

Client Provider Collaboration



Blackpool Council demonstrated client provider collaboration:

‘Blackpool Council successfully developed and implemented a new asset management model creating significant savings’

Name of Alliance/Authority/Client	Blackpool Council
Project Description	<p>The Council and its providers were working independently of one another with little focus on effective management of the asset and operating on substantially a reactive basis for highway maintenance. This operating model resulted in the following conditions;</p> <p>A project was put in place to interrupt the cycle of decline within 4 years by early targeted investment.</p>
Outcomes and benefits	<p>Our collaboration developed from an appreciation of the value of the asset and a desire to make an upfront investment to arrest its declining state. The application of our complementary skills and knowledge has allowed us to do this whilst at the same time achieve a major reduction in our future costs.</p> <p>An asset management model was successfully developed and prudential borrowing of £30m was achieved. A programme of interventions was developed focusing on doing the right things at the right time resulting in a range of benefits such as a potential saving of £150m in maintenance cost over a 25 year period.</p>
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- **HMEP exists to help transform and improve the condition of our roads and highways for every local community.**
- **HMEP is results driven;** from potholes to procurement; labour and plant costs to shared services; contracting to supply chain reviews, HMEP's tools and resources can help.

Context

- Managing local highways is now a **critical challenge** for local authorities who **are in the spotlight and feel concerned about the future of their** single biggest asset: **local roads.**
- They know that maintaining **their highways, with less money,** is a key priority; and that this has been intensified following the bad weather and **continued demand and scrutiny** from the public and business leaders.
- Doing **more with less** and finding **new ways of resourcing and working** has never been more important, or needed.
- Balancing **longer-term,** strategic planning while **keeping our local roads safe and serviceable** is a critical challenge.
- The Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP) can help you to **plan and deliver greater efficiencies** so that local highways **funding can be fully maximised and go further.**

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