

HMEP LEAN Toolkit

Highways Agency demonstrates their use of the HMEP LEAN Toolkit:

‘Highways Agency demonstrate efficiency savings in safety inspections through using the HMEP LEAN Toolkit’

Name of Alliance/Authority/Client	Highways Agency
Project Description	They decided to review Safety Inspections as a result of work identifying efficiency savings. The inspections team was reduced by 25% with staff transferred to other areas of the business. As a result, it was essential for a LEAN project to be undertaken to ensure that contract requirements could still be delivered with the reduced team size.
Outcomes and benefits	Cashable savings of £60,000 per annum to the supplier, resulting in £210,000 savings to the end of the contract in September 2014. The efficiency of safety inspections are being reviewed on an ongoing basis and the Highways Agency is also embedding LEAN through tools such as the Highways Agency Lean Maturity Assessment Toolkit (the HALMAT) which is available here . The review of safety inspections and the HALMAT can equally be applied in a Local Authority environment.
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About HMEP

- **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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