

**ROADS ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (RAMP)**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The RAMP forms part of a suite of documents used to manage the roads asset. The RAMP informs the Annual Status and Options Report and the Road Maintenance Manual by defining the targets and strategies used to develop annual works programmes when the council's budget for roads has been agreed.
- 1.2 The purpose of the RAMP is to enable an asset management system to be developed for managing road assets on a long term basis delivering best value. The Council need to adopt an efficient and consistent approach to asset management, with the collection, processing and recording of road inventory and road condition information, for the purpose of both local and national needs assessment, management and performance monitoring.
- 1.3 It is recommended that the RAMP is endorsed by Members.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

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- 2.2 It is widely recognised that the application of modern asset management practises can enable improved value for money. In these challenging times it is essential the Council embraces these methods and strives to ensure that funding is invested as wisely as possible.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Members endorse the RAMP.

**4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP) records the Council's plans for the maintenance of the road asset. The plan aims to improve how the road asset is managed and enable best value for money. It is essential that an affordable level of investment is put into the road network to maintain and improve one of the vital assets of the council. The "road asset" comprises of carriageways, footways, structures, street lighting, traffic management systems and street furniture.
- 4.2 This version of the RAMP supersedes the previous version. This RAMP has been written in a more accessible style and has been updated to provide a current position.

4.3 The RAMP has been produced in accordance with national guidance and recommended good practice, developed through the Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS). It is part of a suite of documents required by the SCOTS group and aligns with the Roads Maintenance Manual and the ASOR (annual status and options report)

- 4.4 The purpose of the RAMP is to:
- Formalise strategies for investment in Road Asset groups
  - Define service standards
  - To identify and take account of the needs of road users and stakeholders

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The RAMP informs the Annual Status and Options Report and the Road Maintenance Manual by defining the targets and strategies used to develop annual works programmes when the Council's budget for roads has been agreed

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy	None known
6.2 Financial	Appropriate Levels of Investment are required to support the delivery of a sustainable roads network maintenance regime.
6.3 Legal	None known
6.4 HR	None known
6.5 Equalities	None known
6.6 Risk	Road network condition will deteriorate without an effective strategy and supported Roads Asset Management Plan.
6.7 Customer Service	The RAMP identifies and considers the needs of the customer / road users.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)