

Cabinet Member City Services

Priorities for 2026/27



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City Services: Environmental Services

Priorities and Objectives 2026 / 27

The Environmental Service Teams focus on delivering safe, reliable and high-quality frontline services which support the Council's ambitions. The service priorities for 2026/27 are:

Delivering Waste Reform and Improving Recycling

- Introduction of a separate weekly food waste collection service for all residents
- Increase participation in recycling services whilst improving the quality of material collected
- Refresh the out-of-date Waste and Resource Strategy to identify and support future service and infrastructure requirements.

Create Cleaner and Safer Neighbourhoods

- Implementation of new dedicated teams to improve street cleanliness and respond more effectively to flytipping and other environmental issues
- Improve partnerships and collaboration to maximise resources and opportunities to tackle environmental antisocial behaviour
- Continue to support and grow the Community Litter Picking volunteer groups across the City

Enhance Open Space and Biodiversity

- Maintaining and increasing Green Flag status across parks and open spaces
- Managing the inspection and maintenance of the Council's tree stock to ensure public safety.
- Identifying and delivering projects to enhance biodiversity and support climate resilience initiatives
- Increasing community participation and engagement to support cleaner, greener and more resilient neighbourhoods.

City Services: Environmental Services (continued)

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Delivering Reliable and Inclusive Services

- Reducing service waiting times through proactive recruitment and improving recruitment and retention
- Improving reliability and continuity of services
- Maintaining and upholding statutory compliance
- Supporting vulnerable residents through accessible and responsive service delivery

Transforming Operational Delivery

- Continuing to identify opportunities to develop electric vehicle capability and decarbonise the council's vehicle fleet
- Making greater use of digital systems and technology to improve efficiency and decision making
- Using data led information and performance insight to ensure resources are targeted where they can have the greatest impact

Strengthening Workforce and Financial Sustainability

- Improving recruitment and retention to ensure that services have the skills and capacity to meet resident needs
- Improve employee wellbeing and reduce sickness absence through proactive management and early intervention
- Increase income generation through the expansion of commercial services and trading activities

City Services: Highway Operations and Delivery

Priorities and Objectives 2026 / 27

Highway Operations and Delivery will focus on a safer, better-maintained and more sustainable network through stronger parking and traffic enforcement, active travel and developer infrastructure, renewed car parks, improved roads and footways, and the citywide LED upgrade.

Pavement Parking

- Prepare the Council for new pavement parking legislation by reviewing policies, processes, resources and technology once Department for Transport guidance is published.

Traffic Enforcement

- Expand digital camera technology to strengthen enforcement of parking restrictions, bus lanes and moving traffic contraventions, supporting safer roads and pavements.

New Active Travel Projects

- Begin construction on approved walking, wheeling and cycling schemes that improve connectivity between communities and support safer, more attractive sustainable travel.

Housing Developments (S278 and S38)

- Work closely with developers so highway infrastructure meets required standards from the outset, while resolving outstanding issues on historic unadopted sites.

City Services: Highway Operations and Delivery (continued)

Priorities and Objectives 2026 / 27

The 2026/27 programme will deliver a safer, better-maintained and more sustainable highway network through stronger parking and traffic enforcement, active travel and developer infrastructure, renewed car parks, improved roads and footways, and the citywide LED upgrade.

Car Parks

- Continue the car park refurbishment programme to improve the condition, accessibility and appearance of Council car parks and enhance the customer experience.

Footway and Carriageway Maintenance

- Maintain highway assets and continue reducing defects, delivering improved road network condition, cleaner gutters and better footways.

LED Street Lighting Upgrade

- With overnight street lighting reinstated across the city, maintain delivery momentum to complete 60% of the citywide LED conversion by the end of the financial year.

Economic Growth: Transport and Innovation

Priorities and Objectives 2026 / 27

Transport and Innovation will prioritise safer roads and reduced casualties, efficient network management and streetworks coordination, expanded active travel, and delivery of a £2.4 million programme of local safety, crossing, traffic and parking improvements.

Road Safety

- Continued focus on reducing casualties on the city's road network, building on the 48% reduction achieved over the past decade (2015-25). Continued roll-out of Average Speed Enforcement with three more schemes being implemented in 2026/27 (Shilton Lane, Broad Lane, A444 Sky Blue Way) as part of the LNIP programme alongside local safety schemes.

Network Management

- Continued investment in our Urban Traffic Management Control systems to ensure that we keep traffic moving on the city's local road network. Management and co-ordination of streetworks to minimise delays on the local network from roadworks, and to ensure that works are carried out in a safe manner through implementing a robust inspection regime.

Active Travel

- Take the Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan forward for adoption providing the policy framework for future investment in active travel infrastructure. Expand the reach of the Bikeability scheme to deliver cycle training to more of the city's children.

Local Network Improvement Plan

- Deliver a £2.4 million city-wide programme of improvements including local road safety schemes, new and upgraded crossings, school streets, traffic management measures, traffic signal upgrades, and parking schemes.

Law, Governance and Safer Communities: Regulatory Services

Taxi licensing

- Deliver a safer, more consistent, and accessible taxi and private hire service by aligning local licensing with the emerging national standards framework.