road Surface Repairs	21	Councillor A Dale

(2) that the Executive Director – Place be asked to investigate and consider the matters raised in the petitions.

**15/21**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport held on 17 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.**16/21**      **CARTER LANE BRIDGE: TRANSFER OF ROAD BRIDGE OVER FORMER RAIL LINE FROM HIGHWAYS ENGLAND HISTORIC RAIL ESTATE**

The Carter Lane Bridge carried the busy B6031 over a former rail line that now formed part of the Key Cycle Network connection between the Shirebrook Greenway and the Dukeries Trail. The bridge was currently owned by Highways England Historic Rail Estates (HEHRE) and has now deteriorated to the point where HEHRE did not consider that it was suitable to carry 40 tonne vehicles. The liability for this structural deficit lies with the Highway Authority due to the obligations placed on HEHRE by Section 117 of the 1968 Transport Act.

HEHRE has indicated that unless the structure was transferred to the ownership of Derbyshire County Council, then it would infill under the bridge which would sever the cycle link. The alternative was therefore for Derbyshire County Council to take ownership of the bridge under Section 94 of the Highways Act 1980 and a strengthening scheme be carried out which would provide a structural design life of over 120 years at

an estimated cost of £240,000. HEHRE has committed to fund one third of the cost of this work and Nottinghamshire County Council, who has an interest in the project to ensure the Cycle Network it put in place remained open, has also committed to fund one third of the cost. A sum of £80,000 has been allocated and approved within the Structures Management 2021 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme to fund the Derbyshire County Council share of the scheme.

**RESOLVED** (1) to accept the transfer of Carter Lane Bridge to Derbyshire County Council ownership; and

(2) to accept the joint funding offer from Highways England Historic Rail Estates and Nottinghamshire County Council for strengthening works.

**17/21      DEDICATION OF LAND IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO AS A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY** Clowne Greenway formed a section of Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network and has proved to be highly popular with all users. The internal path structure within a housing development constructed by AVANT Homes off Skinner Street in Creswell provided a connection to the Clowne Greenway, and a Section 106 agreement secured through Bolsover District Council's Planning Department included a financial contribution towards the development of a further off-site link path to allow access directly to the village centre and the Creswell railway station.

In the interests of promoting Active Travel a short path between the Greenway and the railway station would provide a joined-up approach to promote car free journeys. The land was included in the portfolio of Children's Services and provided a more direct connection to the station. The first part of the route formed the Gypsy Lane carriageway and footway, which was currently used as the main entrance to the Infant School, however a new entrance was currently being designed, and the second part was a grass and stoned surface. The intended works would form a bound surfaced track with a stoned edging to minimise onward maintenance costs. The public footpath to be dedicated was detailed on the plan attached to the report. Once dedicated the statutory consultation process would be undertaken for a Cycle Track Order to be made to establish the legal rights for cyclists to use the route, as well as pedestrians.

**RESOLVED** (1) to accept the dedication of land, as shown on the plan attached to the report, as a public right of way carrying the status of public footpath with concessionary rights for cycling; and

(2) to accept the future maintenance of this path.

**18/21      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**      **RESOLVED** that under Regulation 4 (2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt

information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Highways Assets and Transport held on 15 July 2021

**19/21**                      **EXEMPT MINUTES**                      **RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport held on 15 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Meeting start time: 10:00

Meeting end time: 10:45

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER MEETING – HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT**

**30 September 2021**

Joint Report of the Executive Director of Place and the Director of Finance & ICT

**Performance and Budget Monitoring/Forecast Outturn 2021-22 as at Quarter 1**

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County-wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

**3. Purpose**

3.1 To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Highways Assets and Transport portfolio for 2021-22 up to the end of June 2021 (Quarter 1).

**4. Information and Analysis**

**4.1 Integrated Reporting**

This report presents both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary sets out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Highways Assets and Transport portfolio. The remainder of the report gives a summary and detail on the revenue budget position for the portfolio.

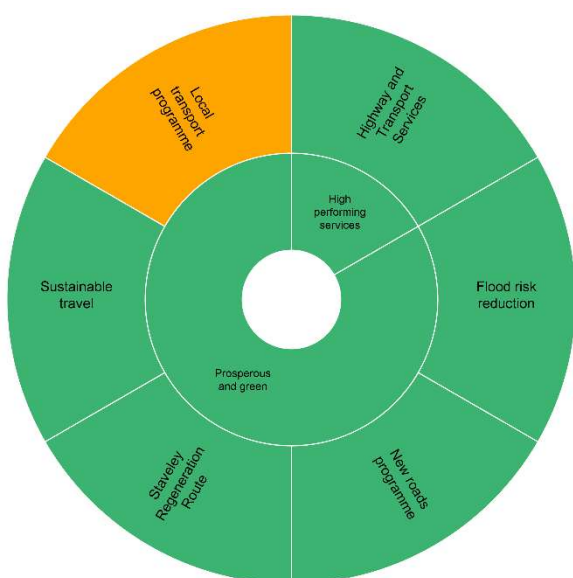
4.2 As an overview, the report shows that progress is “good” for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio, however, the

deliverable “Delivered a £40m Local Transport Programme to provide well maintained roads and highways and address road safety concerns” has been flagged as “requiring review”. After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the budget forecast position for 2021-22 is an overspend of £2.597m. It is forecast that £0.175m of savings will have been achieved by the year end. This compares to target savings of £3.081m and the value of savings initiatives, which have been identified for implementation in the current year, of £1.239m.

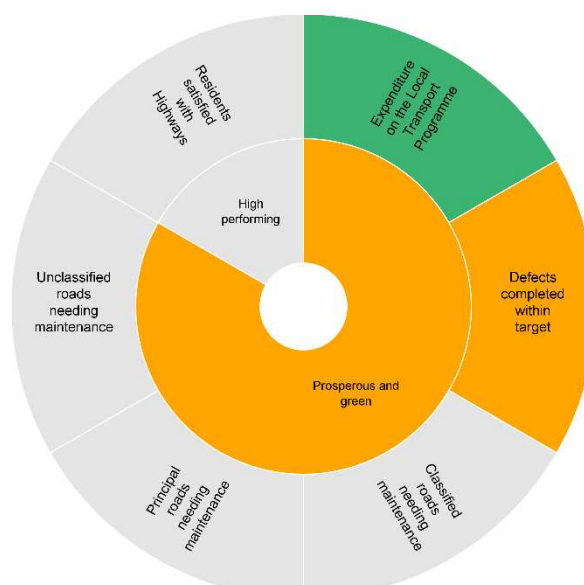
#### 4.3 Performance Summary

The following shows an overview for Quarter 1 of progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures relating directly to Highways Assets and Transport.

Deliverable Progress



Performance Measures Against Target



**Key**    ★ Strong    ✓ Good    ◻ Review    📄 Action    ◻ Data not available/Target not set

4.4 Progress is “good” for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio.

4.5 Key areas of success are:

- An updated value for money assessment of the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route has been carried out, with the project creating new homes and jobs for the area.
- Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route and Ashbourne Airfield Link Road are both under construction and due for completion/opening to traffic in Quarter 3, 2021-22.
- The Property Flood Resilience Grant Scheme has enabled 92 Properties to be surveyed with flood resilience measures now being implemented.



4.6 Key areas for consideration are:

**Local Transport Plan Programme** – during the first quarter, Highways works totalling an estimated value of £5m have been undertaken. The exact figure will be confirmed in the Quarter 2 report.

4.7 Contract arrangements are in place to deliver significant resurfacing and surface treatment packages as part of this year's capital programme. Surface treatment works have commenced with approximately £1m delivered during the Quarter with a further £5m programme of works scheduled to be completed during Quarter 2. The delivery of surface treatment and resurfacing programmes in forthcoming months is key to adding resilience to the network and preventing and/or minimising damage through the next winter period.

4.8 Resurfacing is continuing to utilise in-house resources and the pace of delivery will increase as extra resources are brought into the county by a national contractor to enable the delivery of the full programme of works by 31 March 2022.

4.9 The additional resources employed dealing with potholes on the network has seen a reduction in the numbers to more manageable levels, with a total of 7,618 road defects being repaired during Quarter 1. A total of 85.6% of defects were completed within target, bringing performance nearer to the 90% target and a marked improvement on the 53.4% figure for 2020-21

4.10 Further information on the portfolio's Council Plan performance are included at Appendix 2.

4.11 **Budget Forecast Summary**

The net controllable budget for the Highways Assets and Transport portfolio is £30.685m. An additional £0.889m Covid-19 funding will be added to the budget to give a total of £31.574m.

4.12 The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared for Quarter 1 indicates there will be a forecast year-end overspend of £3.486m without Covid-19 funding.

4.13 As this overspend will be supported by the use of £0.889m of additional Covid-19 funding, which has been allocated to the Council to support the costs incurred as a result of the pandemic, the forecast position is an overspend of £2.597m.

Forecast outturn against target budget

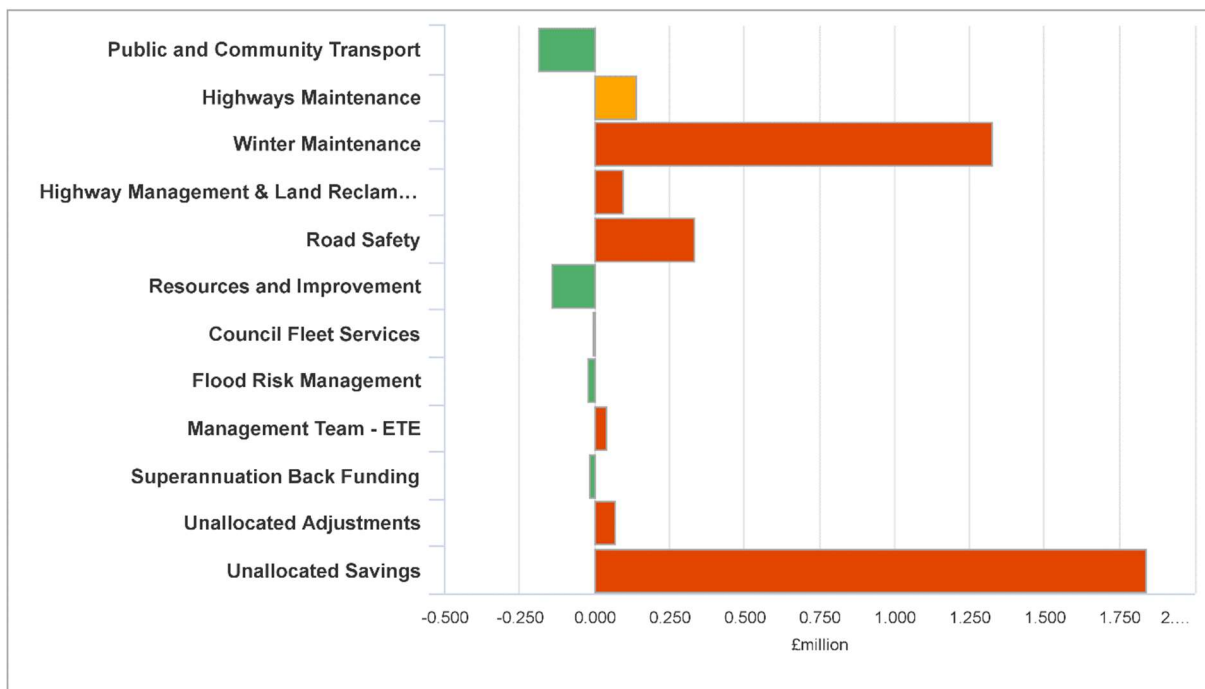


4.14 The areas which make up this forecast are shown in the following table and graph below:

Highways Assets and Transport Budget Items

	Controllable Budget £m	Full Year Forecast £m	Forecast Under (-)/Over Spend £m	Percentage Under (-)/Over Spend	Budget Performance
Public and Community Transport	14.195	14.008	-0.187	-1.3%	✓
Highways Maintenance	11.495	11.637	0.142	1.2%	⚠
Winter Maintenance	2.173	3.500	1.327	61.1%	⚠
Highway Management & Land Reclamation	2.352	2.446	0.094	4.0%	⚠
Road Safety	0.091	0.425	0.334	367.0%	⚠
Resources and Improvement	1.673	1.533	-0.140	-8.4%	✓
Council Fleet Services	-0.768	-0.770	-0.002	-0.3%	✓
Flood Risk Management	0.431	0.409	-0.022	-5.1%	✓
Management Team - ETE	0.615	0.656	0.041	6.7%	⚠
Superannuation Back Funding	0.329	0.316	-0.013	-4.0%	✓
Unallocated Adjustments	-0.059	0.011	0.070	118.6%	⚠
Unallocated Savings	-1.842	0.000	1.842	100.0%	⚠
Total	30.685	34.171	3.486	11.4%	⚠
Covid-19 Funding	0.889				
Total after use of additional funding	31.574	34.171	2.597	8.2%	⚠

Forecast Under (-)/Over Spend



#### 4.15 Key Variances

Public and Community Transport, underspend £0.438m

The main area of underspend is within Gold Card. Due to Covid-19 guidance restricting travel, the operators have not been paid the full amount that they would usually have been.

#### 4.16 Winter Maintenance, overspend £1.327m

Much of the cost for an average winter is paid in advance of any severe weather. Grit salt is a major item of expenditure and stocks are maintained in accordance with Department for Transport recommendations. Fleet is the other major cost with the gritting and associated vehicles being paid for at the beginning of the financial year.

#### 4.17 Unallocated Savings, overspend £1.842m

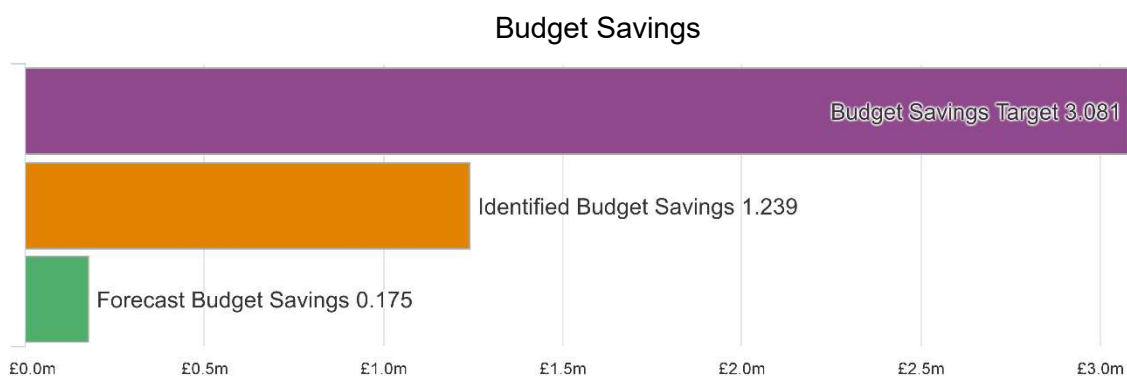
This overspend is an accumulation of unallocated savings targets. More information is included in the Budget Savings Section later in the report.

#### 4.18 Budget Savings

Budget reduction targets totalling £1.239m were allocated for the year. Further reductions allocated in prior years, totalling £1.842m, had not been achieved and were brought forward to the current year. This has resulted in total reduction targets to be achieved of £3.081m at the start of the year.

4.19 The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year is £1.239m.

4.20 The shortfall between the total targets and the identified savings initiatives is £1.842m



4.21 Savings shortfall of £1.842m was b/f for this Portfolio from previous years a target of £1.239m has been allocated this current year giving a total savings target of £3.081m with £0.175m expected to be achieved in year.

4.22 It is forecast that £0.175m of savings will have been achieved by the year-end. The table below shows performance against the target.

#### Budget Savings Initiatives

	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2020/21 £m	Shortfall (-)/ Additional Savings Achieved £m	
Highways Staffing	0.637	0.000	-0.637	❌
Resources and Improvement Staffing	0.427	0.150	-0.277	❌
Parking	0.025	0.025	0.000	✅
Agency Agreements	0.150	0.000	-0.150	❌
Total Position	1.239	0.175	-1.064	❌
Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings	1.842	0.000	-1.842	

	Budget Reduction Amount £m
Prior Year B/f	1.842
Current Year	1.239
Budget Savings Target	3.081

#### 4.23 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional budget allocations in 2021-22:

#### 4.24 Winter Maintenance - £0.700m ongoing

Cabinet approved the growth bid of £0.700m in January 2021, this is to realine the winter maintenance budget so that it more accurately reflects the expenditure required during a mild winter.

#### 4.25 Financial Risks

There is a risk that the following issues could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

#### Financial Risks

Service	Risk	Sensitivity* £m	Likelihood 1 = Low, 5 = High
Winter Maintenance	Impact of severe winter.	1.500	4
Street Lighting Energy and Maintenance	Further energy price increases, or slippage in implementation of the LED programme.	0.300	2

Flooding and/or extreme weather	Emergency response procedures are in place to minimise the impacts of these emergencies, however, they have to be dealt with retrospectively.	1.000	3
Department General	Failure of assets including roads, pavements, bridges, retaining walls, street lighting columns, safety fencing, gullies, countryside assets, canals, reservoirs etc.	1.000	5

\*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

#### 4.26 Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totalling £17.692m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

Reserves		£m
ETE Underspend reserve (to assist with managing the department's savings programme)	=	7.519
ETE underspend reserve (committed to specific projects)	▼	3.773
Winter Maintenance	=	2.000
Committed Liabilities - Revenue	▼	1.845
Committed Liabilities - Capital	▼	1.006
Grants	▼	0.895
Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership	↑	0.581
Renewals funds regarding Lab and Fleet equipment	=	0.037
Money held on behalf of other Councils and Partnerships	▼	0.036
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>▼</b>	<b>17.692</b>

#### Key

- ↑ Reserve has increased over the quarter
- = Reserve is unchanged over the quarter
- ▼ Reserve has decreased over the quarter

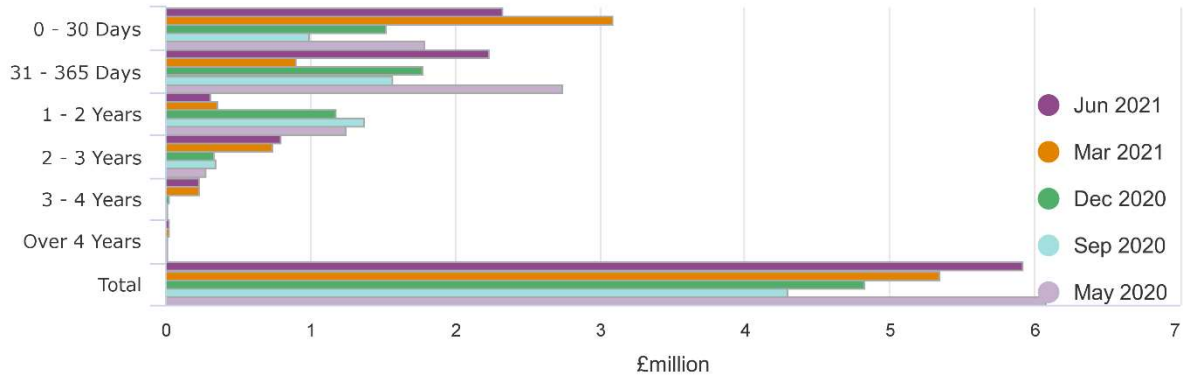
#### 4.27 Debt Position

The profile of the debt raised, relating to income receivable by services within the Place department, is as follows:

### Debt Position

0 - 30 Days £m	31 - 365 Days £m	1 - 2 Years £m	2 - 3 Years £m	3 - 4 Years £m	Over 4 Years £m	Total £m
2.331	2.229	0.307	0.800	0.232	0.021	5.920
▼	▲	▼	▲	=	▼	▲
39.4%	37.7%	5.2%	13.5%	3.9%	0.4%	100.0%

### Aged Debt over Time



4.28 No debt has been written off this quarter.

## 5. Consultation

5.1 Not required.

## 6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 N/A.

## 7. Implications

7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

## 8. Background Papers

8.1 None identified.

## 9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.

9.2 Appendix 2 - Highways Assets and Transport Performance Report Quarter 1, 2021-22

## 10. Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Notes the report.

## 11. Reasons for Recommendation

- 11.1 To inform Members of Performance, Financial and Risk information relating to their Portfolio.
- 11.2 To determine whether further action is required to address areas of under/over performance.

## 12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

- 12.1 No.

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**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<p><b>On behalf of:</b></p> <p>Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Director of Finance and ICT Managing Executive Director Executive Director(s)</p>	
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**Implications**

**Financial**

1.1 As detailed in the report.

**Legal**

2.1 The Council has a duty to prepare a balanced budget and providing regular updates on income and expenditure, together with the associated levels of performance and risk, helps demonstrate that the Council has sound financial systems in place.

**Human Resources**

3.1 None.

**Information Technology**

4.1 None.

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

6.1 None.

**Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

7.1 None.



# Highways Assets and Transport Quarter 1 Council Plan Performance Report 2021-22

## Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

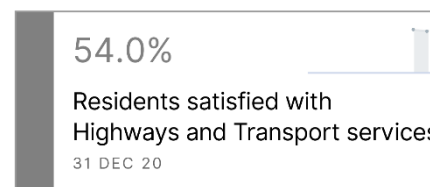
### High performing, value for money and resident focused services

**✔ Increased the levels of customer satisfaction in the Council’s Highway Service**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Customer satisfaction is reported following the results of the NHT report available in October annually. The data is reported in Q3.



2019-2020	55.0%
2020-2021	54.0%
Target 20-21	55.0%
Performance	✔
2021-2022	Due in Q3
Target 21-22	57.0%
National Benchmark	54.0%

## APPENDIX 2

### A prosperous and green Derbyshire

#### Delivered a £40m Local Transport Programme to provide well maintained roads and highways and address road safety concerns

Rating: Review

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Reporting of actual spends is difficult for Quarter 1 due to the delay it takes for invoices and costs to come through. A significant ramp up of the pace of delivery is planned in Quarter 2 after which spend will be reported.

The capital finance monitoring that has taken place has not lined up with the financial year but for information the spend for the 4 months between 12 February 2021 and 11 June 2021 was £8.8m with an estimated figure of £5m spent during the quarter. Confirmed Quarter 1 figures will be provided in the Quarter 2 report.

Contract arrangements are in place to deliver the significant resurfacing and surface treatment packages of the capital programme.

Surface treatment works have started with approximately £1m delivered so far of the estimated £6m of works required. The remaining £5m is all programmed to be delivered within Quarter 2.

Resurfacing is continuing utilising in-house resources and the pace of delivery will increase as extra resources are brought into the county by a national contractor to enable them to fulfil the requirement of delivering the full programme by 31 March 2022. Similar arrangements are being put in place to deliver the other key packages of work.

Results of the next Annual Engineering Inspection survey of the highway condition will be available in December and will update the 2020 figures of 17% principal, 17% classified and 27% unclassified roads needing maintenance

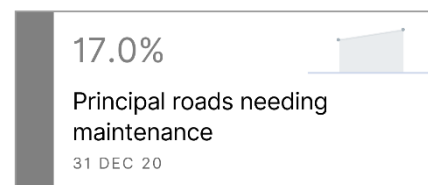
Construction is continuing utilising internal resources with firm commitment to programmes of work including footway resurfacing and routine maintenance.

The delivery of surface treatment and resurfacing programmes in forthcoming months is key to adding resilience to the network and preventing and/or minimising damage through the next winter period.

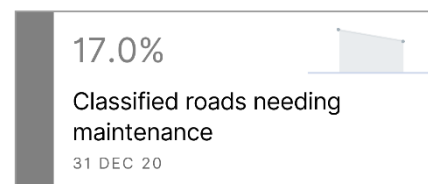
The additional resources employed dealing with potholes on the network has had the desired effect with numbers now down to satisfactory levels.



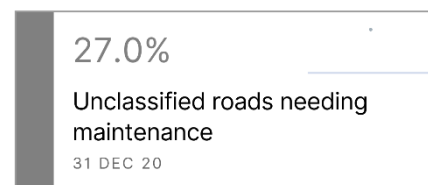
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
Target	5,000,000
Performance	



2019-2020	13.0%
2020-2021	17.0%
Target 20-21	13.0%
Performance	
2021-2022	Due in Q3
Target 21-22	13.0%



2019-2020	23.0%
2020-2021	17.0%
Target 20-21	23.0%
Performance	
2021-2022	Due in Q3
Target 21-22	23.0%



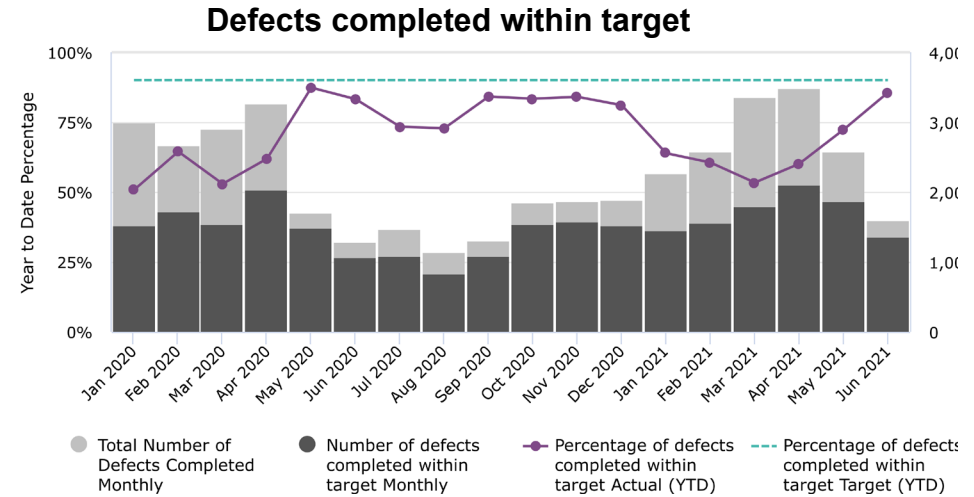
2020-2021	27.0%
Target 20-21	31.0%
Performance	
2021-2022	Due in Q3
Target 21-22	31.0%



2019-2020	52.9%
2020-2021	53.4%
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>85.6%</b>
Target	90.0%
Performance	

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A total of 7,618 defects were fixed in Quarter 1 with 85.6% of defects being completed within target bringing performance nearer to the 90% target and a marked improvement on the 53.4% figure for 2020-21 .



**✔ Opened the Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route, the Ashbourne Airfield Link Road and Hollis Lane Link Road Phase 1 in Chesterfield to improve road access**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route and Ashbourne Airfield Link Road are both under construction and due for completion/opening to traffic in Quarter 3 2021-22. The first phase of the Ashbourne Airfield Link Road, a new roundabout on the A52, was completed in Quarter 1 2021-22. The first element of the Hollis Lane Link Road, a replacement pedestrian ramp and steps, was completed in Quarter 1 2021-22; remaining highway construction is programmed to begin in Quarter 1 2022-23 following land assembly.

**✔ Completed the viability assessment to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Dec 2021

An updated value for money assessment of the scheme was carried out in Quarter 1. This enables discussion with external funders over the grant request to be included in the Outline Business Case.

## APPENDIX 2

### **Reduced the level of flood risk to the residents and businesses of Derbyshire through our planning role, the delivery of flood mitigation schemes and working with communities to develop flood resilience measures**

Rating: Good

Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

The Flood Risk team continues to respond to significant numbers of Planning Consultations and Flooding enquiries. The Lower Hartshay Flood Risk mitigation scheme was completed, affording an enhanced level of protection from flooding to 10 properties. The initial feasibility work for the Eyam/Stoney Middleton and Rosliston Natural Flood Risk Management schemes has been completed.

The Flood Risk Team has also managed the Property Flood Resilience Grant Scheme, and with the Property Surveys now complete (92 in total), residents and business can start to install the required flood resilience measures over the coming months.

### **Developed and delivered a strategic approach to sustainable travel and transport across the county, including the promotion of cycling and walking**

Rating: Good






Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

Public consultation on the new east to west cycle route across Chesterfield, as part of Emergency Active Travel Tranche 2 funding, is now complete and a report to Cabinet with results and recommendations is due at the end of July 2021. The Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 process is now underway with a sifting exercise now complete and 7 potential schemes put forward for consideration. An application is due to be made to the Department for Transport on 9 August 2021. Confirmation is also awaited from the Department for Transport regarding Derbyshire's allocation of revenue from the Capability Fund. This will help fund a series of feasibility studies targeting cycling and walking initiatives across the county. Confirmation is expected during July 2021. A feasibility study on Transport Mobility Hubs, centred on both Buxton and the Hope Valley, has been undertaken following grant support through Midlands Connect.

Hubs will enable transport interchanges ensuring people can access various means of co-ordinated transport including trains, buses, and electronic bikes.

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### Key

	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Measures</b>
	Strong – performing strongly	Strong – more than 5% better than target (2% better than target if the target is greater than 95%).
	Good – performing well	Good
	Review – will be kept under review to ensure performance is brought back on track	Review – more than 2% worse than target.
	Action – additional action will be/is being taken to bring performance is brought back on track	Action – more than 10% worse than target.
	No commentary has been received	Data not available/Target not set.

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