

Client Provider Collaboration



Bristol City Council demonstrated client provider collaboration:

‘Bristol City Council succeeded in proving the concept that a wider collaborative effort could deliver improved network ’

Project	Integrated Network Management
Name of Alliance/Authority/Client	Bristol City Council, Highways Agency and Mott MacDonald
Project Description	<p>This work relates to the interface between Bristol City Council and the Highways Agency (Area 2) in relation to effective management of traffic across local and strategic roads within the region. It was one of 3 ‘proof of concept’ projects (development of an outline business case) under the overall umbrella of Integrated Network Management.</p> <p>The vision was to create a common database (using Urban Traffic Management and Control - UTMC) with the same data visible to all parties in order to enable better decision making.</p>
Outcomes and benefits	<p>Our joint effort succeeded in proving the concept that a wider collaborative effort could deliver improved network management by more effectively controlling the impact of the decisions made by one authority on an adjoining authority’s network. It is only by working together using the same data and real time information that this could be achieved and the benefits to the road user could be significant.</p> <p>The benefits which follow are those that may be realised if the project moves beyond this concept stage to implementation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More effective management of congestion and incidents. • More valuable journey information.
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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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