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Local Highways Maintenance (including Codes of Practice)

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This presentation will cover ...

- Why a change was needed in local highways maintenance funding
- What capital funding is being made available from 2015/16 – Needs Element, Challenge Fund, Incentive Funding Element
- UKRLG - Code of Practice Review

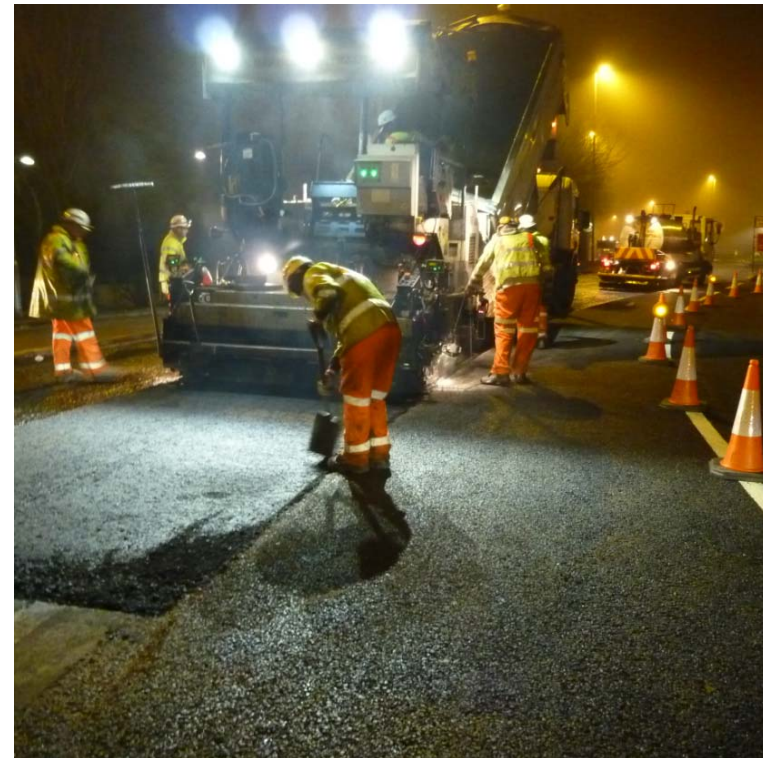




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What are local roads and why do they matter?

- 98% of England's road network
- Key to local economic development and employment
- Important to local residents and businesses.



What is influencing the Government's approach to local roads investment?



The Department should use the way it allocates its funding to incentivise efficiency and collaboration and it should not fund poor performance.

**Public Accounts Committee
September 2014**



[Without effective asset management plans] there is concern that local authorities' most valuable asset – their road networks – will be maintained inefficiently even under optimal funding conditions.

**All Party Parliamentary Group on
Highways Maintenance
October 2013**

National Infrastructure
Plan 2014



Improving the UK's productivity is a vital element of the government's Long-Term Economic Plan. High-quality infrastructure boosts productivity and competitiveness.

**National Infrastructure Plan
December 2014**

What is the Government's approach to local roads infrastructure?

Key funding sources:

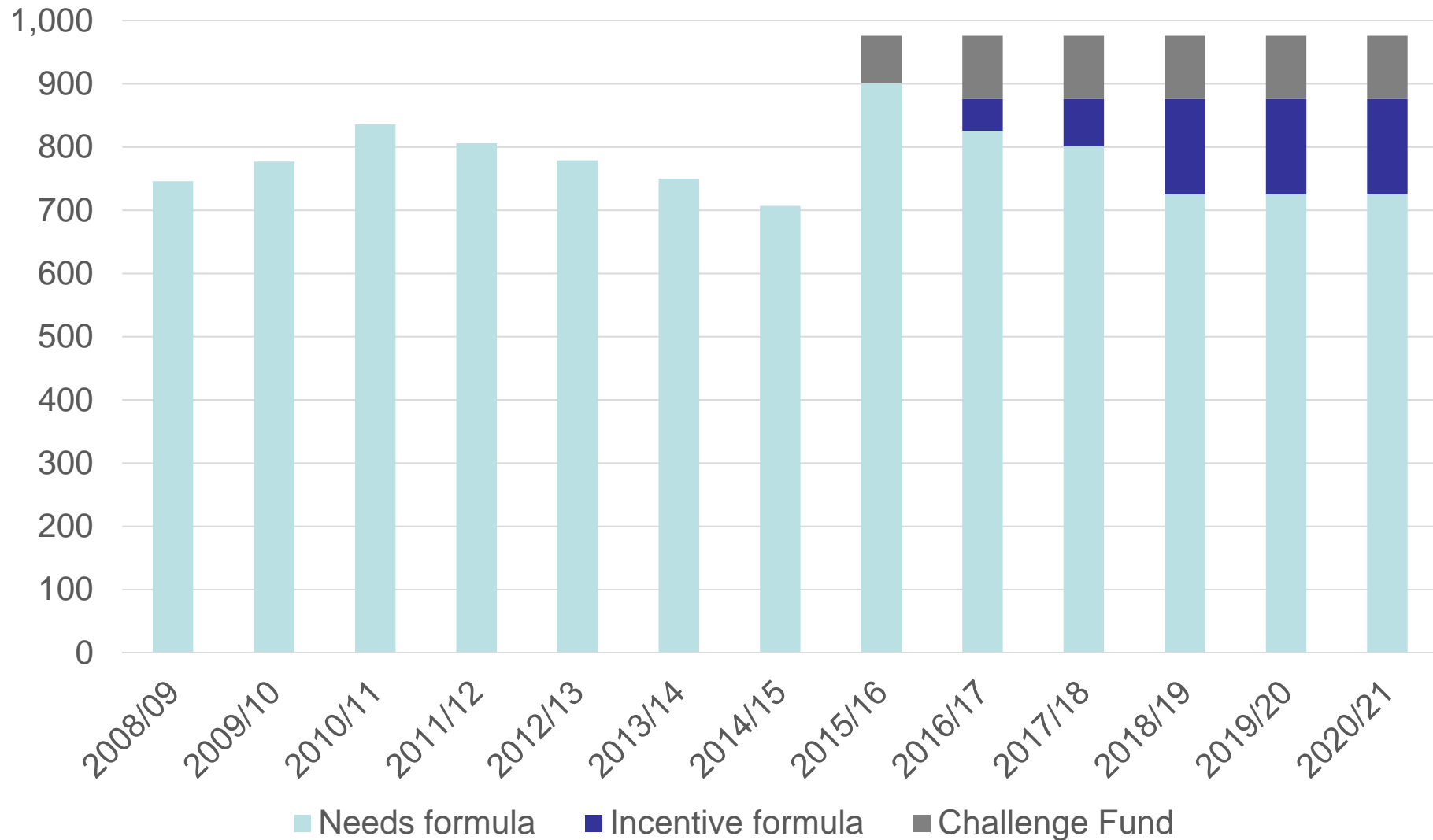
- Highways Maintenance Capital Block Funding (Needs Formula)
- Incentive Funding
- Challenge Fund
- Local Growth Fund





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Highways Maintenance Needs and Incentive Formula, and Challenge Fund





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Local Growth Fund

- £1.8 billion for 200 transport projects starting in 2015/16
- £1.3 billion for 120 pipeline schemes to start from 2016/17 onwards

#GrowthDeal

**£ 1 billion further funding
for England's regions**





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How is DfT supporting local authorities to deliver this?

HMEP is here to support the sector on its journey to **transform highway services**





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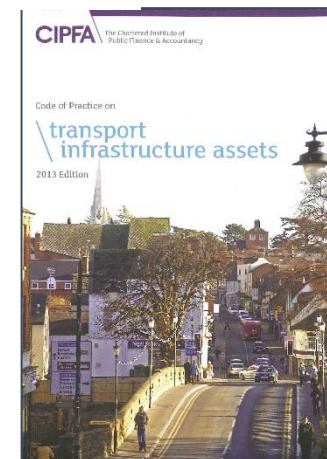
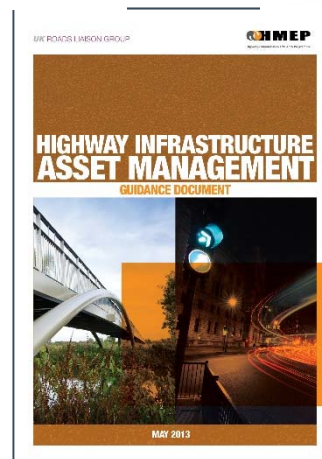
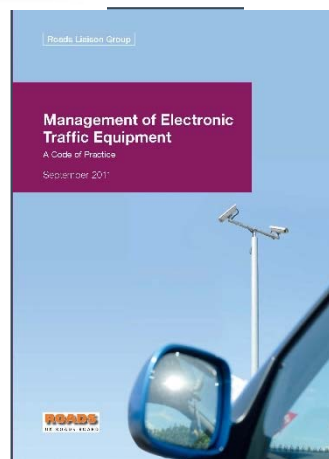
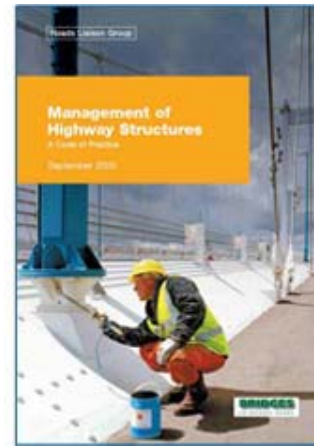
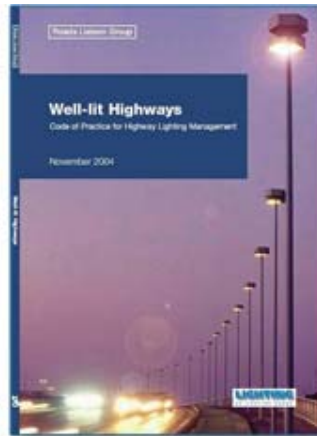
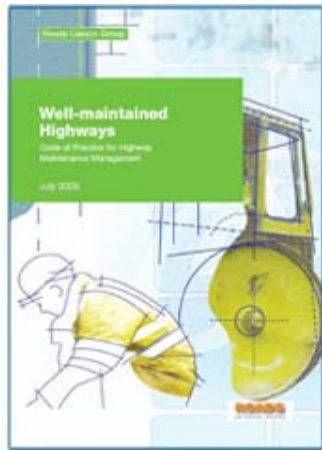
UKRLG Codes of Practice Review

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Where we are today





Aims of the Project

- Review the content of the Codes
- Identify any potential implications resulting from changes to the guidance
- Identify any omissions from the Codes
- Produce final revised versions of the Codes of Practice



What will be different

- Electronic versions only
- A review - not a re-write, but...
-some fundamental changes
- Review of practices/policies by Authorities



Scope of the Review

- Areas for significant review
 - Inspections
 - Cyclical and periodic maintenance
 - Response times
 - Training and competency
 - Design for maintenance
 - Asset Inventory
 - Invest to save
- Consider for removing from the Codes
 - Funding arrangements
 - Extensive sections on asset management
 - Milestones approach



A Suite of Codes

- The revised Codes will have a significant number of commonalities, including:
 - Risk based approach
 - Policy framework
 - Legal framework
 - Resilience
 - Climate change
 - Stakeholders, customers and communications
 - Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance (HIAMG)
 - Other Initiatives from CSS Wales, SCOTS, Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP)

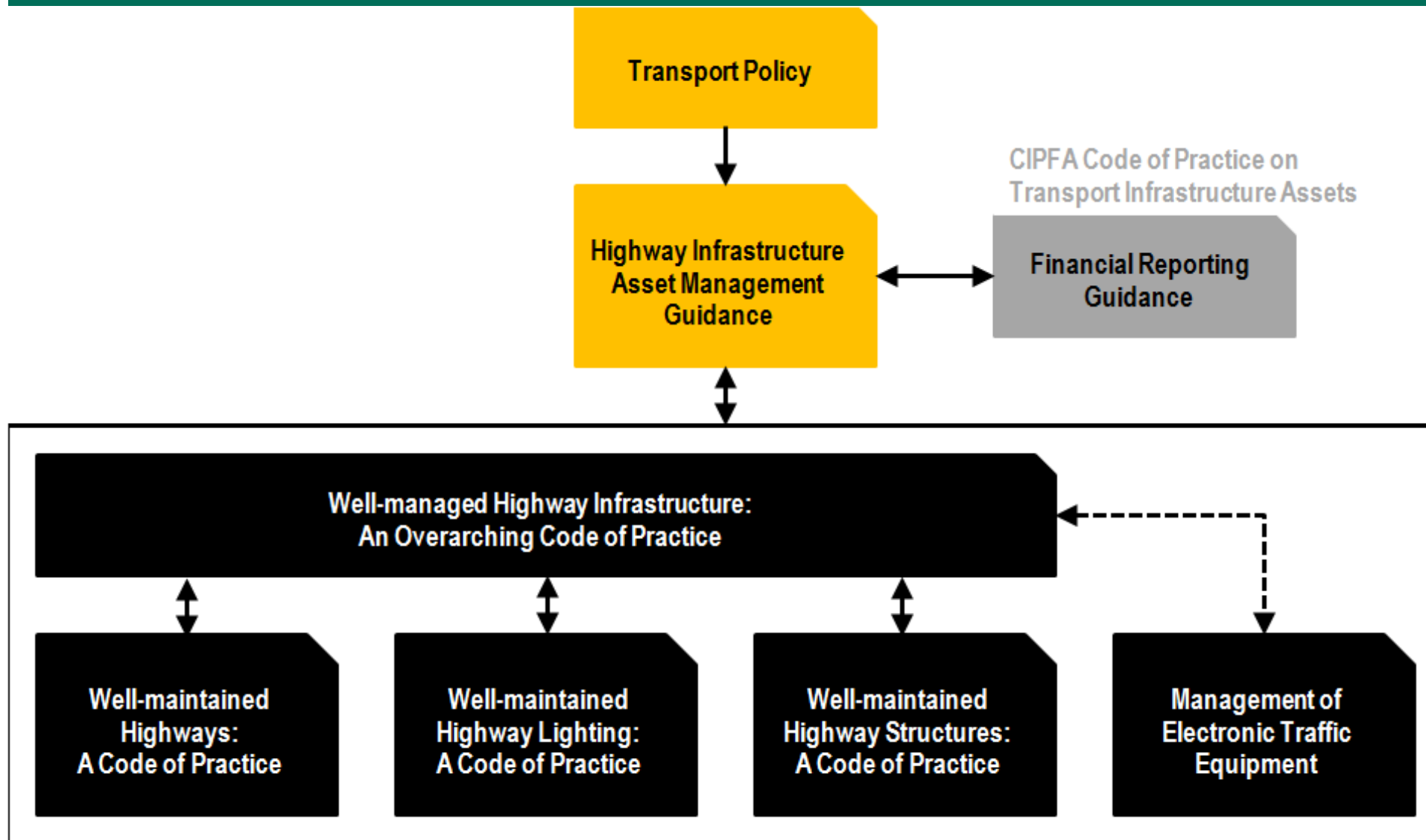


A Suite of Codes

- Common issues
 - Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: An Overarching Code of Practice
- Asset specific issues
 - Well-maintained Highways: A Code of Practice
 - Well-maintained Highway Lighting: A Code of Practice
 - Well-maintained Highway Structures: A Code of Practice



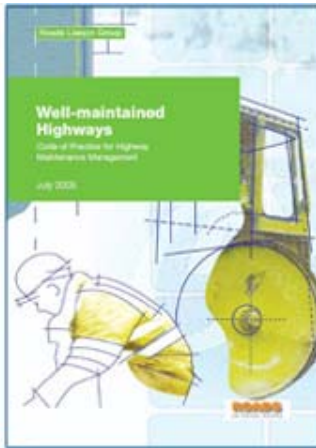
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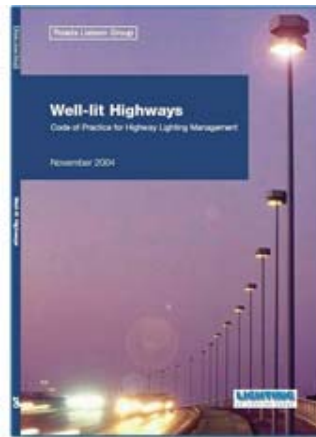


Recommendations

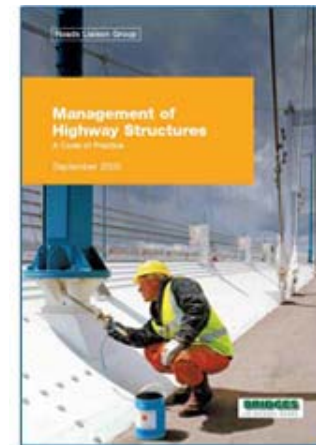
Number of current recommendations:



130



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17

- 175 recommendations inconsistent with a risk based approach!
- Some recommendation topics now covered in HIAMG



Recommendations

- In the revised Codes:
 - Use none of the existing recommendations
 - Quote relevant HIAMG recommendations
 - Modest number of new recommendations consistent with a risk based approach
 - Consulting on themes, not final wording
 - Any useful wording in current recommendations to be included in Code texts



- **Overarching Code**
 - Common Issues
 - Relates to HIAMG
 - Modest number of recommendations

- **Asset Specific Codes**
 - Asset specific issues
 - Relate to Overarching Code
 - Modest number of recommendations



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Thank you.