



# Aspirations & Alliances

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National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull



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<p><b>Mike Ashworth</b> Chair, MHA Executive Board</p>	<p>Mike is currently Strategic Director, Economy, Transport and Environment at Derbyshire County Council as well as chairman of the ADEPT Transport Board, and chair of Midlands Service Improvement Group (MSIG). Mike has more than 30 years' experience working for several local authorities in Derbyshire including 11 years in Chesterfield. He has been in his current role, which involves overseeing a portfolio including regeneration, transport, countryside, waste, highways and planning, since June 2013 and joined the MHA at a time when the membership included more than 20 authorities.</p>
<p><b>Dale Evans</b> Chair of the Infrastructure Client Group (ICG).</p>	<p>Appointed as ICG chair in late 2017, and for more than 12 years he has led a supply chain which has collaboratively built and managed infrastructure and assets for Anglian Water. His work as chair includes sponsorship of Project 13 (with support from ICE). The implementation phase of Project 13 is a key initiative which the MHA are keen to embrace. The Project 13 focus - on a more sustained, productive construction industry fits well with the culture of the MHA – and the progress of the Early Adopters is being monitored closely.</p>
<p><b>Martin Tugwell</b> Programme Director England's Economic Heartland (EEH)</p>	<p>The EEH is a strategic alliance of county and unitary councils and Local Enterprise Partnerships that stretches from Oxfordshire through Milton Keynes across Cambridgeshire and from Northamptonshire across to Luton. Martin is vice President at the Chartered Institution of Highways &amp; Transportation (CIHT) - having previously chaired the Institution's Learned Society and Technical Board. He is a past Chairman of the Transport Planning Society and a Council member for the National Infrastructure Planning Association.</p>
<p><b>Paul Boss</b> Midlands Service Improvement Group</p>	<p>Paul chairs the MSIG Highways Maintenance and Asset Management task group to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of member authorities' maintenance and asset management of highways. Paul is leading on joint MHA/MSIG implementation of new guidance and procedures, such as Risk Based Assessment for Highway asset Maintenance (RBAM) and a UKRLG research project for Code of Practice competence training for inspectors. This joint collaborative approach ensures the sharing of resources/best practice across our alliances' and that our members are at the forefront of development and Implementation.</p>
<p><b>Ann Carruthers</b> Director, Highways and Transportation, Leicestershire County Council</p>	<p>Ann has worked with a number of local authorities in Scotland and England in the highways and transport field. This includes working with Edinburgh City Council in bringing forward their congestion charging and tram projects as well as with Kent County Council in dealing with the issues posed by Operation Stack, a potential new hub airport and developing an innovative Growth and Infrastructure Framework. Her career also includes a period as National Travel Demand Manager with the New Zealand equivalent of Highways England. Currently, she leads a team of 900 delivering Leicestershire's highways, transport, environment and waste services.</p>

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<p><b>David Walters</b> Regulation &amp; Governance Manager, Staffordshire</p>	<p>David has undertaken a range of roles in the highways industry – from area highway manager to business improvement. David is an active member of Midlands Service Improvement Group providing expertise on benchmarking and self-assessment. He is also chair of the National Highways &amp; Transport Network (NHT) Survey.</p>
<p><b>Matthew Lugg, OBE</b> President of CIHT</p>	<p>In 2013 Matthew joined WSP Global to provide leadership for its public sector highways business both in the UK and internationally. His leadership roles have included chair of the MHA Board, the UK Roads Board, the ADEPT Engineering Board and in 2012, President of ADEPT. Matthew has been instrumental in developing many products including the Self-Assessment Questionnaire for the DfT incentivised capitalised highway maintenance funding.</p>
<p><b>Tina Holland</b> Programme Manager at Local Government Association (LGA)</p>	<p>Tina is the Programme Manager for procurement and commissioning within the LGA. She has extensive experience at delivering procurement expertise and working across public, private and financial sectors and is LGA lead on the development and implementation of the National Procurement Strategy; working with the Grenfell Tower Industry Response Group to advise on any issues that might be related to procurement. Tina has been with the LGA since 2003 having spent the previous fifteen years as a procurement practitioner, consultant, and undertaking peer/and bespoke reviews.</p>
<p><b>George Lee</b> Chief Executive, Highways Term Maintenance Association (HTMA)</p>	<p>George has been CEO since 2007 and is active in promoting the highways management and maintenance sectors; sharing knowledge and feedback, fostering best practice and improved industry standards. George has over 20 years' experience of the highways sector, George is former CEO of the Road Safety Markings Association, having grown it into the largest specialist trade body in the highways sector and being a prime driver in the development of industry training standards, apprenticeship schemes and material standards. Prior to that he was worked in and around politics and policy development, including four years as a political adviser in local government.</p>
<p><b>Ian Vears</b> Assistant Director Highways and Transportation Leicestershire County Council</p>	<p>Ian has nearly 30 years' highways and transportation experience -undertaking various managerial roles over 20 years, with the last six years at a senior level. He has a track record of successful commissioning or providing an extensive range of customer focused services, delivering major strategic, politically sensitive projects and transformational cultural change. Combined with over 12 years military engineering experience gained concurrently he has successfully both formed and maintained effective collaborative partnerships, resolved conflict and mobilised resources to deliver shared outcomes and targets</p>
<p><b>Jason Clarke</b> PSP2 Framework Manager</p>	<p>Jason is a Regional Director for AECOM with 24 years' experience delivering highway asset maintenance and improvement programmes, scheme design, and managing integrated delivery teams. He was trained in local government service delivery and has worked in many highway asset management and maintenance delivery models. Jason is the PSP2 Framework Manager and leads multi sector teams delivering a wide range of professional services to 18 Local Highway Authority clients across the Midlands.</p>
<p><b>Peter Barclay</b> MHA Manager</p>	<p>He has been MHA manager since 2008. He has had a number of roles at both Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils, delivering a range of engineering and construction projects: he managed the Trunk Road Agency for Nottinghamshire and was heavily involved in the PLaN consortium who, in a unique private/public partnership with consultant Parkman, and Leicestershire County Council, won the Highway Agency Area 7 commission. Peter was Highway Coordinator for Nottingham Express Transit (NET) Phase II. During his time with the MHA, Peter has overseen a professional services and two medium schemes frameworks</p>