

**UKRLG/ADEPT – ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP
BUSINESS PLAN 2014 – 2018 (Revised 15 June 2016)**

Asset management supports business decisions, providing longer term financial benefits and the most effective means of planning infrastructure works. It is a well-established approach to infrastructure management and is increasingly being applied successfully to all highway assets.

As part of an overall highway asset management approach the UKRLG and ADEPT support the continuous development and application of asset management capability through the joint Asset Management Subgroup. This includes promoting a whole-systems approach to the embedment and continuous development of asset management capability and enablers.

I T E M	THEME	DESCRIPTION	DELIVERABLES	END DATE	RESOURCES	PROGRESS
1	Knowledge, skills and capability.	To support the development of highway asset management knowledge, skills, technology and capability right across the UK highway sector, including design, materials and workmanship specification.	<p>Continue to promote HMEP asset management guidance.</p> <p>Contribute to the development, delivery and continuous review of HMEP asset management products (e.g. input to the development of HMEP e-learning modules).</p> <p>Identify gaps in current asset management learning/products for future development.</p> <p>Provide asset management input to Codes of Practice, including the review of WMH.</p> <p>Influence change and drive continuous improvement. Co-ordinate, distribute and promote national best practice.</p>	<p>Continuous</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Summer 2016</p> <p>Autumn 2016</p> <p>Continuous</p>	<p>Conferences and Networks</p> <p>Membership of group and bespoke task-finish working groups.</p> <p>Use of DfT Self-Assessment results to undertake a Gap Analysis</p> <p>Group Membership</p> <p>Group Membership and networks</p>	<p>Ongoing via networks and conferences</p> <p>Linked to HMEP programme</p> <p>GAP Analysis complete. Work plan being developed.</p> <p>James Bailey UKRB rep for codes review.</p> <p>Participation in networks and conferences</p>

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2	Public Engagement (Perceptions and Acceptability)	Influence public/political perceptions to help drive the right behaviours and enable effective implementation of asset management.	Promote and provide updates to 'Maintaining a Vital Asset' associated with review of CoP.	Autumn 2016	Group Membership	Linked to codes review.
			Continuously share, develop and promote communications for targeted local, regional and national use through appropriate media.	April 2017	Learning from ADEPT 'demand management' pilots; Research bid item for 2016.	Potentially include communication tools to help achieve agreed asset management service levels.
			Identify methods for hosting/publicising material e.g. CIHT?	Summer 2016	James Bailey	Investigate availability of UKRLG website
			Develop new techniques and share best practice in establishing service levels and managing expectations.	Continuous	Group Membership	Linked to providing advice within codes review.
			Communicate scale and nature of highway maintenance problem.	Continuous	Group Membership	Participation in networks and conferences
			Provide influence to associated publications e.g. ALARM.	Continuous	Group Membership	Annual consultation responses.

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3	Durability of design, materials, workmanship and management to improve life cycle plans.	Promote research, market development and sharing of best practice to enable durable, cost effective and sustainable highway maintenance practice to realise the full potential of highway asset management.	Consider, prepare and support relevant research e.g. materials development, workmanship, condition deterioration modelling and benchmarking.	Continuous	Group Membership and professional networks	Ongoing
			Co-ordinated support (knowledge and skills) to associated working groups e.g. SMDS, RCMG, CIHT, HTMA.	Complete (repeat annually)	Group Membership of other networks.	CAS – Member of CIHT AMG. Gap analysis and joint meeting with Soils and materials group – June 15; repeat annually.
			Provide input and support to the development of HMEP as ‘subject specialists’ and peer-reviewers; developing the right environment for innovation and value for money.	Continuous	Group Membership	JB supported HMEP advocate event in Manchester 06/15.
			Support/influence the activities of HAUC to minimise the impact of streetworks on highway asset life cycles.	Sept 2016	Group in liaison with Network Management Group.	Establish future joint meeting / agenda item.
			Promote maintainability considerations and techniques in highway infrastructure design.	Continuous	Group Membership	Ongoing
			Promote flood management / drainage responsibilities of third parties.	Complete	Group Membership	

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4	Funding	Make the case for adequate funding provision/models to enable effective highway asset management.	Promote government benchmarking e.g. condition data, WGA and satisfaction surveys, to promote democratic accountability for poor performance.	Continuous	Membership of group	Individual and collective response to DfT/HMEP 2014 consultation.
			Support the identification and sharing of regional, national and international best practice in highway asset management: service levels, performance management, value for money.	Continuous	Membership of group	Linked to codes review, HMEP advocates/subject specialists and communications.
			Contribute to and monitor the implementation of the revised CIPFA Transport Infrastructure Assets Code	2015/16	Membership of group	Established membership of relevant work stream groups
			Lead and support HAMFIG and contribute to PISG to ensure the implementation of DRC accounting for highway infrastructure assets can be successfully achieved.	2015/16	Membership of group	Established membership of relevant work stream groups
			Influence future proposals for changes to the method of allocation for highway maintenance funding e.g. devolution or reward systems.	Continuous	Membership of group and networks e.g. HMEP.	Individual and collective responses to DfT consultations
			Support the exploration and information sharing of alternative and sustained future funding provision and mechanisms e.g. LHA commercial income models, retained local business rates, Single Growth Funding and user charging.	Continuous	Membership of group	Ongoing.