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UKRLG Codes of Practice Review

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Introduction to the Review

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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

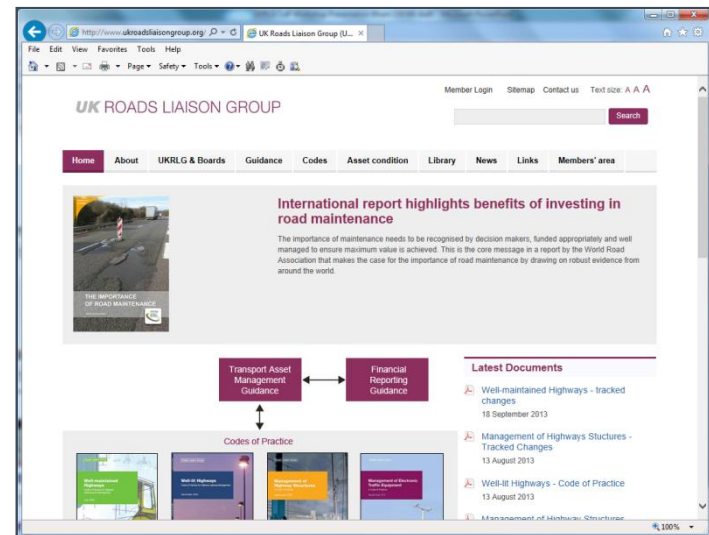
Underpinning principle for the review:

- 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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A Suite of Codes

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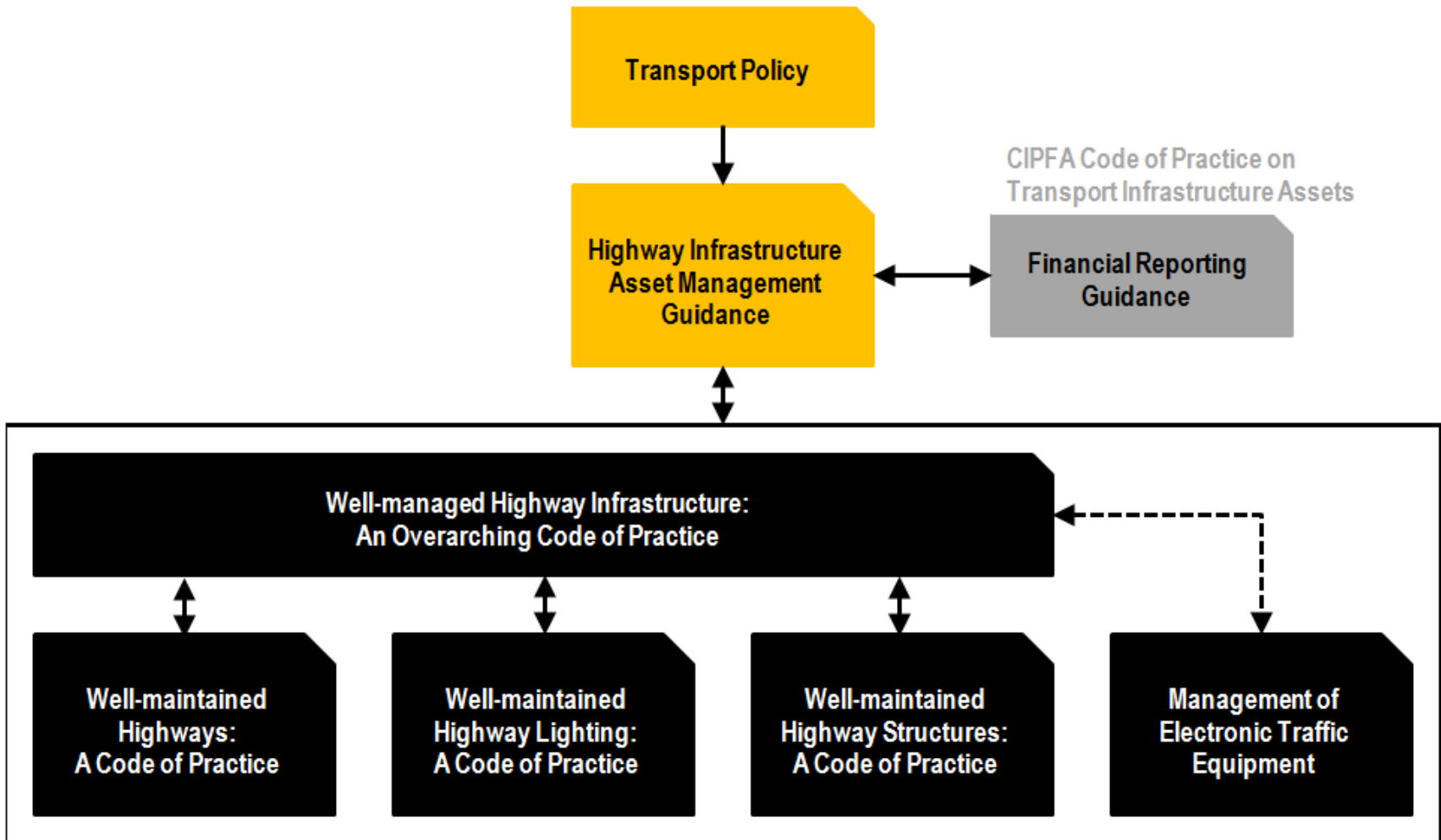
Current Codes:

- 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



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



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.

Feedback So Far



- Webinar survey
 - UKRLG Boards – via their Steering Group members
 - Stakeholder groups – via Steering group corresponding members
 - Interest Groups
 - Individuals
 - Workshops – England, Scotland & Wales
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- Further feedback and comments welcome
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Next Steps



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

UKRLG and Steering Group to review findings and agree direction of drafting for Project Team

Planned publication – Autumn 2015

Post-publication – Implementation of the refreshed Codes



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