Shropshire Council is committed to adopting an asset management approach for maintenance and improvement of the county's highway network. The Council places a high significance on its highway network, its most valuable asset. The network is vital to the wellbeing of our residents and businesses and is fundamental to the quality of life in Shropshire.

An asset management approach enables informed decisions to be made about maintenance and improvement through the understanding of how resources can be deployed most effectively, what stakeholders expect, how much investment and maintenance funding is needed to support our aims and identifying and managing risks associated with carrying out our statutory duties.

Managing the highway asset, we aim to:

- improve road safety for everyone in Shropshire
- ensure the long-term quality and resilience of our transport system through appropriate investment and maintenance.
- make walking, wheeling and cycling the best choices for local journeys
- protect our natural, built and historic environment from the negative impact of traffic and transport.

Delivering our highway infrastructure asset management strategy, we will:

- Fulfil our statutory duties.
- Maintain highway infrastructure in a condition that is fit for its purpose.
- Consider all users when we plan maintenance or improvements on a street.
- Remember that 'prevention is better than cure' when planning maintenance.
- Ensure that our activity and plans are led by evidence.
- Maximise the benefits of investment by making decisions based upon the whole life cost of maintaining our assets and balancing competing needs across the highway network.
- Use our understanding risk to make better decisions about reactive, cyclical and planned maintenance activities.
- Take account of the impact of our decisions on the environment and sustainability.
- Listen to our customers and clearly communicate our actions.