4.1.1 IP1 Improve pavement network Version August 2024

| **Purpose** | | |
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| Agitate for the creation of a joined up and serviceable pavement network in Wells that is practical and safe to use by disabled people | | |
| **Outcomes** | | |
| • Mobility aid users able to travel safely across Wells<br>• Mobility aid users able to access all key services and facilities<br>• Mobility aid users able to make journeys that are of reasonable length compared to able-bodied people | | |
| **Benefits** | | |
| • Reduction in harm and potential of harm to mobility aid users<br>• Significant increase in people satisfaction with Wells pavement network<br>• Increase in reported social, physical and mental well-being by disabled people and their families/friends<br>• Improved reputation for Wells as a caring city | | |
| **Methods** | | |
| • Survey entire pavement network in Wells against government standards<br>• Prepare detailed report of all issues by type, risk severity and location<br>• Identify all responsible parties and potential partners<br>• Draw up recommendations and formally submit reports to responsible parties<br>• Identify remediation priorities against perceived benefit impact v. cost/difficulty<br>• Identify ways to continue to apply pressure on responsible parties to make identified remediations | | |
| **Leaders** | **Team members** | |
| Lead manager: Theo van Hensbergen<br>Disabled lead: Brian Clarke | • Bob Payne<br>• As appropriate to zones | |
| **Actions identified** | **Target date** | **RAG Status** |
| 1. Research government accessibility design requirements relating to pavement networks | | |
| 2. Research legal requirements place on responsible parties e.g. Highways, Road Traffic and Equality Acts, and formal guidance to councils from appropriate government offices. | | |
| 3. Survey and report of central Wells completed and formally submitted to Somerset Council | | |
| 4. Report of remediation priorities submitted to Somerset Council | | |
| 5. Surveys of outer zones in Wells to be conducted and reports completed and formally submitted | | |
| 6. Develop tactics to continue to apply pressure on responsible parties to make the required remediations (inc. media attention, petitioning, formal complaints to ombudsman, education and information relating to scale and impact of problem) | | |
| 7. Develop and collect measures to assess disabled user satisfaction with pavements (mini project 1.6 Performance reporting) | | |
| 8. Develop methods for reporting and responding to issues arising (mini projects 4.1 and 4.2) | | |
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