

# **Local Road Networks: The Policy & Delivery Context**

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# Key Themes

- **Localism**
- **Better regulation**
- **Capacity & Capability**
- **User voice**

# Highways Maintenance

183,000  
miles of LA  
roads in  
England

153 local  
highway  
authorities  
(inc. TfL)

£300bn  
valuation of  
assets??

- DfT Maintenance Block funding:
  - £3bn from 2011-12 – 2014-15 for 4 years, not ring fenced
- HMEP is a sector-led transformation programme to maximise returns from highways investment and deliver efficient and effective services:
  - Programme runs to 2018, sponsored by DfT who are providing £6m funding
  - Links with Government Construction Strategy and Infrastructure UK Review
  - Consistent with 'localism' agenda - providing the tools and opportunities - not central direction
  - Building on existing best practice
  - Work well underway on efficiency products - published Pothole Review Report (April)

# Operations

## Empowering you ...

- More effective regulation – overrun charges, lane rental “pioneers”
- Localism – New signs, consulting on TMO advertising & street works permit schemes

## Doing without ...

- Alternatives – Safety Code of Practice, “Performance scorecard”, National Code of Conduct, National Underground Assets Group

## And the quid pro quo ...

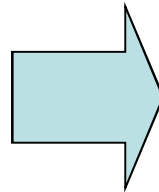
- Users’ matter – car drivers, freight, bus operators

# Enhancements – Devolution, Partnership & Innovation

## LA Majors

### Current

Central competition which delivers value for money and has driven up local contributions



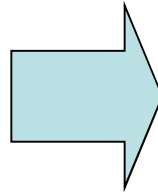
### Possible Future

1. End all central appraisal of VfM
2. In return for fit-for-purpose governance, transparency and evaluation

## Strategic Roads

### Current

Top-down prioritisation, local contributions adhoc, minor schemes spend what's left



### Possible Future

1. Route Based Strategies
2. More co-funding
3. Pinchpoints

### Challenges

- **Understanding the business ask**
- **Mixing the funding streams (Business Rates, Enterprise Zones, TIF, New Homes Bonus, Growing Places Fund, Assets, ERDF, Other Govt Funding...)**
- **The capacity/capability stretch – are you ready?**