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The Exam Questions Plus Stop Press





The Exam Questions

- Challenge Fund – what's happening?
- Self Assessment – is it working?
- Are we (you and DfT) delivering on potholes?
- What more can Local Highway Authorities do?

Plus Stop Press: Budget 2017



Local Highway Infrastructure Important to Government

- Local highways identified in the Spending Review 2015 as a priority.
- Additional funding in Autumn Statement 2016
- January we announced details of all funding for 2017/18
- Budget March 2017 will have made further announcements on details of funding for 18/19 onwards

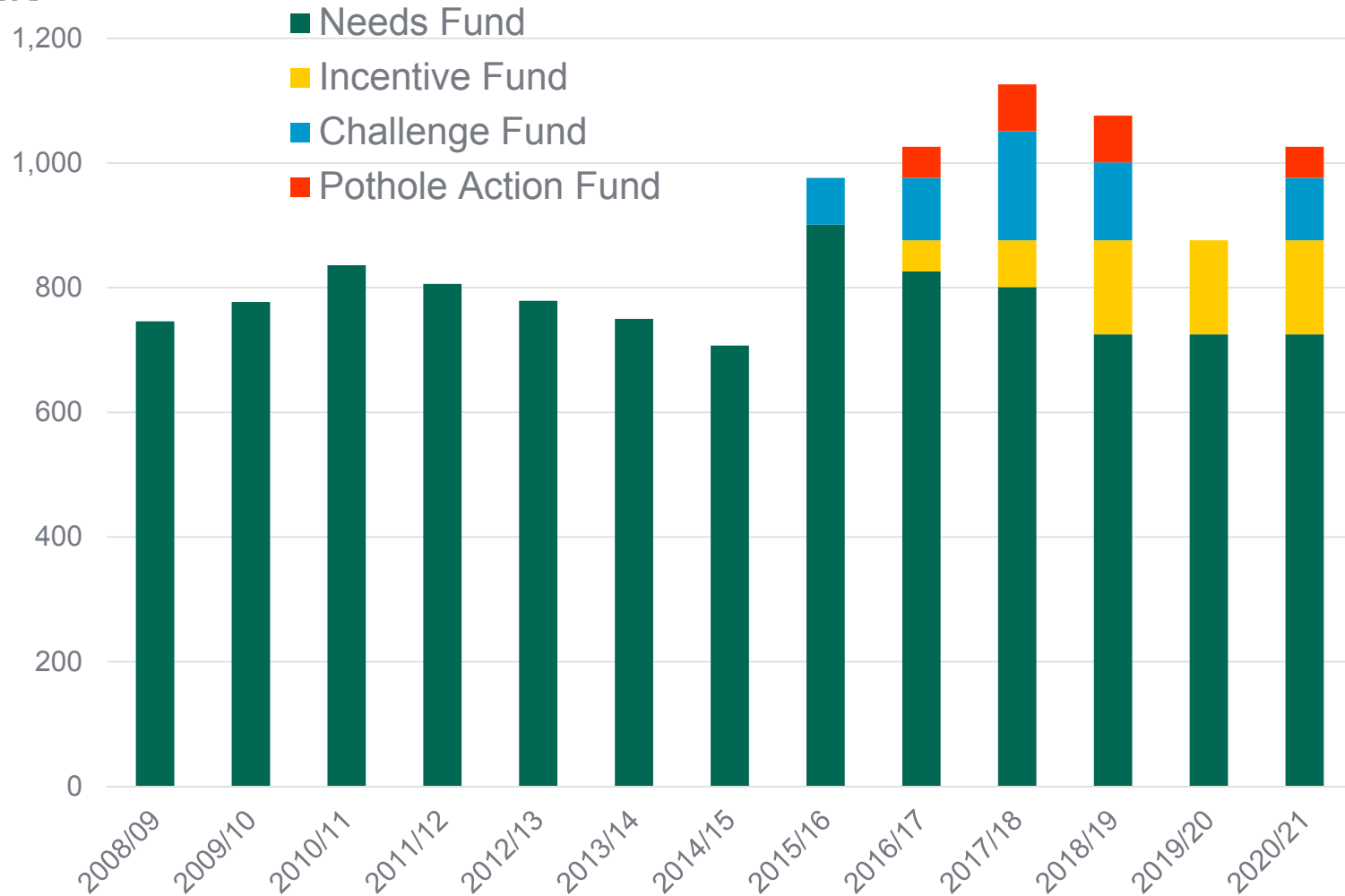


Local Highways Maintenance Funding

- Between 2016 – 2021, UK Government is making over £7 billion of capital funding available for local highways maintenance and improving local networks.
- This includes £578 million of this amount has been set aside to **incentivise** local authorities to carry out cost effective improvements and have an up to date asset management strategy.
- And £250 million through the Pothole Action Fund between 2016 and 2021.
- Additional £1.1 billion **National Investment Productivity Fund (NPIF)** announced Autumn Statement November 2016. **(NEW MONEY)**



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Local Roads Money for 17/18

- Needs Element and Potholes Fund by LHA announced 13 January (formula)
- The Incentive Element distribution by LHA is dependant on Self-assessment Band results – more on this later
- £75m Challenge Fund 17/18 by competition – more on this later
- Safer Roads Fund (£25m in 17/18) for identified A roads
- The **new £185m** National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) **for 17/18** by formula



Challenge Fund for 17/18 (£75m available)

- Competition launched 1 March, Bids by 31 March – lighter touch bidding process
- Limit of £5m DfT contribution to each
- One Bid per LHA
- Combined Authorities rank constituent Bids
- No lighting schemes



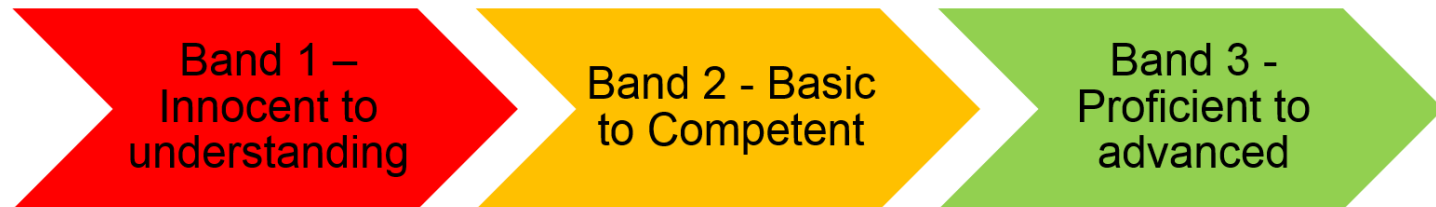
Incentive Element - Banding Results

- Assessment all into DfT in February (Big Thanks)
- More money riding on Banding for 17/18
- The assessments have been verified and the results are



Incentive Fund

- ▶ Self assessment by authority via a questionnaire
- ▶ Three potential bands (Devo deal places all deemed to be Band 3):



2016/17	90%	100%	100%
2017/18	60%	90%	100%
2018/19	30%	70%	100%
2019/20	10%	50%	100%
2020/21	0%	30%	100%



LAST YEAR - Bands for 16/17 Incentive Element From Self-assessments submitted in 2016

Region	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
E	3	8	
EM	1	7	1
NE		11	1
NW	6	17	
SE	6	12	
SW	5	10	
WM	2	11	
Y&H	1	13	
England Totals	24	89	2



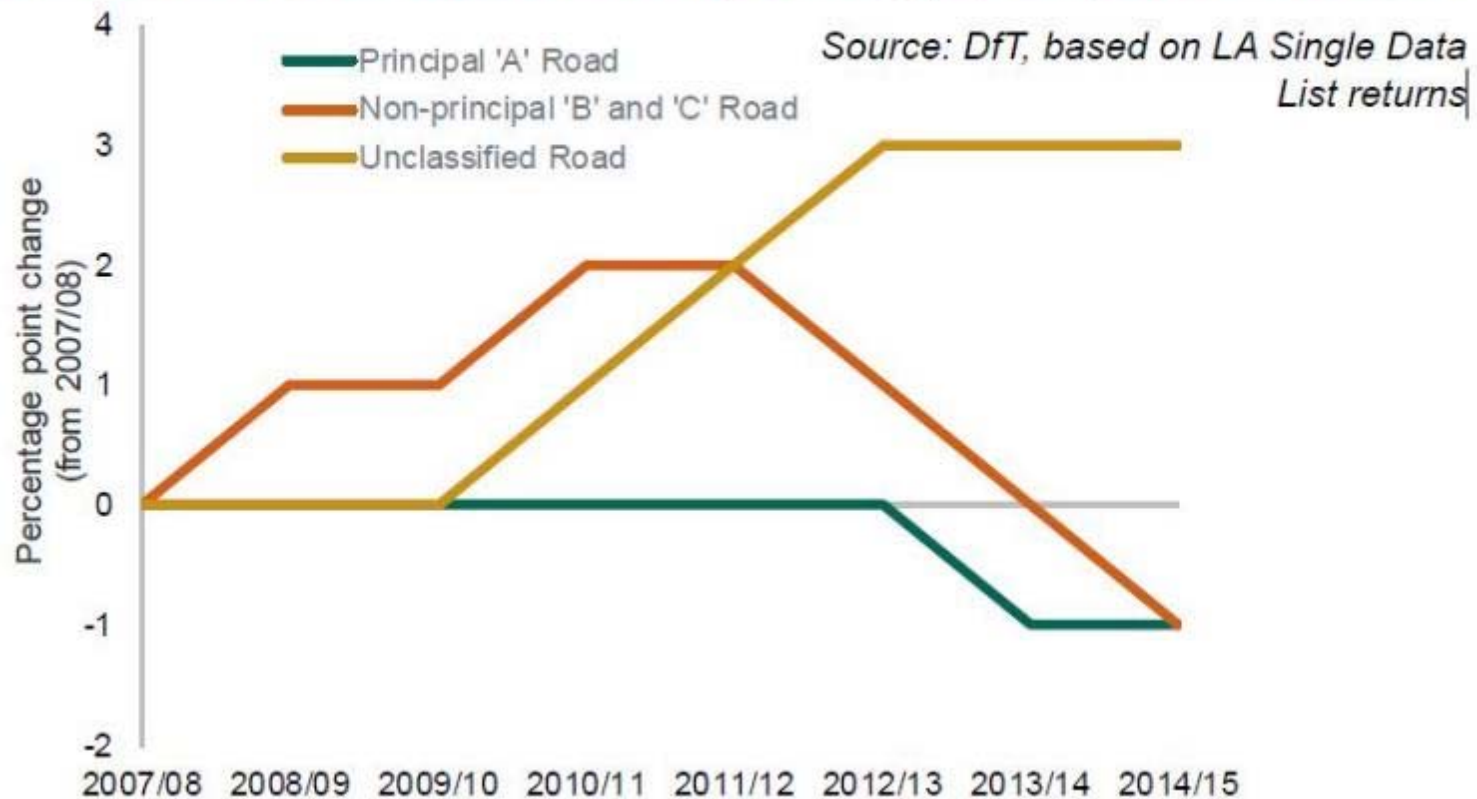
THIS YEAR: Bands for 17/18 Incentive Element From Self-assessment submitted in 2017

Region	1	2	3
E		6	5
EM		7	2
NE		10	2
NW	2	14	7
SE		15	3
SW	2	5	8
WM		8	5
Y&H		7	7
England Totals	4	72	39



Local Highways – Are We Delivering: Condition

Change in proportion of the local authority road network that should have been considered for maintenance by road type, compared to 2007/08





Incentive Element - Conclusion

- Significant change from last year
- **GOOD NEWS: IT'S WORKING**
- Encouraging higher standards in way LAs are planning their maintenance.



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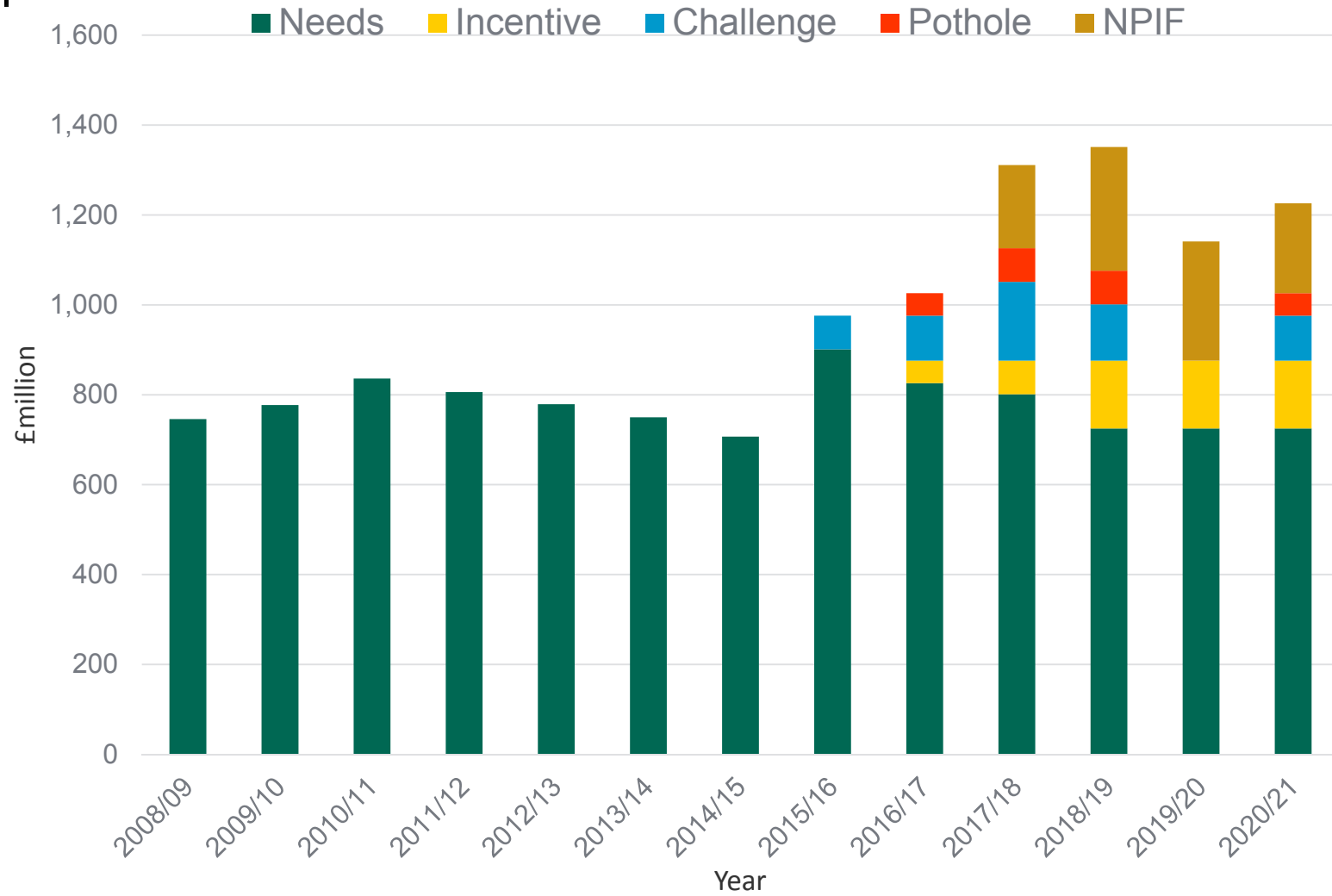
Challenge Fund for 18/19 onwards

- Bidding process will be launched later this March, likely bid deadline 'early summer'
- Lighter touch bidding process
- Limit of £10m DfT contribution likely
- One Bid per LHA - Combined Authorities rank constituent Bids



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National Productivity Investment Fund 18/19 onwards

- Competition announced Budget 8 March
- Emphasis is **HOUSING, GROWTH** and overcoming barriers to **IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY** like congestion
- Bidding process launched later this March, likely bid deadline 'early summer'
- Relatively 'light touch' bidding process in parallel with Challenge Fund 18/19+, and some similarities with Pinch Points
- Limit of £10m DfT contribution likely
- One Bid per LHA - Combined Authorities rank constituent Bids



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Looking Ahead





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What's Further Ahead?





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Innovation & Technology in Local Highways – next big thing?





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Time to Embrace New Technology and Innovation



“I also believe the time is ripe for us to make more use of new technology to support highway maintenance.”

“Right across the transport sector, new technology and ways of working are transforming how we get things done. It’s a great opportunity for highways maintenance.

“This is the right time for us all to shift our thinking as a sector.”

**Andrew Jones, Minister for Roads,
May 2016**

Embracing Technology to Help Maintain Roads





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Pothole Spotter Trial

“Pothole-Spotter is a combination of advanced and well tested technologies as well as advanced data analytics techniques that will help to identify existing potholes and developing problems.

Over time this will enable councils to better predict how and when potholes are created. Creating a proactive service delivery environment.

