

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR DECISION
04 – 11 MAY 2020

**INFORMAL COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWAYS
AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the meeting of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 27 April 2020 was cancelled, however members of the Committee were invited to consider and respond to the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2020 report by email.

Four members of the Committee commented on the report and highlighted the following:

- A member of the Committee highlighted a number of comments in relation to the report:
 - Recognition that District Councils also undertake channel cleansing operations in addition to the work undertaken by the County Council, and that coordination between the two operations could give optimum value to work. *"If the public see piles of accumulated detritus in channels either side of gulleys this will bear testament to inefficient and ineffective working."*
 - Concern that reports of instances of broken or defective ironworks, responsibility for which may lie with Utilities, can have variable responses through FixMyStreet. Recommend a more consistent approach to ensure that defects identified from reports to LCC are formally notified to the Utility, and followed up to ensure that dangerous defects are remedied.
 - Concern that some weed spraying operations are currently failing to comply with Health and Safety measures to protect public, request to ensure some reinforcement of policy in this area.
- A member of the Committee confirmed their support of the Asset Management Plan 2020 and stressed the importance for future maintenance and highlighted two keys points:
 - to ensure the regular weed control programme on roadsides as ignored vegetation can cause increased long term maintenance problems.
 - to ensure that all gullies and drains will be annually checked and inspected, and not just on complaint of blocking - which again is pre-emptive action to reduce problems later on.
- A member of the Committee welcomed the chance to comment on Asset Management Plan 2020 and highlighted that the changes were eminently sensible, especially the ability to allow contractors greater flexibility to get on with the work in certain circumstances. *(e.g. instead of only filling potholes that have been reported, looking at other that can be filled at the same time to save additional trips)*

- A further members of the Committee highlighted their support for the decision.