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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER DECISION – HIGHWAYS ASSETS AND TRANSPORT

11 January 2022

Report of the Executive Director - Place

Highways Technical Policy, Plans and Strategies – New and Update Approvals

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 To summarise those Highway Technical Policy, Plans and Strategies updates and approvals that have occurred since the Cabinet Report on 26 July 2018 and request that all highways technical policy, plans and strategies approvals and updates be delegated to the Director - Highways from the Executive Director - Place and the Cabinet Member for Highway Assets and Transport.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 On 26 July 2018, it was agreed that all updates to the plans and strategies and any new policy, strategies and plans should be approved by the Cabinet Member – Highways, Transport and Infrastructure in conjunction with the Executive Director - Place (Economy, Transport and Environment Department at the time) (Minute No. 186/18 refers). The Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure (at the

time) requested that these documents should be approved by the Service Director - Highways due to the high number of updates to the suite of documents being completed. This was a verbal request.

4.2 Since then, the documents below have been approved by either the Service Director – Highways or Acting Service Director- Highways. It is recommended that all approvals relating to the suite of policies should continue to be completed by the Director - Highways. In certain circumstances where a broader level of engagement and scrutiny is required, the Executive Director - Place and the Cabinet Member – Highways Assets and Transport will be consulted to agree the necessary action and approvals process.

4.3 The list of documents which have been approved are:

Updated Documents

- Agreements for third parties to take over maintenance of verges.
- Technical and Design Guidance for Bus Stops.
- Roadside Tributes and Memorials Policy.
- Traffic Calming and Visual Amenities Policy.
- Winter Service Plan.
- Skidding Resistance Policy.
- Network Hierarchy Plan.
- Resilient Network Plan.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Policy.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy.
- Data Management Strategy.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Safety Inspection Manual.
- Reactive Maintenance Teams Operational Manual.
- Highway Network Management Plan.

New Documents

- Customer Road Fault Reporting System.
- Adverse Weather Policy.
- Traffic Network Management Duty Plan.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Structures.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Street Lighting.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Street Furniture.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Electronic Traffic Management.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Drainage.
- Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan – Carriageways and Footways.
- Flood Response Policy.

- Highway Service Level Suspension Policy.
- Preventative Reactive Maintenance Manual.
- Materials Policy.
- Code of Practice for Ironworks.

5. Consultation

5.1 Not required.

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 An alternative action would be that all new and changes to policy, strategies and plans could go to Cabinet Member Decision. This has been rejected due to the sheer volume of updates that are completed and the necessity of the business to react to lessons learned within the service dynamically and to be able to update documents speedily.

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.

10. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Notes the approvals to new Highways Technical Policy, Plans and Strategies delegated to the Director - Highways
- b) Notes the updates to Highways Technical Policy, Plans and Strategies delegated to the Director - Highways
- c) Approves the documents listed in this report previously approved by Service Director - Highways or Acting Service Director – Highways in the interim period of July 2018 – January 2022.
- d) Agrees that in certain circumstances, where a broader level of engagement and scrutiny is required, the Executive Director - Place and Cabinet Member will be consulted to agree the necessary action and approvals process.

11. Reason for Recommendations

11.1 To ensure that new and updates to Highways Technical documents are fluid and ensure the Service can update immediately when required.

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

12.1 No.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 None.

Legal

2.1 None.

Human Resources

3.1 None.

Information Technology

4.1 None.

Equalities Impact

5.1 NA.

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.