

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting30th September 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Transport Asset Management Plan - Progress Report

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that informed Members on progress being made in the development of a TAMP.

The report explained that despite the importance and value of the road network it did not receive the attention and funding required for the provision of the optimal state of repair and operation. There were drivers, particularly from Central Government, for Authorities to adopt and apply the principles of good asset management to their transport infrastructure. In light of this, Officers from the Tees Valley Authorities had collaborated in developing a Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP). The TAMP would be continuously updated and reviewed.

In the TAMP and in accordance with guidance, the assets had been broken down into a number of relevant groupings, such as but not exhaustively; carriageways, footways, cycleways, structures, street lighting, traffic signals, signs and road markings.

Details relating to the asset management of those groups and their components were contained within the TAMP. The TAMP was not appended to this report but would be made available for ease of reference in the Members' library.

Members noted some of the benefits of the TAMP which included:-

- Better more transparent decision making.
- A better level of service at the same or marginally increased cost.
- Ability to track performance

As discussed, the Tees Valley Authorities had collaborated in producing the TAMP to substantial completion with respect to the generic strategic document. They had also made significant progress in collecting data and evidence that was needed to successfully apply the principles of asset management. It was recognized that this would be a continuous

process subject to periodical review.

This year, because of the work undertaken to date, SBC had been able to submit a return to the Treasury by the required submission date of 31st July 2010. It calculated that the carriageway only Gross Replacement Cost was evaluated at £822m. The first step in the process of meeting the Council's commitment to Whole Government Accounting and implementing International Financial Reporting Standards.

Members were asked to endorse and support the principles of asset management for the highway infrastructure and give approval to Officers continuing the vital work needed to finalise the TAMP and undertake periodical reviews of the document.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the continuing development of the TAMP and adoption of the principles of asset management be approved.

2. the progress made to date be noticed and the Head of Technical Services be authorised to complete the TAMP, review and update as required within existing budgets and report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport.

3. a copy of the draft TAMP be placed in the Members' Library for consultation, reference and comment.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The adoption of the TAMP and its guiding principles would align the Council with national recommendations on good asset management.

The TAMP would enable the Council to fulfil its requirements with regard to Whole Government Accounting including Gross and Depreciated Replacement Costs for the highway assets.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 8 October 2010.

Proper Officer
04 May 2010