

Highways Asset Management Planning Network (HAMP)

HAMP Series 62 – Now that's an Incentive

An examination of the Department for Transport's approach to Incentive Funding

Webinar Dates

14th, 15th and 21st May 2025

Purpose

The Department for Transport (DfT) has finally confirmed their new incentive requirements for 2025/26, aimed to ensure that 'best practice in sustainable highways asset management is followed', with 25% of the funding uplift being retained until local authorities demonstrate that they driving towards best practice and continual improvement in highways maintenance practice.

DfT indicates in their letter to Local Authorities the new requirements have been shaped based on recommendations from recent National Audit Office report and Public Accounts Committee hearing on the condition and maintenance of local roads in England. Both of these have recommended that the DfT seeks to improve its understanding of the local roads condition, maintenance spend, and socio-economic benefit derived from the maintenance works.

As a result of this by the end of June 2025 all Local Authorities in England will be required to publish a transparency report outlining in easy to understand, plain English:

- how much is being spent on highway maintenance, (both capital and revenue funded activities), and how this compares to the previous 5 years
- the overall state of the network
- an estimate of how many potholes have been filled for the last 5 years
- plans looking forward on which part of the network will be resurfaced
- the estimated balance between preventative and reactive maintenance in any plans
- plans to minimise disruption
- plans to increase resilience to the changing climate, and
- approaches to following best practice and delivering innovation/efficiency

With this imminent deadline, our May Highways Asset Management Events give a perfect opportunity to examine the requirements and discuss with experts and share with colleagues good practices and opportunities. To this end we intend to: -

- Recap on the DfT Local Highway Maintenance Fund requirements and discuss the transparency report local authorities will be required to submit by 30th June
- Focus on the incentive fund questions
- Provide a refresher of the HAMFIG/CIPFA valuation methodology, including an overview of the tools and their application
- Reflect on maintenance KPIs and how they can demonstrate performance management, and delivery of asset management objectives
- Discuss non-carriageway asset requirements
- Consider how future direction of the funding requirements might develop

If all of that is not enough our morning will start with the usual topical Strategic Update which provides a valuable session looking at key messages coming out from government for the public sector and exploring what is happening in a range of key areas affecting highways in local government including the latest on funding, safety, sustainability, traffic management and road condition.

Learning Outcomes

The webinar will bring you up to date with the latest highway news and that of the wider public sector. We will examine the new funding requirements from DfT and the transparency reports required by the end of June 2025. In addition, we will provide a refresher of the HAMFIG/CIPFA valuation methodology and consider how future direction of the funding requirements might develop.

Who Will Benefit?

This course is aimed at Directors, Heads of Service and senior managers involved in the procurement, planning, design and delivery of highway and transportation programmes and initiatives. It will also benefit highways service delivery partners who are interested in developing their capacity to support wider highway management activities.

Programme

09.30-10.00

Online registration

10.00 – 11:15

Session 1 - Strategic Update

Our popular topical update of public sector news and key messages for highways.

11.00 – 11.35

Break

11.35 – 12.45

Session 2 – The Proposals for the Incentive fund and Transparency Reporting

- Recap on the DfT Local Highway Maintenance Fund requirements
- Discussion on the transparency report Local Authorities are required to submit by 30th June, including good practice for responses, and opportunities authorities have before future submissions

12.45 – 13.15

Lunch

13.15 – 14.45

Session 3 – Where do we go from here?

- Focus on the incentive fund questions (Annex B)
- Review of the current HAMFIG/CIPFA valuation methodology, including an overview of the tools and their application
- Reflection on maintenance KPIs and how they demonstrate performance management, and delivery of asset management objectives
- Discussion on non-carriageway asset requirements
- Future direction of the funding requirements
- Drawing on the NAO report / Public Accounts Committee recommendations, what gaps exist and what the future trajectory of the funding could be
- What LAs should start to think about for future years' submission requirements

In addition to specific presentations, the facilitators for this event will be.



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