

CONDUCT OF THE REVIEW AND PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

The review has been carried out through a combination of desk research and meetings with relevant practitioners in, or working with, local and central government, and in the rail and water sectors. Information on international experience has been gathered by means of a questionnaire circulated to a number of overseas administrations and from other published material. Information on the development of Transport Asset Management Plans (TAMPs) in local government in England has come from a study conducted in parallel with CIPFA's work by Atkins Global on behalf of the Department for Transport. Information on developments in Scotland and Wales came from the relevant local and national government bodies. In the course of its own meetings the Project Steering Group had the benefit of presentations on the Atkins study, the development of SCANNER, Hertfordshire County Council's asset management planning system, and valuation of roads in Northern Ireland.

Representatives of the following organisations were interviewed/consulted during the fieldwork for the review: -

Communities and Local Government
Department for Regional Development (Northern Ireland) Roads Service
Department for Transport
H M Treasury
Hertfordshire County Council
Highways Agency
Kent County Council
Leicestershire County Council
Network Rail
Office of Rail Regulation/Office of the PPP Arbiter
Ofwat
Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
Scottish Executive
Scottish local government representatives
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Three Valleys Water
Transport Scotland
Transport for London
Welsh Assembly Government
Welsh LGA and Welsh local government representatives
Yorkshire Water

The project team has also kept in close touch with the CSS/TAG Asset Management Working Group. This is a joint group of the County Surveyors Society (CSS) and the (non-counties) Local Government Technical Advisers Group (TAG) and its members include representatives from local transport authorities across the UK, together with representatives of the national roads and transport agencies, the Department for Transport and HM Treasury. In addition to its role in providing the two guidance documents on asset management and valuation it has a wider role in supporting and monitoring the development of asset management for public sector transport infrastructure.

As recommended in the CSS/TAG guidance, most local authorities are now participating in regional groups, (national groups in the case of Scotland and Wales), so that authorities can work together in developing unit cost rates and approaches to data collection. Representatives of these groups attended a CIPFA review workshop in February 2007 to discuss valuation issues, to give us the benefit of their experience so

far, to identify areas where further work and guidance was needed and to look at some possible ways forward.

We have been able to draw on the experience and views of many individual highway authorities through CIPFA Commercial Services' Highways Asset Management Planning Network, which was established to help highway authorities to share experience and best practice in the development of asset management on the same lines as CIPFA's Property Asset Management Network. In particular the Network's last round of regional workshops in May 2007 included presentations/discussions on: the CIPFA review and potential recommendations on implementing asset valuation; the SECE project; and the Atkins review.

CIPFA are very grateful to all those who have contributed to the review, either directly or by responding to the consultation.