



## Monmouthshire County Council Highway Asset Management Policy

### Our Vision: Sustainable & Resilient Communities

Monmouthshire County Council believes effective asset management to be one of the key tools in enabling the delivery of its corporate themes namely:

- *Theme 1: Nobody is Left Behind: we want to be a place of cohesive communities where everybody is treated with dignity and respect and has the same opportunity to achieve what they wish.*
- *Theme 2: People are Confident, Capable and Involved: we want Monmouthshire to feel safe and people to be confident. We want to create a place where people want to be involved; they are confident in themselves and their abilities and what they contribute to their own community.*
- *Theme 3: Our County Thrives: we want our county to thrive which includes the economy that supports our communities and families to live a good life. It also means that our environment, its range of habitats and biodiversity thrives.*

It is acknowledged that a good transport network is essential for the provision of a successful economy and society within Monmouthshire. Our roads provide access to jobs, services, schools, distribute goods to stores and allow us to make the most of our leisure time. Our local roads lie at the heart of the transport network and have a key role to play in ensuring that transport in Monmouthshire delivers the services our residents both want or need. Monmouthshire's policy on Asset Management will help to support the Authorities vision of enabling 'Sustainable and Resilient Communities'.

The Asset Management Plan will support these themes as follows:

#### Theme 1

- Ensure rural communities have effective transport links giving good access to services
- Ensure that opportunities are taken where possible to improve accessibility on highway projects
- Provide better public information on what services and activities are available
- Improve access to a range of affordable transport opportunities through improved infrastructure arrangement such as bus bay platforms etc.

*Our adoption of an asset management approach will seek to integrate wider social considerations within the role of highway maintenance*

#### Theme 2

- Improve public protection particularly at night time through well maintained lighting systems.
- Reduce the fear of crime through safer by design initiatives where possible
- Develop safer road systems and educate drivers
- Highways are safe, well maintained and resilient. Our first priority will be to provide a safe, well managed, maintained and more resilient highway network for all who use it.

*Our adoption of an asset management approach will take a long term view in making informed maintenance and investment decisions.*

#### Theme 3

- To consider the environment, the biodiversity and habitats within Monmouthshire in its approach to highway maintenance
- To build resilience within its highway infrastructure to combat the impact of climate change
- To produce less waste and recycle more through its Highway activities
- To reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the management of the highway network and promote a green economy

*Our adoption of asset management will place sustainable solutions that minimise waste and landfill at the centre of our approach to highway maintenance.*