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## today's presentation

- *To consider*

‘well managed highway infrastructure’

How do we ensure a well lit, well managed and well maintained highway network

Moving towards a risk based approach

What should we do and what must we do now?

- Is this presentation really necessary
- RAC Foundation survey
- Challenge Fund bandings
- Capital funding levels

## RAC Foundation survey 2019

- 75% of UK authorities have used a RBA
- Further 8% are intending to switch to RBA

## RAC Foundation survey January 2019

- There are 109 different combinations of carriageway inspection frequencies



## RAC Foundation survey January 2019

- Urgent Defect repair times vary from immediately to 24 hours
- Repair times vary between 20 days and 'monitor'
- Potholes are defined as 20-30mm, 30-40 mm, 45mm or 50mm

## Risk based approach says

*...it is important that investigatory levels are set to ensure that defects likely to create danger to users of the network are investigated, adequately risk assessed and appropriate action taken.*

# Challenge Fund

- 22 questions to be answered with supporting evidence
- 18 answers at Band 3 and above allow LHAs to enjoy maximum funding from Challenge Fund



## Band 3 authorities have said

- They have an asset management policy in place
- Developed levels of service using stakeholder information
- Collect information to support investment decisions

## Band 3 authorities have said (cont.)

- Life cycle planning in place
- Well trained staff
- ‘Pothole review’ in place
- Benchmarking
- collaboration

## conclusion

- Well it's going according to plan

However.....

## These headlines are still appearing

- **Cyclist slams Plymouth's roads after crash left him seriously injured**
- ***Potholes and bumps: How bad are Blackpool's roads?***
- Our roads are 'the worst in England' says reader
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## Who is right?

- Road users
- Road engineers
- Both
- Neither

## Possible conclusions

- RBA not fully developed
- Consultation with stakeholders need improving
- Senior officials need to understand asset management v. fixing potholes

## Next steps

- Review RBA in line with ISO 31000
- Communication and consultation
- Establish local context
- Identify, analysis and evaluate risk
- Consider appropriate treatments
- Monitor and review regularly

# Thanks for your attention

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