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Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme

Members might like to be aware of the council's success in being used as an Evidenced Case Study in a national pothole follow-up report.

The Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP) exists to transform and improve the condition of roads and highways for every local community. Backed by Government and funded by through the Department for Transport it seeks to share best practice throughout the industry to deliver greater efficiencies so that local highways funding can be fully maximised and go further:-

'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 and highway infrastructure.'

Wiltshire Council was chosen together nationally with three other authorities in demonstrating how the Pothole Review Recommendations have supported the council's policies and procedures.

Further information and a summary of the report can be read

www.dft.gov.uk/hmep/docs/potholesreview0913final-01.pdf