

AMS (HIGHWAYS) MODULE A – POLICY & OBJECTIVES

What... Lewisham is committed to managing and maintaining its highway assets to ensure they are fit for purpose and fulfil their functions in an efficient and sustainable manner. Lewisham reviews its policies regularly to ensure they are appropriate and reflect its statutory duties, best practice and stakeholder requirements.

Why... *Shaping our future*, Lewisham’s Sustainable Community Strategy for 2008-2020, sets out a vision for Lewisham;-

‘Together, we will make Lewisham the best place in London to live, work and learn’

Shaping our future includes the priority outcomes:-

- **Safer** – where people feel safe and are able to live free from crime, anti-social behaviour and abuse
- **Empowered and responsible** – where people can be actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities
- **Clean, green and liveable** – where people live in high quality housing and can care for and enjoy their environment
- **Healthy, active and enjoyable** – where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and well-being
- **Dynamic and prosperous** – where people are part of vibrant localities and town centres well-connected to London and beyond.

Lewisham aims to provide a highway network that delivers these priorities through an Asset Management Strategy. This is supported by objectives to ensure a focus on managing its highway assets with long-term prudence.

Who... The responsibilities for the ‘Policy & Objectives’ module lie with:

Sign off policy	Director of Regeneration & Asset Management
Establish objectives	Asset Management Planning Manager
Updating & reporting module	Asset Compliance Manager

How... Lewisham aims to:

- Maintain its assets in a state of good repair, meeting performance targets (Module D).
- Ensure its assets are safe for the public.
- Plan for the effects of changing demands.

In managing its assets, Lewisham aims to:

- Recognise that resources are limited, and therefore, prioritise the maintenance of assets based on their associated risk.
- Utilise the asset management principles of life cycle planning and whole life costing to minimise the cost of asset ownership.
- Take a proactive approach to maintenance, favouring cost effective preventative treatments over reactive repairs.

- Utilise quality and up-to-date asset inventory and condition information to inform decisions and take a prioritised approach towards asset data collection.
- Invest in the public realm to assist in the transformation of the borough.
- Seek access to external funding sources with robust business cases to pay for, or contribute to asset investment.
- Support its statutory duties as a highway authority under the Highways Act 1980, the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, the Transport Act 2000, and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 with sound asset management practices.
- Protect its assets from accidental damage by monitoring property development and statutory utility works.

Reporting... Reporting on delivery of the Policy and Objectives is done through an annual ‘State of the Highway’ report and also reflected in updates to the AMS (Highways).

Success measures... Recognition and adoption of stated aims, objectives and performance measures and performance outcomes which will demonstrate success.

Further Information:
Lewisham’s Vision
Regeneration Strategy
Legislation