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MINUTES OF: UKRLG/ADEPT ASSET MANAGEMENT BOARD

HELD ON: Thursday 12 October 2023 via MS-Teams

Present:	Neill Bennett (Chair)	Derbyshire County Council (MHA+ and FHRG)
	Iain McKenzie	Welsh Government
	Darren Merrill (Secretary)	Shropshire Council
	Mike Hansford	Dorset Council (South West HA)
	Martin McMahon	Transport for London
	Paul Boss	RSTA
	Matthew Eglington	Department for Transport
	Richard Fenwick	Lincolnshire County Council
	Dan Bond	Rhonnda Cefn Taf (CSS Wales)
	John Bennetts	Welsh Government
	David McCourt	Newcastle City Council
	Gary Kemp	Department for Transport
	Chris Legassick	Plymouth City Council
	John Lamb	ABC Board

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1.	Introduction and Apologies		
	<p>Apologies have been received from Mark Poppy, Pamela Holmes, Kevin Walker, Donald Morrison, Katherine Hunt, Peter McGillvray, Pauline Briki, Keith Harwood.</p> <p>There is a need for continuity on the Board; nominations for vice-chair are welcome. Neill Bennett will continue to work with DfT to resolve this.</p>	All	
2.	Minutes		
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 June 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised 		
3.	Business Plan Update		
	<p>Guidance - Environment</p> <p>John Lamb introduced the work of the ABC Board. He highlighted the recommendations of the Deeming report including three key areas: learning what climate change really means for our communities, having a clear and consistent method of capturing the impacts of Climate change and Collaboration between authorities on emergency response. John highlighted the IHE resilience event in November. The board are seeking a lead person on Biodiversity.</p> <p>Guidance – Maintaining a vital asset</p> <p>PB gave an update on this task. The document has developed and the team will be meeting in November to get the work ready for the next Board meeting in February 2024.</p>		

	<p>Finance - Update to the ‘making the case’ evidence.</p> <p>There has been little progress on the survey raised at the last meeting. The Board agreed to refresh the survey and issue it via this Board.</p> <p>Finance – Review of revenue accounting for highways</p> <p>CAS to seek an update on this document from CIPFA; contact is now Hazel Walton.</p> <p>DM attended the CIPFA Task and Finish Group yesterday. The focus was agree an interim document that would extend the temporary solution (that was endorsed by this Board) until 2027. This would provide the space to explore the final solution that could involve a version of Depreciated Replacement Cost. The Task and Finish Group acknowledge that much work is needed to be done.</p>	<p>PB/DMe/ CAS</p> <p>RF/ DMe</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Collaborative Training</p>		
	<p>DM raised the opportunity to collaborate with National Highways to procure E-Learning asset management courses from the Asset Management Academy. There was interest from the Board, especially in the absence of alternatives. NB to speak to Kevin Walker in order to clarify the syllabus before next week’s UKRLG meeting.</p>	<p>NB</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Updates from groups</p>		
	<p>DfT Update</p> <p>The Board discussed the recent news story about the incentive element and self-assessment process published by Highways Magazine. ME reported that contrary to reports of dropping the incentive element, the DfT is still reviewing how best to work with and engage with local highway authorities, especially considering recent announcements regarding long term funding.</p> <p>DfT are looking to develop more relevant metrics for assessments in future years that work for both Government and local authorities. ME shared an idea of how this might look. The Board offered it full support to DfT as this action is taken forward.</p> <p>The recently announced changes in national infrastructure investment plans could release some additional funding for local roads; ME to seek clarity on this as soon as possible.</p> <p>DfT are actively working with TfL on the procurement of support for the research projects.</p> <p>UKRLG The next UKRLG meeting is next week.</p> <p>HAMFIG No update.</p> <p>UK Bridges Board & ADEPT National Bridges Group No update.</p>		

	<p>FHRG A meeting was happening at the same time as the Board meeting. An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>The CCAS guidance document has now been published by the FHRG.</p> <p>MHA+ No update.</p>		
6.	Conferences/Publicity/Events		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highways UK, NEC Birmingham – 18/19 October 2023 ▪ Road Expo - SEC, Glasgow - 28/29 November 2023 ▪ IHE Highway Sector Resilience and Response – The Oval, London 8 October 2023 		
7.	Future Meeting Dates		
	<p>The future meeting dates are planned to be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 February 2024 (virtual) • 8 June 2024 (London) 		
8.	Knowledge Exchange		
	<p>LCRIG Paula Clayton-Smith will introduce the work of LCRIG at the next meeting.</p> <p>Laser Surveys Due to local commitments, CAS has delayed the presentation of this work with John Moore University until the next meeting in January. CAS to arrange.</p>	<p>PCS</p> <p>CAS</p>	
9.	Any Other Business		
	None raised		