

## Highways and Transport Committee

### Committee feedback on Business Plan and Budget 2025-26 – 2029-30

Meeting held 21 January 2025

The Business Plan and Budget was discussed in full by the committee.

The committee noted and discussed the following:

- *Noted, the proposed strategic decision to make further investments in Highways Management and Maintenance*
- *Sought assurance regarding the impact of inflation on the cost of services and also the noted the successful work of the Contracts and Commissioning team that has reduced the cost of projects and works which has and will continue to mitigate the impact of inflation*
- *Highlighted their thanks for the work and service delivered by highways colleagues in local areas*

*The Committee also noted the opportunity created through additional funding being received from Government for highways maintenance of £8.1m which creates flexibility for the proposed investment funded by the County Council. With this opportunity the Committee highlighted the following as priorities for investment*

- *Improvements to bus shelter provision*
- *Increasing the funding for and the capacity to deliver local highways initiatives*
- *Trees, weed and vegetation management*
- *Drainage maintenance and management*
- *Road Safety*
- *Active Travel*
- *Soil impacted roads*
- *Additional street lighting*
- *Core highways maintenance such as potholes, lining and signage maintenance*
- *The committee also requested that the additional income for highways development management does also allow for additional capacity in that team to deal with existing and future planning enquiries*

The following item was raised for further consideration by SR&P (Strategy

Resources & Performance) Committee on 28 January 2025:

The Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee is asked to note the priorities from the Highways and Transport Committee for the allocation of the additional flexibility in the use of the council's funded element of the investment into Highways Maintenance and Management.