

GLOSSARY

Asset management	A strategic approach that identifies the optional allocation of resources for the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of groups of assets to meet the needs of current and future customers.
AMP	Asset Management Plan.
Classified roads	These comprise motorways together with A, B and C class roads.
Component depreciation	An approach under both UK GAAP and IFRS whereby elements of an asset with significantly different lives are separately accounted for by depreciating (writing-off) the cost or value (less any residual value) of these elements over their respective estimated useful lives.
CSS/TAG	A joint working group of the County Surveyors Society (CSS) and the Local Authority Technical Advisors Group (TAG).
CVI	Coarse Visual Inspection. A road surveying method performed by individuals in a vehicle driving along the road and recording details of visual defects.
Depreciation	The measure of the extent by which an asset has been consumed in an accounting period.
DVI	Detailed visual inspection. A road surveying method performed by individuals walking along or adjacent to the road and recording visual defects.
Deflectograph survey	A low speed automated road survey method whereby a vehicle passes a known mass along the road and sensors record the extent to which the road surface is deflected.
DRC — Depreciated Replacement Cost	A method use for placing a current market value on physical fixed assets. This method is commonly used in the public sector where assets are specialised or are held for the purposes of delivering services rather than generating income and thus there is little or no market information on which to base a market valuation. The DRC is thus calculated as the Gross Replacement Cost, adjusted to take into account the actual condition of the asset.
FReM	Financial Reporting Manual. The document issued by HM Treasury which sets out the accounting policies and practices that government bodies must follow when preparing their financial statements. The FReM is currently based on UK GAAP but has some important interpretations and adaptations. The new IFRS-based version will come into effect from 1 April 2009.
Gross Replacement Cost	The estimate of the current cost of replacing an existing physical fixed asset with an equivalent new asset.
HAMP	Highway Asset Management Plan.

Highways Agency	The central government agency that owns and maintains the trunk road network in England.
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards. An acronym commonly used for international accounting standards and other requirements of the International Accounting Standards Board.
LA SORP	The Local Authority Statement of Recommended Practice (the SORP). The term commonly used for the local government accounting requirements published by CIPFA. The full name is the 'Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 200#. A Statement of Recommended Practice.'
Local Roads	A term used to describe all roads maintained by local authorities in England, Scotland and Wales and the equivalent roads maintained by the Northern Ireland Roads Agency. Local roads comprise non-trunk A, B and C class roads, together with unclassified roads, but exclude private roads.
LTP	Local Transport Plan — a Statutory Plan setting out an authority's local transport strategies and policies and an implementation programme, covering a five year period.
National accounts	Accounts prepared by the Office of National Statistics in accordance with an EU standard (ESA 95), which include the output of the entire UK economy.
Northern Ireland Roads Agency	Unlike elsewhere in the UK, the agency owns and maintains both the trunk road network and the local road network.
ONS	The Office for National Statistics, responsible for the publication of the UK national accounts.
The Prudential Code	Statutory Code, produced by CIPFA, to which authorities must have regard in carrying out their statutory duty to determine affordable borrowing limits.
PTA	Passenger Transport Authority. Authorities that are typically centred around major urban conurbations which have special powers and responsibilities in connection with transport for their area. PTAs must prepare their accounts in accordance with the SORP.
PTE	Passenger Transport Executives. The vehicles through which PTAs typically deliver their services and discharge their responsibilities. PTEs do not prepare their accounts in accordance with the LA SORP.
RAB	Resource Accounting and Budgeting.
Renewals Accounting	A form of accounting for infrastructure assets permitted under UK GAAP. The estimated annual expenditure needed to maintain the asset as contained in the asset management plan is used as the estimate of the annual depreciation charge. Actual expenditure to restore the asset's condition is capitalised i.e. added to the asset's carrying value.

SCANNER	Surface Condition Assessment of the National Network of Roads. A high speed visual survey method for assessing road condition.
SECE	South East Centre of Excellence.
TAMP	Transport Asset Management Plan.
Transport Scotland	The Scottish Executive's transport agency. In respect of roads, the agency owns and maintains the trunk road network in Scotland.
Trunk Roads	These comprise most motorways and specific classified roads which represent strategic routes in the national road network. Trunk roads are maintained by Highways Agency, Transport Scotland, Transport Wales and Northern Ireland Roads Agency.
UK GAAP	UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. There is no wholly definitive catalogue of what constitutes GAAP. In the UK, the main sources of GAAP are the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board (ASB), as well as the Companies Act 1985. Specialist sectors may also have other sources of GAAP such as specific legislation or accounting frameworks that interpret GAAP in their sector — know as Statements of Recommended Practice (SORPs).
WGA	Whole of Government Accounts. The consolidated financial statements of the whole of the UK Public Sector, including both central and local government.