

## Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

At £6.4billion, Dorset Council's highway asset infrastructure is its most valuable and tangible asset. It is used by everyone either living, working or visiting the County, and is fundamental to the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of all members of the community.

Dorset Highways' approach to asset management will align to those documented in the Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme (HMEP) 'Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Guidance' document, whilst also adopting a risk based approach to maintenance, as promoted in 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure'.

This document provides a breakdown of each asset group and defines clear strategies and outcomes for delivery, which defines how highway infrastructure assets will be managed and maintained in the future.

This aligns to Dorset Highways' overarching policy and strategy for the management of its highway infrastructure assets.

### Highway Infrastructure Assets

Asset Groups	Typical Asset Elements		Unit	Number
Carriageways, Footways and cycle tracks	A class roads		Km	404
	B class roads		Km	393
	C class roads		Km	1,162
	D class roads		Km	2,141
	Footways		Km	2,250
	Cycleways		Km	145
Bridges and structures	Road bridges		No.	846
	Footbridges		No.	93
	Retaining walls		No.	152
	Crash barriers		Km	44
Drainage	Gullies		No.	90,556
	Manholes and catchpits		No.	16,658
	Drainage pipes		Km	1,968
	Ditches and grips		Km	876
Verges, hedges trees landscaped areas	Urban verges		Km <sup>2</sup>	2.5
	Rural or semi-rural verges		Km	8,000
	Trees		No.	60,000
Street lighting	Street lights		No.	41,400
	Illuminated signs		No.	4,600
Signing, road markings, studs	Signs		No.	45,559
	Road markings		Km.	1,923
Traffic control	Traffic signal junctions		No.	309
	Pedestrian crossing points		No.	237
Street furniture	Bus stops		No.	4,679
	Bus shelters		No.	92
Public Rights of Way	Footpaths		Km.	2,852
	Bridleways		Km.	1,787
	RoW Bridges		No.	3,500

**Highways Asset Maintenance Funding**

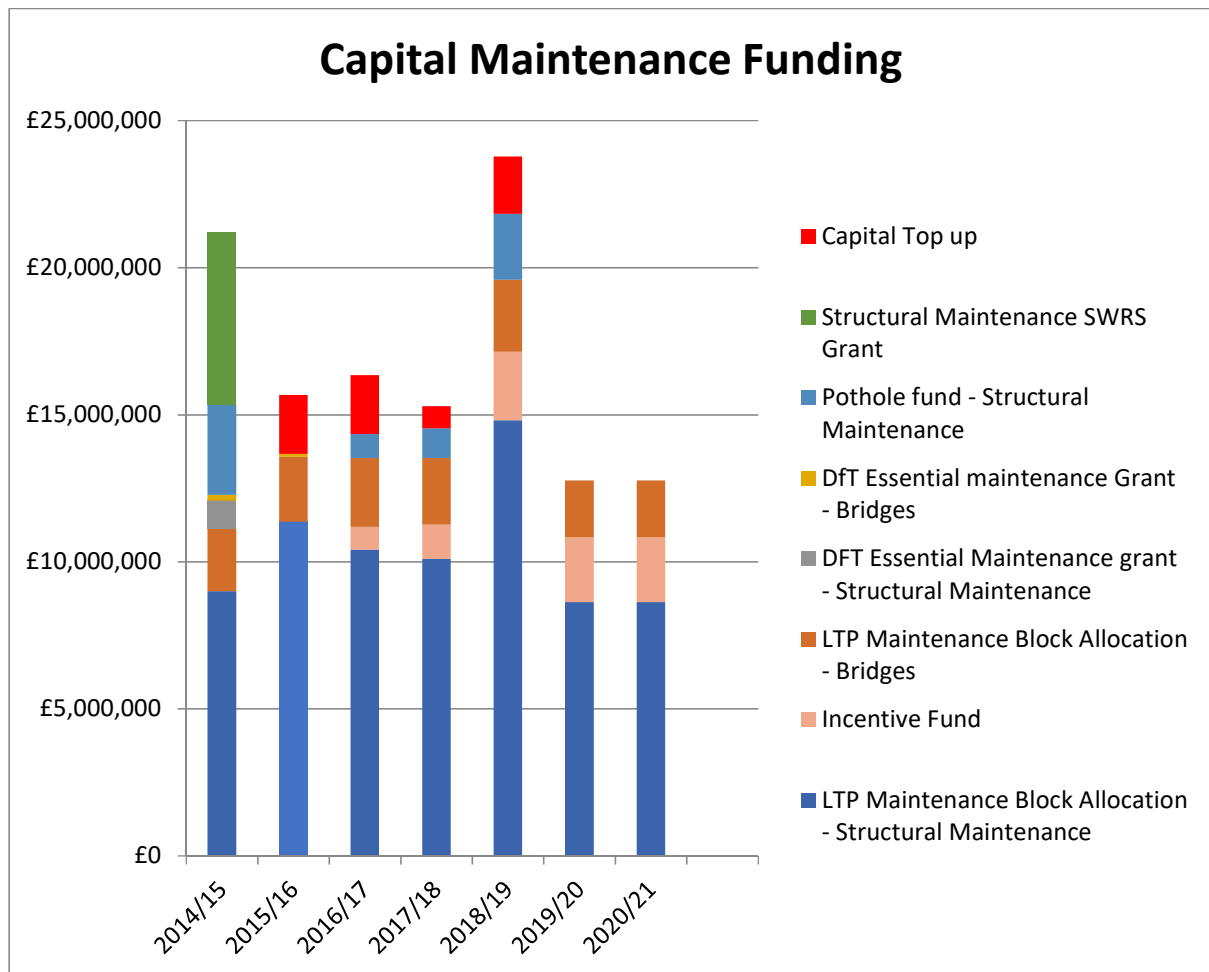
**Capital**

Maintenance of Dorset Highways’ infrastructure assets is funded by the maintenance block and incentivised funding from the Department for Transport (DfT).

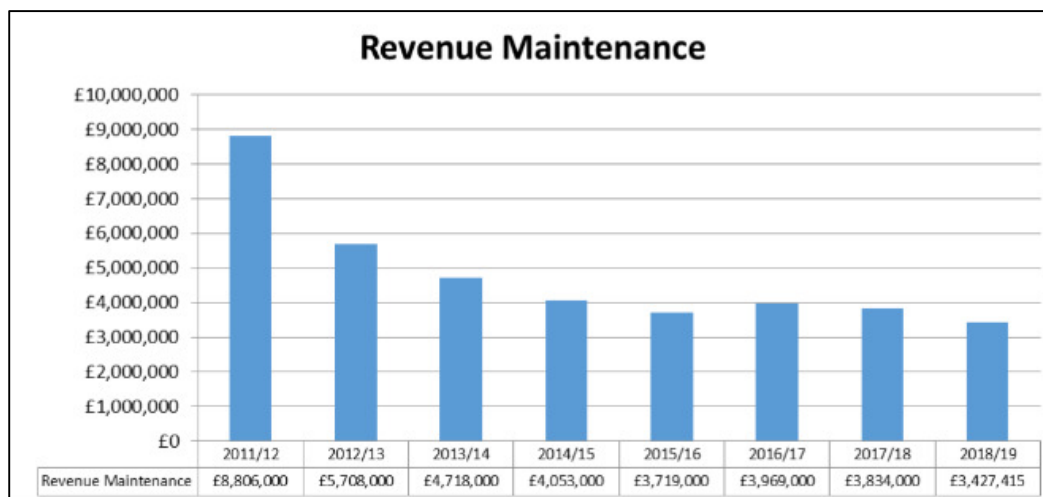
Additional funds are sometimes awarded by the DfT in the form of Pothole Action Funds or in response to an extreme weather event.

Additional corporate grants have not been awarded from 2019/20 and beyond.

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## Revenue



## Stakeholders

Dorset has identified its key stakeholders to be:

- The general public
- Elected members of the County Council
- Parish, Town and District Councils
- Strategic partners / suppliers
- Emergency services
- Businesses (Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry)

## Communications

- Communication Plan - Dorset Highways' approach to what and how it will communicate with these stakeholders is documented in the Communications Plan.
- The Communication Plan will also set out how we encourage our stakeholders to feed back to us, to include annual public satisfaction surveys. This information will then feed into the asset management framework to influence future service delivery, through the annual Service Planning exercise.
- The document will also discuss how we communicate operational matters to stakeholders to ensure they are informed about schemes / works that affect them.