



A REGIONAL WINTER POLICY

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Alliance

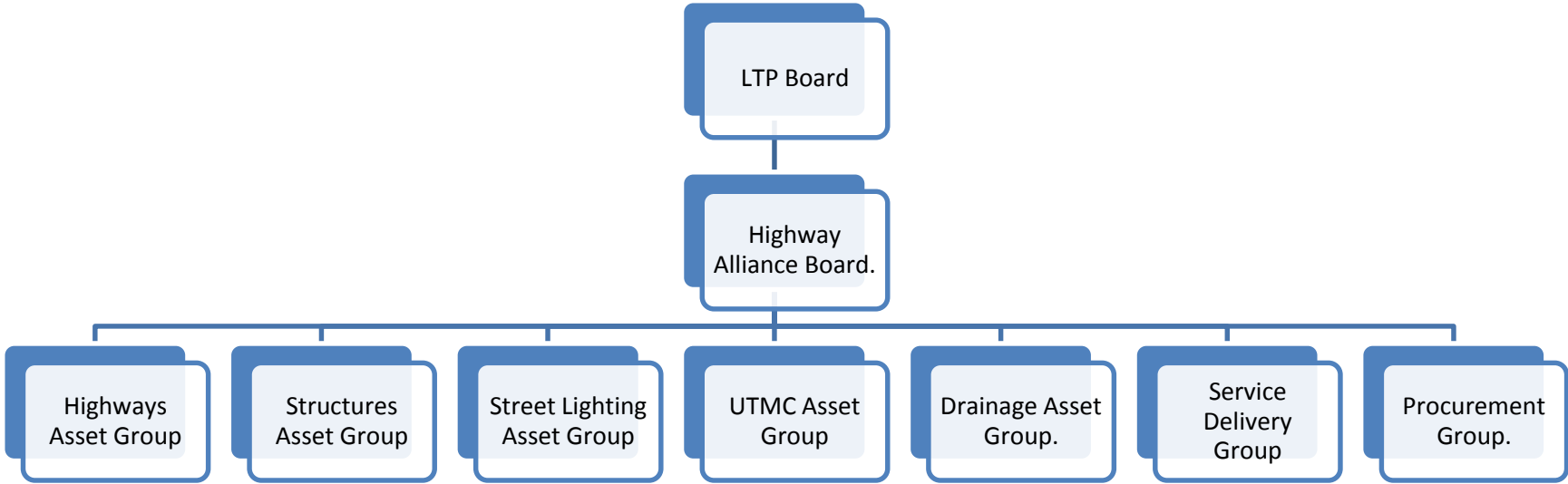


- Set up in 2011.
- Initially to deliver procurement savings & deal with dwindling staff numbers by collaboration.
- Now covers all HMEP themes - Asset Management, Communication, Collaboration and Delivery.
- Maturity of the group allows robust conversations.

Alliance membership

- Original members - Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, Wakefield and York.
- New members – North Yorkshire, East Riding Yorkshire,
- Likely new members – Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

Structure.



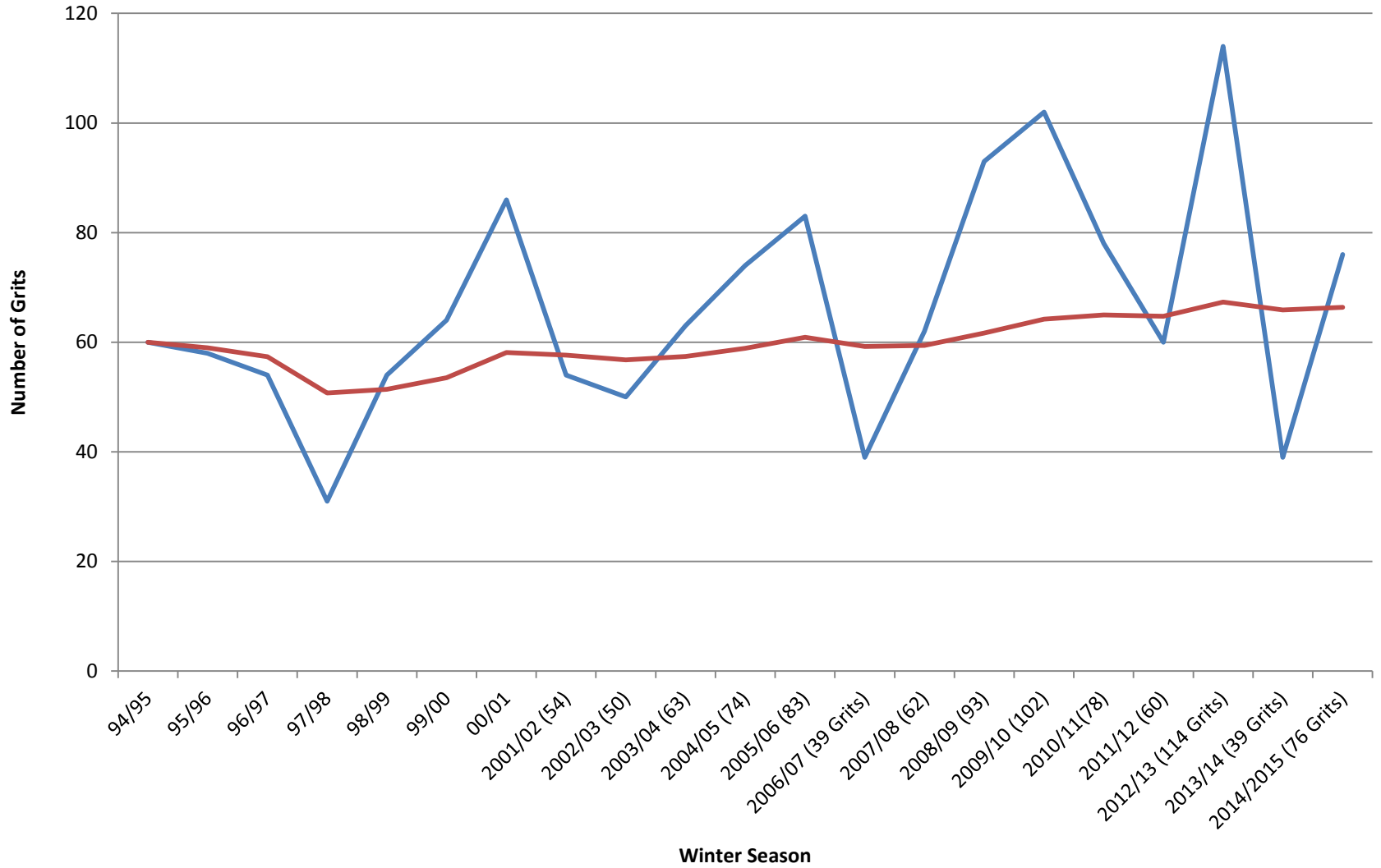
Statement of Principles

- Full engagement/commitment.
- Decision making would be on a consensus basis and binding to all.
- Disputes would be referred to the Alliance Board.
- Decisions would be taken on the basis of the greatest benefit to the Alliance overall.
- Open and trust each other.
- All would provide resources to deliver the Alliance's workload.
- Share knowledge and experience to achieve best practice.
- Challenge current practice and be more innovative.

Earlier collaborations in Winter Service.

- Collaborative salt contract.
- Collaborative contract for weather Forecasting.
- Currently preparing Weather Bureau Service.
- Trial for Route Based Forecasting/ Route Optimisation.
- Same insurers.

Number of Grits per Winter



Drivers.

- Challenges of Appendix H.
- Savings.
- Benefits of pooling Winter Maintenance experience to develop best practice.
- Safety in numbers.
- Assist in resisting/dealing with third party claims.
- Manage Road users' expectations



Winter Service Plan

- Looked at various – Derbyshire CC, Somerset CC, Hampshire in addition to our own.
- Chose Derbyshire CC plan as a basis as it appeared to be customer focused.
- Harmonised decision matrix and spread rates.
- Operational Plan – collaborative work will continue – joint and common training, Winter reviews,

Challenges

- Recognising we are trying to overcome same/similar challenges.
- 6 months to deliver.
- Recognising that other colleagues maybe deliver some aspects better than us.
- Barriers to change.



“Variations on a theme”

- Table H9, Treatment Decision guide – gritting at +1 deg.C!!!!
- Treatment Matrices (A to C, & D)
- Basic meaning of Primary Routes, Secondary Routes, Ploughing Routes.....
- Different levels of risk perception
- Organisational Structures lead to different emphases in certain areas in severe conditions

“Variations on a theme”

- Spending priorities’ influence on service provision
- Existing policies on grit bin provision
- Footway and Cycleway treatments
- Style of presentation of the finished document
- Look again- have we satisfied all the requirements listed in Appendix H?

Benefits

- Confidence that we are following best practice.
- More consistency in decision making across the Alliance therefore improved service for road users.
- Probably will reduce Third Party claims.
- Would help in defending Third Party Claims.
- Better working relationships therefore more support from each other.

Benefits

- A lead for the Winter Service for the Alliance which hopefully will bring savings.
- Financial savings in joint salt, Weather Forecasting Contract, Bureau Service contracts.

Thank you for listening

Any Questions?