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The following policy statements are intended to serve as guiding principles to aid rational decision making and which in turn inform the *Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and Plan* documents which should be read alongside this policy document.

This policy supports the delivery of the county council's corporate priorities, and the council's *Local Transport & Connectivity Plan*.

Policy: AMP1

The county council will manage, maintain, and operate the network to the advantage of the council's corporate priorities of:

- a. taking action to address the climate emergency
- b. tackling inequalities in Oxfordshire
- c. prioritising the health and wellbeing of residents
- d. supporting carers and the social care system
- e. investing in an inclusive, integrated and sustainable transport network
- f. improved access to nature and green spaces
- g. creating opportunities for children and young people to reach their full
- h. playing our part in a vibrant local democracy
- i. working with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit.

Policy: AMP2

The county council will manage and maintain the highway network fairly and equitably without the undue preclusion or disadvantage of any individuals or groups

Policy: AMP3

The County Council will extend maintenance functions wherever possible to include for the betterment of walking, cycling, and other active/more sustainable transport choices (e.g. public transport), and support the Council's commitment to Vision Zero.

Policy: AMP4

The county council will engage with, and where appropriate devolve decisions down to local communities to ensure the delivery of a highway service that reflects their needs and aspirations

Policy: AMP5

The county council will make special and particular provision for ensuring credible and demonstrable environmental and sustainable best practice in the delivery of the service

Policy: AMP6

Wherever possible the county council will make improvements to minimise disruption and delay, increasing the availability and reliability of the network, with a particular focus on active/sustainable modes of transport

Policy: AMP7

The county council will take an evidence-led and risk-based approach to proportionate decision making, using a formalised asset management approach which considers the asset over the whole life of its ownership / operation.

Policy: AMP8

Assets will be maintained and managed to a point considered optimum commensurate with the resources available, the asset's intended outcomes, and those of other competing demands on the network

Policy: AMP9

The County Council will decline the acquisition of non-statutory assets with a low or negative network utility and seek to decommission / transfer existing such assets to protect limited resources

Service Aims

- Improve, or maintain, the overall condition of the highway network.
- Secure funding to improve the condition of all assets.
- Improve customer satisfaction in relation to highways maintenance.
- Reduce the whole life cost of maintaining assets.
- 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 & Connectivity Plan