

# Local Highways Maintenance: Update on Funding and Learning from Good Practice

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10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction - **Heather Ward**, *Honorary Senior Research Associate, UCL*

11.05 **Funding Update and Assessing the Challenges for Highways Maintenance**

- Overview of the national landscape and Government action on highways
  - Understanding and accessing the different DfT funding streams
  - The Highways Maintenance Incentive Fund: Demonstrating cost-efficiency and up-to-date asset management strategies
  - The role of local authorities in assessing priorities and delivering improvements
  - Building resilient local networks and putting safety first
  - Working in partnership with Highways England
  - Reducing disruption and improving public perception
- ⇒ **Alexis Tregenza**, *Policy Advisor – Highways Innovation & Technology, Local Infrastructure, Department for Transport*
- ⇒ **Luke Meechan**, *Director & Co-founder, Metis Consultants*
- ⇒ **David Weeks**, *Director, Asphalt Industry Alliance*

13.00 Networking Lunch

13.45 **Sharing good practice and learning from success**

- Case studies of delivering effective and efficient improvements to local roads
  - Extending budgets and making the most of resources
  - Sharing services and partnering with other LAs
  - Building a structured approach to asset management
- ⇒ **Clive Hall**, *Head of Highways & Community Services, Herefordshire Council*
- ⇒ **Dale Foden**, *Highway Maintenance Manager, Southwark Council*
- ⇒ **Neil Cowper**, *Head of Highways, Coventry City Council*
- ⇒ **Richard Perkins**, *Asset Manager, Balfour Beatty Living Places*

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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