

Local Road Futures

On Tuesday 4 October 2016 CIHT hosted an event entitled 'Local Roads Futures'. The event, sponsored by Ringway, was conceived by the CIHT's Network Management and Operations Technical Panel. **Steve Kent**, chaired the morning sessions, with **Alan Taggart and Andrew Warrington** taking delegates through an interactive afternoon session.

Delegates heard a number of presentations.

Phil Carey from the Rees Jeffrey's Road Fund updated on the 'Major Roads for the Future' study which proposed the establishment of the Major Road Network. Phil explained how the MRN would work and what that means for funding?

Haydn Davies from the Department for Transport presented on the changing policy and legislative environment discussing the roadmap to where we are and where we are going.

Lila Tachtsi and John Paterson, Atkins were lead consultants on the review of Well-managed Highway Infrastructure: A Code of Practice

Andrew Murray from Transport NI presented a single roads authority view and looked at what the applications are for combining operations at a sub-national level.

Rob Gillespie, TAG and Ringway Infrastructure Service presented on lessons that can and should we learned from the PFI approach and highlighted a real-life emerging case study to provide insight into one delivery model.

Alan Taggart (KPMG) and **Andrew Warrington** (Atkins) made the final presentation session of the day discussing the implications of the changes in how the local network could be managed as a function of movement and place.

To view the presentations please click [here](#).

Breakout sessions

The afternoon was spent in breakout sessions with delegates divided into three. Delegates were asked to consider the three main challenges currently facing local roads and what will we have to do differently to overcome them in the future?

Possible considerations were given to how to deliver to customer needs; what we need to ensure delivery of a resilient network; how to best manage public and political perceptions; how to ensure efficient delivery – both in terms of cost and quality of service.

For a full synopsis of the outcomes of those sessions and the next steps for CIHT please see below.