

HMEP LEAN Toolkit

Highways Agency demonstrates their use of the HMEP LEAN Toolkit:

'Highways Agency demonstrate winter maintenance route efficiency using the HMEP LEAN Toolkit'

Name of Alliance/Authority/Client	Highways Agency
Project Description	<p>Carillion-WSP has managed the network on behalf of the Highways Agency under a MAC contract since 1 September 2008. Winter maintenance is a challenge for all Authorities, and the recent harsh winters have made this more and more pressing.</p> <p>In MAC Area 8 there was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Colloquial evidence that suggested that the winter maintenance routes were not efficient.· Historical data showed that many of the winter maintenance routes were significantly under the maximum 2 hour treatment time.· A large number of treatments were running at less than 75% salt capacity. <p>A business case was developed and approved with the very simple objective of 'Increasing the efficiency of winter maintenance operations, so that more can be delivered for less'</p>
Outcomes and benefits	<p>The objective of the project was very simply stated 'To increase the efficiency of winter maintenance operations'. Following the project this has certainly been achieved, with a saving of £150,000 per annum.</p> <p>The objective of the project was very simply stated 'To increase the efficiency of winter maintenance operations'. Following the project this has certainly been achieved, with a saving of £150,000 per annum.</p>
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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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