

## **Executive Summary**

The asset management plan describes how Southampton City Council will manage its highway assets for the next few years ahead.

Asset management can be defined as “a strategic approach that identifies the optimal allocation of resources for the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of the highway infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future customers”.

The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) is a “living” document that details how our highways assets are managed now and in the future, identifies aspects for improvement across the service area and provides us with tools to make more informed decisions and justify the need for additional investment.

It is important to remember that it is a first edition document that will continue to evolve and be the subject of change and review in the pursuit of continuous improvement.

The TAMP will complement and support the goals and objectives from the Local Transport Plan (LTP2), focus on investment and ensure that our highway assets are managed and maintained in the most efficient way for the benefit of our customers.

This requires some change in culture, work practices, systems and above all, for everyone to be involved, including those from other service areas.

The LTP2 requires all highway authorities to report on their progress in developing a TAMP. The Department for Transport clearly signals support of asset management and this plan is presented as Southampton City Council’s initial response to this requirement.

## **Main Objectives**

The LTP2 contained a series of transport objectives derived from the following key Corporate Priorities:

- Tackling deprivation and inequalities
- Promoting life-long learning for all people
- Improving community safety and reducing crime and disorder
- Improving the street scene and the environment
- Promoting independent living

These are discussed in more detail under Goals and Objectives in the main document.

Within the TAMP we are striving to produce a management approach which will keep the infrastructure maintained to a level that ensures reasonable access and safety for its users and provides a high quality of streetscene for our customers at a cost which is value for money.

To achieve this goal it seeks to address the following:

- Know the content of your assets and their condition
- Take a whole life cost approach to their management
- Look at levels of service which can be afforded
- Look at managing risk to our assets
- Is it all providing value for money
- Move towards long term planning.

Not all the answers will be apparent as a result of the first version ,but the improvement action plan within the document will address many outstanding issues and a fuller picture will evolve.