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UKRLG Codes of Practice Review

Consultation Workshop

CIHT – Britannia Walk, London

13 March 2015



Welcome

Chair – Liz Kirkham

Agenda



Time	Item	Lead
09:30	Registration and coffee	
10:00	Welcome	Chair
10:10	Introduction to the Review of the UKRLG Codes of Practice	Lila Tachtsi
10:30	A Suite of Codes – Introduction	Mike Bordiss
10:50	A Suite of Codes – Discussion in Groups	Project Team
11:50	Plenary Session	Lila Tachtsi
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Asset Specific Codes – Discussion in Groups	Project Team
15:30	Plenary Session	Lila Tachtsi
16:00	Close of Session	Chair

Objectives of Today



- Consultation – listen to you
- Sharing the principles, aims and scope of review
- Sharing progress so far and inviting comments
- Ensuring the guidance produced is relevant, fit-for-purpose and affordable
- Identifying case studies





Introduction to the Review

Lila Tachtsi



Thank you for joining us today



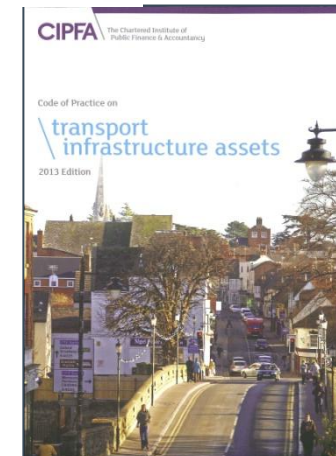
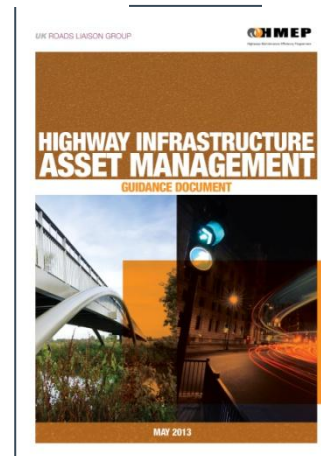
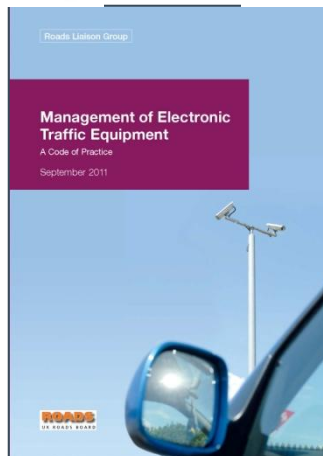
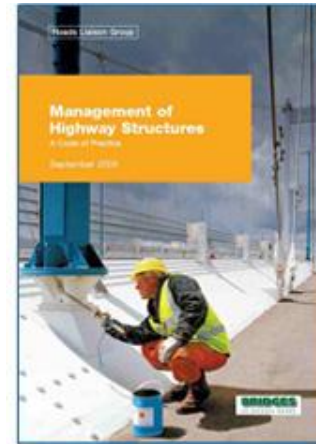
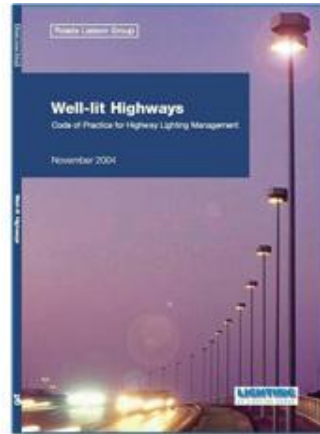
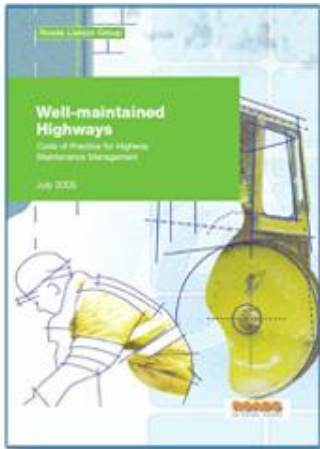
Where we are today

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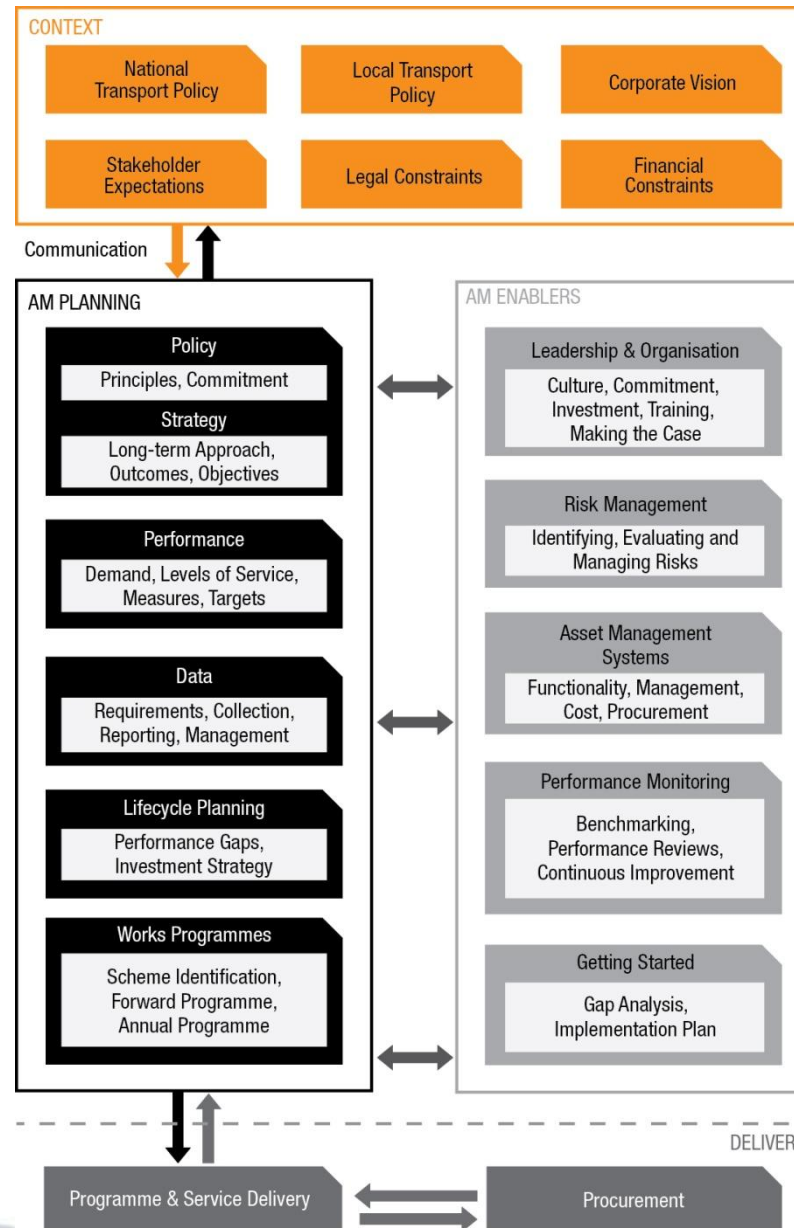


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AM Framework



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



Principles of the Review



- Not a re-write
- Guidance is not mandatory and supports LHAs develop their policy. (If Codes and/or recommendations are not adopted evidence as to why should be provided)
- Align with and build on principles and recommendations in Going the Distance, Potholes Review, Transport Resilience Review, UKRLG Highway Infrastructure Asset Management (HIAM) Guidance and the NAO report.
- Risk based (outcomes not prescriptive)
- Evidence based through case studies
- Codes are aimed at practitioners
- Common style and feel for all Codes, aligning with HIAM Guidance

The Review



- Further encourage asset management
- Enable efficiencies
- Support practitioners

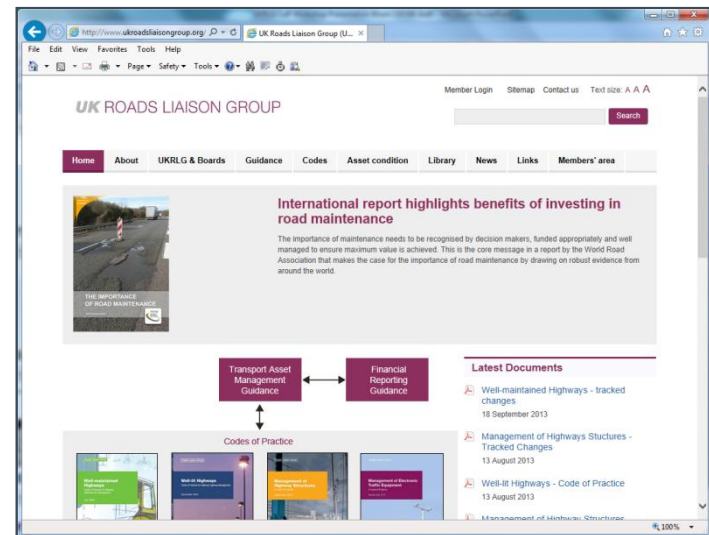
Underpinning principle for the review:

- Adopt a risk based approach when making decisions on highway maintenance

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

New Areas for consideration

- Resilience
- BIM
- Active Transport
- Innovation

Consider for removing from the Codes

- Funding arrangements
- Extensive sections on asset management
- Milestones approach



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Governance



Corresponding Members

- HTMA James Elliott
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- Welsh LGA Dr Tim Peppin
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Rhodri-Gwynn Jones
- Welsh Government Sheena Hague
- Highways Inspector Board Richard Hayes
- Risk and Liability Group Ian Grierson
- LoTAG Andy Best
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Progress so far

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Outline of changes

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Webinar

9 December 2014

Stephen Fidler - DfT
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In summary



This review is an opportunity to influence the sector
Today is your opportunity to influence the review





A Suite of Codes - Introduction

Mike Bordiss

A Suite of Codes



Current Codes:

- Several common issues, some covered in a widely varying way.
- Should now refer to the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance (HIAMG).
- Procurement, collaboration and related issues are covered in HMEP, Scottish Road Maintenance Review, etc.
- Some common issues to be strengthened, eg Resilience.

Revised Codes:

- A Suite of Codes:
 - Common issues will be dealt with in an Overarching Code.
 - Asset specific Codes will refer only to asset specific detail.

A Suite of Codes



Commonalities include:

- Risk based approach
- Policy framework
- Legal framework
- Resilience
- Climate change
- Stakeholders, customers and communications
- Reference to the HIAMG.
- Initiatives from CSS Wales, SCOTS, Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP)

A Suite of Codes



Similar 'look and feel', therefore:

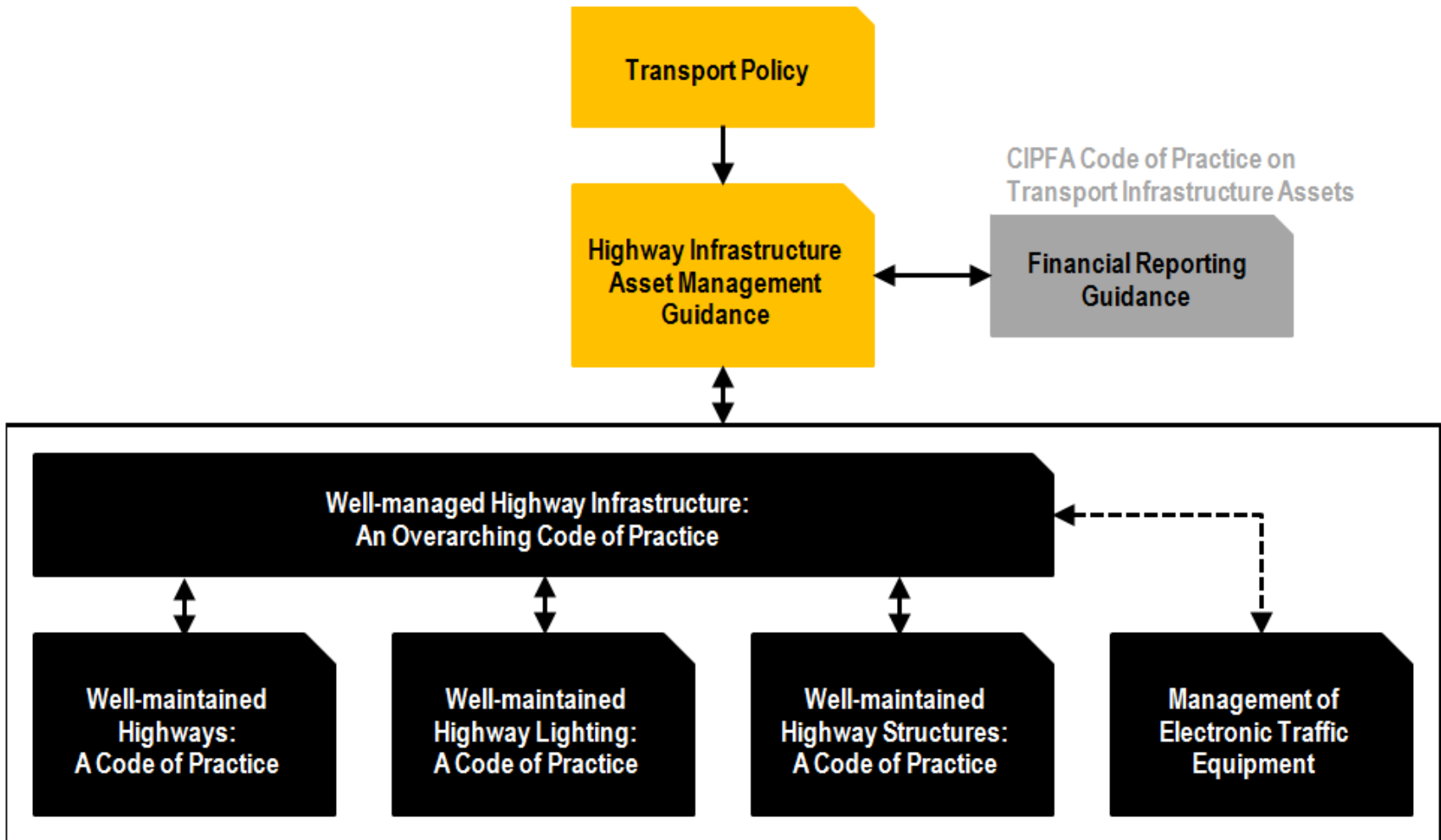
Common issues

- 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

A Suite of Codes



Overarching Code



Section	Description
Introduction	
Policy Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes Stakeholders and Communications• Includes Asset Management• Significant reference to HIAMG
Legal Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief coverage
Strategy and Hierarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emphasis on asset hierarchy (basis of risk based approach)
Risk Based Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting local approach
Network Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport Resilience Review• Climate Change

Overarching Code



Section	Description
Performance Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference to HIAMG
Financial Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference to CIPFA Code• Includes Priorities and Programming• Significant reference to HIAMG
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Largely as WmH
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reference to HMEP• Reference to Scottish Roads Maintenance Review
The Three Codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and relationship
Appendices	

Asset Specific Issues



To be included in relevant revised Code

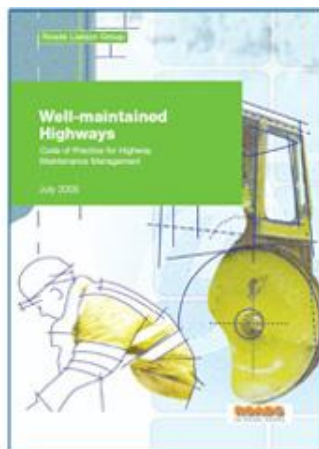
- Highways
- Structures
- Lighting



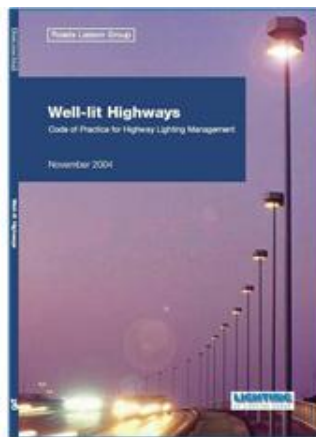
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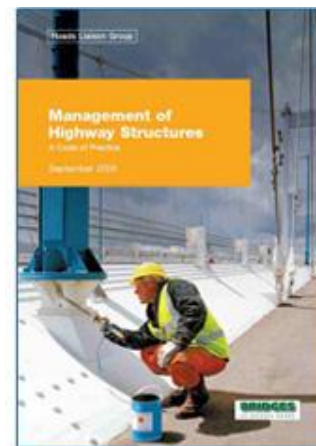
Current recommendations:



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

Recommendations



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 the current recommendations to be included in Code texts.

Summary



Overarching Code

- Common Issues
- Relates to HIAMG
- Modest number of recommendations

Highways, Structures and Lighting Codes

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

Feedback So Far



- Webinar survey
 - UKRLG Boards - via their Steering Group members
 - Stakeholder groups – via Steering group corresponding members
 - Interest Groups
 - Individuals
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- Further feedback and comments welcome
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Overarching Code

Discussions in Groups

Key Questions



A Suite of Codes

1. Do you have any comments on the proposed contents of the Overarching Code?
2. Do you have any comments on how the Codes can best support practitioners in fully embracing a risk based approach for all highway infrastructure assets?

Risk Based Approach

3. What do you see as the biggest challenge in adopting the risk based approach for all highway infrastructure assets, and how can this be addressed?

Key Questions



Network Hierarchy

4. Do you have any comments of how the guidance for developing a range of hierarchies for different routes should be developed as part of this review?

Network Resilience

5. What do you see as the resilience priorities for the guidance to be included in the Overarching Code?

Key Questions



Any other issues:

6. Are there any further areas of discussion that have not been covered by the above questions?

Case studies:

7. Do you have any case studies that would support the approach outlined within the Overarching Code?



Plenary Session

Lila Tachtsi



Lunch



Asset Specific Codes – Discussions in Groups

Breakout Sessions



Plenary Session

Lila Tachtsi



Closing Session

Chair – Liz Kirkham

Closing Session



Today's key themes

Summary of findings from all four workshops to be posted on UKRLG website

Engagement with Steering Group and Project Team

Post-publication – Implementation of the refreshed Codes



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