



## **Save the date**

**Friday 1 July 2016 10am - 3.30pm**

**Expanding Alliances  
Facing future challenges**

**With ICE President Sir John Armitt**

**The Carriage Shop at  
the Roundhouse, Derby, DE24 8JE**

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## **First award for MSF2 project**

Old Flatts Bridge in Rotherham is the first project under the MSF2 framework to receive an award.

The project, carried out by Eurovia and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, to repair and restore the bridge has been awarded an ICE Certificate of Excellence.



The bridge, which carries the A630 Rotherham Gateway to Sheffield Parkway, took just 12 months to complete and used Early Contractor Involvement (ECI). The use of ECI proved to be extremely beneficial in terms of efficiency, saving both time and money.

Kevin Graham, Divisional Director for Eurovia said, "This is a fantastic achievement, and is testament to the outstanding work that we have accomplished in partnership with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council".

The award was presented to the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council/Eurovia team at the ICE Yorkshire & Humberside Gala Dinner on Friday 11 March 2016.

**The Midlands Highways Alliance will be producing a case study for the project in due course.**

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## **Latest from the Term Community Board**

Chair Stewart Corbett summarised the Best Practice review which was carried out on behalf of the group. 15 authorities were surveyed following up an initial survey that was completed in 2008. Preliminary comparisons

between the 2008 and 2016 results were made showing a general improvement in the ratings. A detailed report and member authorities' individual gap analysis are currently being prepared. They are hoping to have these ready by the end of April.

Where possible, the Department for Transport (DfT) score for each authority was also collected. Looking at an average across all authorities the possible improvement in funding, if current DfT bandings are increased to three, is a significant £42m.

A series of workshops to address the issues raised by this work are being arranged for the rest of the year, and details can be found on the MHA website, or contact Stewart Corbett directly. The first will be on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at the Yew Tree Lodge, Kegworth, with a 9.30am start.

The group is also working with NHT to look at how MHA authorities survey results compare.

### **Asset, Standards and Commodities update from Chair, Martin Carnaffin**

The group met on 9 March, and included representatives of the Minerals Products Association, Nottingham Asphalt Research Consortium (a collaboration between Nottingham and Cambridge Universities), AECOM and incumbent contractors. They were told that both the Low Temperature Asphalt (LTA) report and the Climate Change Adaptation report are now completed and will be available shortly on the website. It was noted that Peterborough were looking at extensive use of LTA.

The group discussed the materials specification and the scope of work needed to develop an MHA Harmonised Specification. The Mineral Products Association (MPA) have suggested a palate of surfacing materials, with a view to reduce the number of materials specified in the region to 7-10 rather than the current 200+. The group is keen to develop its links with MPA and the UK Pavement Liaison Group.

Work on the BIM project is progressing with a standard template for the Employer's Information Requirements about to be circulated for comment.

Feedback from the initial Department for Transport (DfT) Self Evaluation questionnaires indicates that some learning and development activities relating to Asset Management may be needed. The group are looking at how best to do this, without duplicating the work of the Term Community Board, and whether it should be aiming for ISO 55000 accreditation.



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