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Staffordshire County Council is responsible for a highway asset valued at over £7 billion providing benefit to all as stakeholders. The highway network is the largest and most visible asset for which the County Council is responsible. The way it is managed and maintained has a direct impact on the County Councils' ability to deliver the vision of 'a connected Staffordshire, where everyone has opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy'.

In these ever challenging times, managing the work to get the required outcomes with increased demand and greater prioritisation of local authority funding has never been more important. The Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP) and its accompanying appendices provide evidence of risk based approaches that adhere to relevant statutory requirements. Scenarios for different budget levels show the effects on service levels of assets, which ultimately are the primary concern of each user of the highway network.

Staffordshire is committed to an asset management approach encompassing the outcome benefits of a whole cost lifecycle, ensuring the most efficient and effective use of the available highway budget and demonstrating the case for additional funding where this is appropriate. We will continue to use innovative treatments alongside tried and tested maintenance methods and materials, ensuring the appropriate treatment is utilised at the right time.

The information provided in this HIAMP will allow us to make more proactive decisions to ensure that the standard of highway assets meets our desires both now and just as importantly for the next generation. The HIAMP will support the three commissioning priorities that relate to highways through the following:

Great Place to Live

Staffordshire County Council and its supply chain partners will continue to make Staffordshire a great place to live through the implementation of the HIAMP, implementing asset management principles to deliver a safe network, increased efficiency and lead innovation in highway maintenance. We will continue our drive to reduce the impact of highway operations on the environment and communities, primarily through the utilisations of recycled materials and reducing energy consumption.

Right for Business

Through the delivery of the HIAMP we will implement asset management best practice to optimise highway investment nurturing the right transport conditions for business growth. Through innovation in network management we will

reduce the negative impact of highway works on travelling stakeholders; hence helping to improve business efficiency.

Resilient Communities

The continuing implementation of preventive principles will further embed resilience into the highway network, helping to deal with unforeseen events. Community self-help groups will be further developed to increase community resilience in times of extreme weather.

HIAMP Enablement

The HIAMP is enabled through a number of models which include the innovative Infrastructure+ Strategic Highway Partnership (I+), Highway Lighting Staffordshire Public Finance Initiative (PFI) and internal service delivery mechanisms. Figure 1 describes how the the various service areas link to the corporate vision.

The HIAMP Policy and Strategy will be reviewed for currency every two years, with underlying Policies and Strategies reviewed at least every three years. The supporting Highway Service Plans which include Life Cycle Plans and the like will be updated annually.

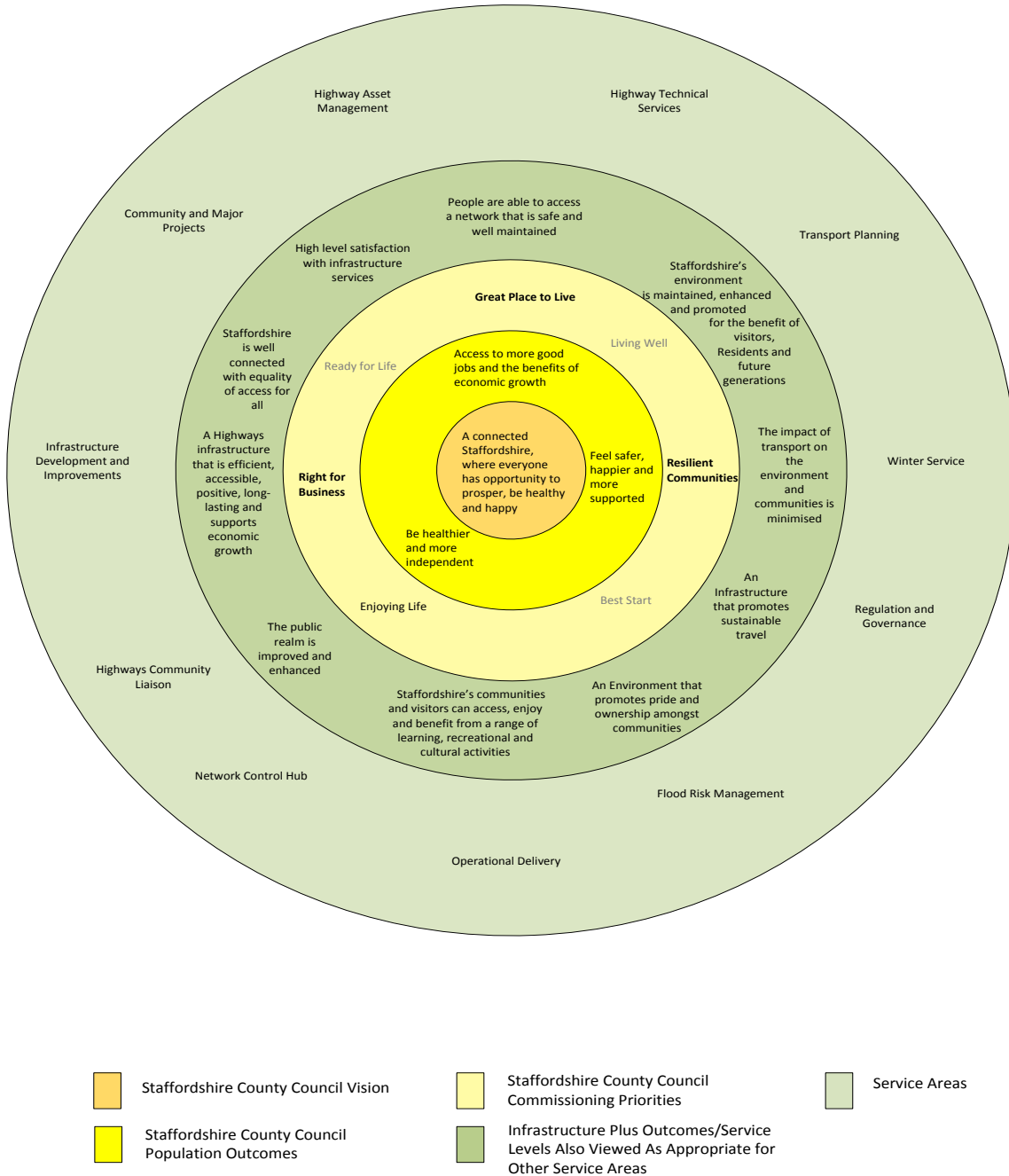


Figure 1 – Vision, Priority and Outcome Linkages