

Highways Asset Management Policy 2026

Effective management of the local road network plays a central role in delivering the Council's vision:

“We want Gloucestershire to be a county where everyone can live a healthy life, get a good education and job, and feel proud of their area. We aim to make sure everyone is treated fairly, can access opportunities and services easily, and feels welcome in a kind and caring community”.

This policy defines how effective asset management of the road network will help achieve the Local Transport Plan objectives and support the delivery of the Council Strategy.

Our Council's Strategy's Priorities 2025-2029

The strategy includes four main priority areas and associated outcomes:

- Children and young people thrive
- Strong, healthy communities that care
- A place to be proud of
- An open, fair and sustainable Council

To support the delivery of these priorities, the Local Transport Plan 2020-2041 sets out the following long-term objectives to support the Gloucestershire County Council vision:

- Improve community health and wellbeing and promote equality of opportunity.
- Support sustainable economic growth.
- Enable safe and affordable community connectivity.
- Protect and enhance the natural and built environment.

Our plans for maintaining our roads are built upon the following key principles set out in our Asset Management Policy:

We will keep people and goods moving and help our economy	High levels of satisfaction with roads	Be at the forefront of highways technological transformation and innovation	More efficient use of resources and more use of sustainable energy
Implement the right repair or renewal at the right time	Improve information on service delivery, making it easier to report and track progress of repairs	Utilise technology and digital tools to improve the delivery of our services and monitor network resilience and performance	Reduce demand for reactive services and repeat requests through better planning, prevention and service design.
Take a coordinated approach to maintenance activities	Improve communication and transparency whilst remaining economically efficient	Continue to improve knowledge and understanding of highway assets through data-led, risk-based and whole-life asset management	Minimise energy consumption across highway assets and identify opportunities to reduce or offset carbon impacts
Manage the highway network to minimise congestion and to prioritise movement for all users	Deliver services to the standards we set out to achieve	Use technology and innovation to support active travel, public transport and more efficient use of resources	Apply a continuous improvement approach to maximise efficiency and ensure effective use of resources

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