

**EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR
06 MARCH 2017**

SCRUTINY COMMENTS

Highways Asset Management Plan

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee met on 27 February 2017 and considered a report concerning the Highways Asset Management Plan. The Committee supported the recommendations included in the report (eight votes in favour and 1 against).

The Committee agreed to pass on the following comments to the Executive Councillor or Highways, Transport and I.T as part of his consideration of this item.

- The Committee highlighted concern in relation to the differing arrangements across the County with regards to amenity and safety grass cutting. The Committee supported the ongoing discussions with Parish and District Councils, as well as the work to find a common solution and consistent level of service for residents.
- A member of the Committee queried whether the removal of amenity grass cutting would result in a requirement for additional safety grass cutting to take place. Officers confirmed this was possible due to some highways design elements, however these areas would be picked up once final arrangements had been reviewed and were in place.
- The Committee highlighted the proposed gully cleaning frequency change from one annual clean to a targeted clean and supported the continued data capture to improve performance in this area. In addition, a member of the Committee highlighted concern about targeted gully cleaning in urban areas. Officers confirmed that the targeted cleaning arrangements would ensure gullies were cleaned as frequently as required.