

## Highways Asset Management Planning Network (HAMP)

### HAMP Series 60 – Taking Stock

A time to reflect and then move forward?

#### Webinar Dates

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### Purpose

A new government is in place and has already announced spending cuts worth £5.5bn as they seek to address (what they estimate to be) a £22bn 'black hole' in public finances.

In the same week the National Audit Office (NAO) publish a value of money report on 'The condition and maintenance of local roads in England' that concludes that unsurprisingly, the condition of local roads is declining and the backlog to return them to a good state of repair is increasing.

So, in the famous song lyrics by Irving Berlin, 'there may be troubles ahead', but with a new government, and new transport secretary at the helm some might even say there is a glimpse of more positivity as we face the music of the future.

Our next events will take the opportunity presented at this time, firstly to take stock by examining the NAO report, it's recommendations and key issues highlighted. Secondly, we will consider the imminent public spending review and discuss the risks and opportunities it presents.

As usual our morning will start with our topical Strategic Update which provides a valuable session providing an overview of the first few months and direction of the new government, together with exploring what is happening in a range of key areas affecting highways in local government including new technologies, environmental issues, and traffic management.

#### Learning Outcomes

The webinar will bring you up to date with the latest highway news and that of the wider public sector. We will examine the NAO value of money report on 'The condition and maintenance of local roads in England' and discuss new government direction including spending priorities through a facilitated discussion.

#### Who Will Benefit?

This course is aimed at Directors, Heads of Service and senior managers involved in the procurement, planning, design and delivery of highway and transportation programmes and initiatives. It will also benefit highways service delivery partners who are interested in developing their capacity of supporting wider highway management activities.

## Programme

09.30-10.00 **Online registration**

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10.00 – 11:15 **Session 1 - Strategic Update**

Our popular topical update of public sector news given an extra unknown factor with the prospect of a new government's approach.

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11.00 – 11.35 **Break**

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11.35 – 12.35 **Session 2 – Taking Stock**

This session will provide an overview of the NAO's value of money report on 'The condition and maintenance of local roads in England' and consider what this means for local authorities.

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12.35 – 13.05 **Lunch**

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13.05 – 14.35 **Session 3 – There may be trouble ahead!**

We will divide into breakout groups and hold a plenary session to discuss the first few months and initial policy direction of the new government. In particular we will focus on the emerging areas likely to be the focus of the public spending review and the risks and opportunities this might present.

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14.35 **Close**

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## The presenters/facilitators for this event will be.



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