

# **APSE Roads and Street Lighting Group**

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**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

# Remobilisation Report - Highways

- APSE has undertaken mobilisation reports for each of the frontline service
- These reports have been compiled with the input of local authorities services from across the UK
- Involving an initial scoping report followed by more indepth discussions covering 4 key areas:-
  - Budget, Finance & re-establishing commercial activity
  - Operational activity
  - Re-grouping the workforce
  - Technical issues

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- Within Scotland it was recorded through discussions that roads maintenance operations had been restricted to those considered to be safety critical.
- With authorities using the Scottish Government guidance published on 6<sup>th</sup> April for construction sites & associated works to inform local assessments
- Following the initial scoping discussions it was agreed that the remobilisation for Highways would involve:-
  - Supply of blacktop and aggregate
  - Contract rescheduling
  - Operational staff & safe operating practices
  - Vehicles & equipment

# Recommencing Supply

- Most blacktop plant was scaled back or shut as demand dried up.
- Most are phasing re-opening so contact will need to be made to obtain accurate schedules of available materials.
- Demand initially could be high as contractors attempt to 'catch-up' and some may have furloughed staff awaiting a judgement on the most economically advantageous time to bring them back.
- Some councils have used cold-lay products as a temporary measure on potholes.

# Rescheuling

- Guiding principles
- Tiered priorities
- Essential worker status
- Media support
- Site considerations

# Operational staff and working practices

- Physical distancing
- Travelling in vehicles
- Depot and site access
- Handwashing and welfare facilities
- Risk assessments
- Enhancing cleaning regimes

# Vehicles and equipment

- Additions keys
- Additional vehicles for physical distancing
- Potential issues for sourcing additional vehicles
- Few supply chain issues
- Staff absence rates above normal due to shielding etc

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