

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **30 July 2019** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 8 August 2019**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Highways and Transport Service Area Review - Highway Maintenance Plan HI 11 (19/20)
Cabinet Member responsible for Decision	Mr Elkins - Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure
West Sussex Plan priority	A Prosperus Place
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The County Council, in its capacity as Highway Authority, has a duty to maintain the highway under Section 41(1) of the Highways Act 1980. However, the Act does not specify the levels of service required in order to meet that duty. In previous years, documents have been produced which detailed the highway maintenance service levels customers could expect to receive.</p> <p>A document named "Well-managed Highway Infrastructure" was published in October 2016, replacing "Well-maintained Highways", "Management of Highway Structures" and "Well-lit Highways". Like its predecessors, "Well-managed Highway Infrastructure" is a national, non-statutory code of practice which sets out a series of general principles for highway maintenance. It is endorsed and recommended by the Department for Transport and its production has been overseen by the UK Roads Liaison Group (UKRLG) and its Roads, Bridges and Lighting Boards.</p> <p>In order to demonstrate that the County Council complies with the principles of "Well-managed Highway Infrastructure", a robust decision-making process must be demonstrated, an understanding of the consequences of those decisions, and how the associated risks are managed to ensure highway safety. As part of that process, a new Highway Maintenance Plan needs to be produced, which clearly sets out the levels of service customers may expect and which integrates with a revised "Safety Plus" inspection manual.</p>
Decision	The Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure has approved a new Highway Infrastructure Maintenance Plan (see Appendix) including a review of service levels currently delivered and which details the revised service level for revenue works.

Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background Papers	See report for details