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Progress with Unity – A ‘New Era’ for Wigan

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Progress with Unity



- Excellent Performance over the last decade
- Commitment alongside communities
- 50th Anniversary embarked us on a new journey
- Rising demand, financial challenges, increased inequalities
- Work in Partnership

The role of Highways



- Highway Infrastructure plays a key role in supporting the vision
- 1,200 KM of adopted highway and a vast amount of key assets
- Community Wealth Building and Social Value
- Transforming our services through continuous innovation

CWB & Social Values



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Social value on the right track

A construction contractor has delivered on a project helping local residents through Wigan Council's commitment to community wealth building.

The Leader of Wigan Council, Councillor David Molyneux MBE, recently visited Catherine Terrace, Scholes where carriageway surface repair works have been carried out.

Bethell Group has recently completed the project outside St Catharine's Junior and Infant School, and St Catharine's Church.

Coun Molyneux said: "Delivering social value is a high priority for us at the council and our community wealth building aspirations; ensuring that the money we spend with our contractors delivers the most benefit for our borough.

"Thank you to Bethell Group, who completed these works on this unadopted road at their own costs. They also did these works during the week of school half-term, keeping disruption at a minimum for the school and for Sunday services."

Wigan Council's social value work and community wealth building agreements with contractors, delivers millions of pounds of value for the borough.

This social value can include work experience placements or apprenticeships, donations to local charities, or works like this to repair a local unadopted road.



Cllr David Molyneux Leader of the Council, George Brockbank from Bethell Group, and representatives from St Catharine's Junior and Infant School, and St Catharine's Church.

- Working with key partners
- Support local economy
- Recruiting locally
- Procuring locally
- Shaping contracts and training investment



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Planned Maintenance



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- Data-driven decision making, using Power BI dashboards, AI condition data and lifecycle analysis to target
- Investment where it delivers the greatest long-term benefit
- Whole-life costing
- Performance monitoring

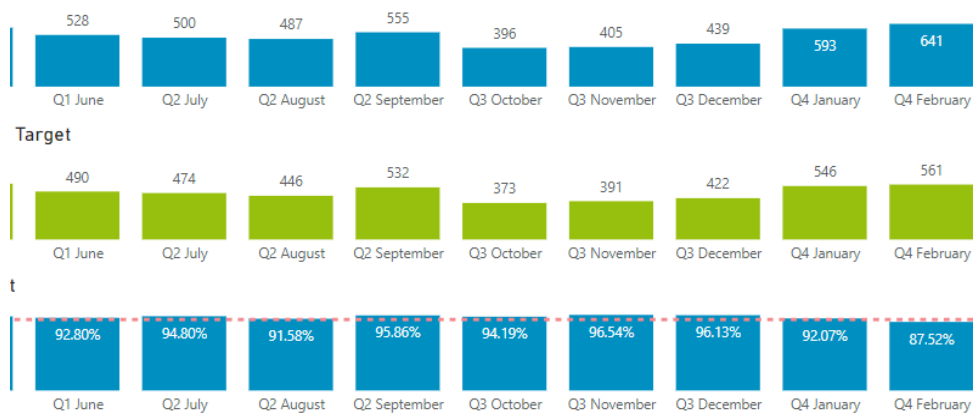
Reactive Maintenance



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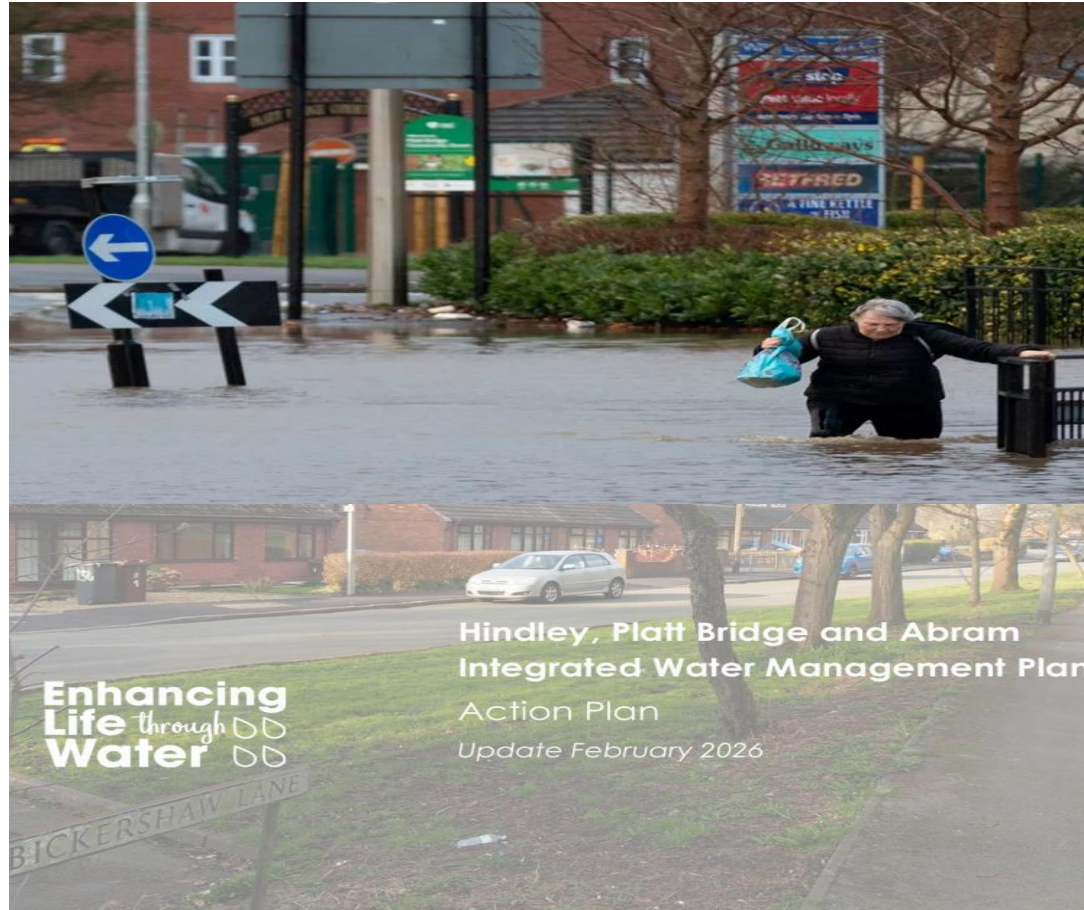
Highway Minor Repairs - Monthly Performance Summary



- 80% investment in planned maintenance
- Considerably less Cat 1 defects
- 99% Cat 1 defects completed in time (90% overall)
- Digital performance management
- Embraced Partnership working 'giving something back'



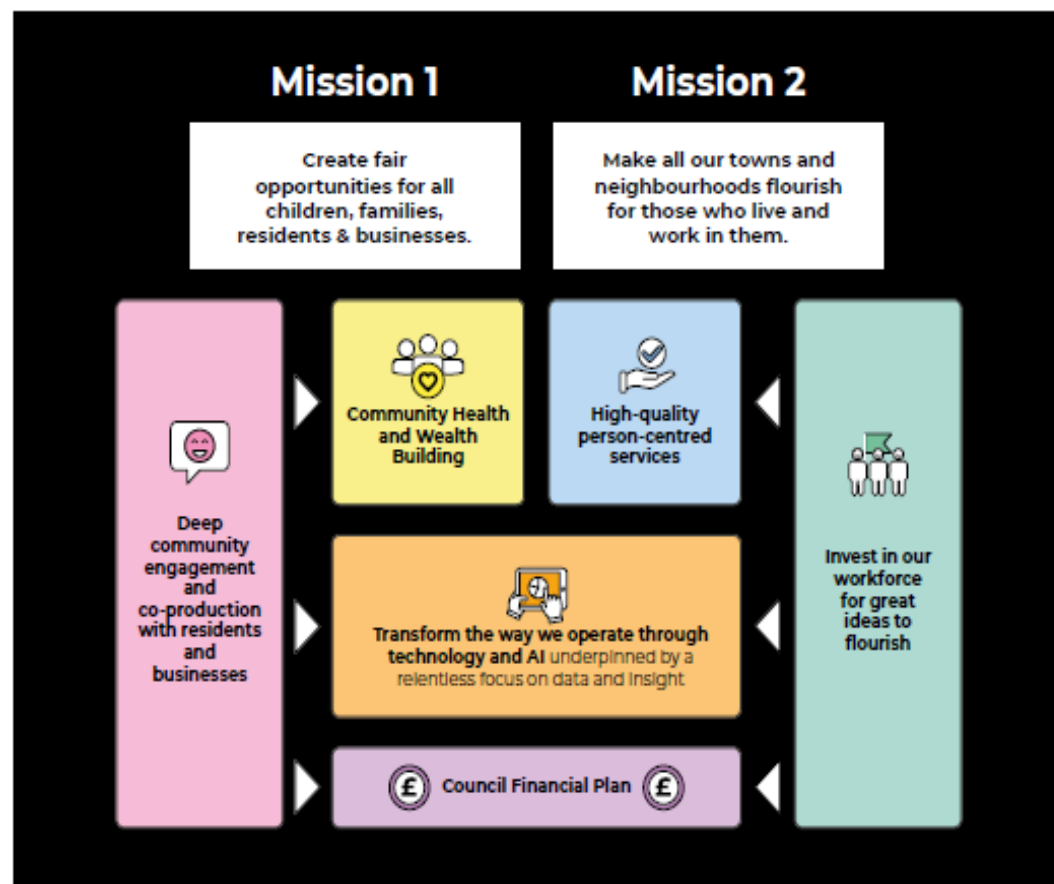
Flood Risk/Climate Resilience



- Significant flooding 2025
- Best example of multi-agency partnership working and PWU
- Successful 'leaky dams' initiative
- IWMP – Action Plan
- Community Engagement
- Clear plan to improve residents' lives



Next Steps



- Harnessing the potential of technology and AI within Highways
- Highways services will be designed to enable delivery of our missions
- High performing person-centred teams
- Ensuring deep community engagement that is responsive to local needs



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**Thank you for your
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Any Questions ???