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| <p>Ann Carruthers</p> <p><b>Chair: Midlands Highway Alliance Plus</b></p>                              | <p>Ann has worked with local authorities in Scotland and England covering the highways, transport, waste and environment agendas. This includes working with Edinburgh City Council in bringing forward their congestion charging and tram projects; with Kent County Council in dealing with the issues posed by Operation Stack 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 National Highways. She is Director of Environment and Transport with Leicestershire County Council; a council member of The Highways Sector Council and is Chair of ADEPT Transport and Connectivity Board.</p>  |
| <p>Karen Notman</p> <p><b>Manager: Midlands Highway Alliance Plus</b></p>                              | <p>Karen took up the role of Midlands Highway Alliance Plus Manager in May 2021, having had a number of active roles in the MHA since its inception through local authority and consultancy roles with Aecom, Waterman Aspen, Derbyshire County Council and Leicestershire County Council. She has worked in most areas of a local authority highway department and was a service manager of highway maintenance and design services for over 15 years with Leicestershire County Council before joining AECOM as an Associate Director in both the Nottingham and Birmingham offices. She has had close involvement with the Institution of Civil Engineers over her career and is a past Chair of the East Midlands Region. Originally from Birmingham, she started her career in Coventry with a placement at Geotechnics Limited in the city before heading east to Leicestershire.</p> |
| <p>Julie Cartwright</p> <p><b>Eurovia consulting</b></p>   | <p>Julie is Head of Social Value for Eurovia Contracting, is a current board member for Women in Transport and has been chairing the Medium Schemes Framework social value working group since 2018. Julie has been working alongside communities for more than 30 years, having worked in both public and social sector organisations, previous to her current role in a variety of paid and voluntary roles. This has given Julie a unique perspective on how to successfully deliver social value outcomes within major construction projects, securing lasting legacy benefits for people and communities.</p>  |
| <p>Owen Jenkins</p> <p><b>Director of transport and infrastructure, Oxfordshire County Council</b></p> | <p>Owen has been at Oxfordshire for the last 8 years and in that time has led all place-based services from libraries and museums through to highways, waste and major infrastructure. His current role sees him leading Transport Policy, Strategy and Infrastructure with a huge capital programme to deliver. Outside Oxfordshire, Owen is involved in the FHRG, APSE and is chair of the MHA Framework Board. Before Oxfordshire, Owen has worked for several local authorities and in private sector organisations both in the UK and overseas in places as far reaching as the Middle East, Seychelles, Pakistan, and Myanmar.</p>  |

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| <p>Karen Farquharson</p> <p><b>Director, Proving Services Ltd</b></p>                            | <p>Karen is a founding director of Proving Services Ltd, a research-based consultancy formed in 2003. It has developed tools and processes for the evaluation of strategic options, innovation and business change, value for money and value chain relationships. Karen has extensive experience, both in the public and private sectors, in the field of VfM and business case assessment, and project portfolio prioritisation and management, with a particular focus on benefits realisation and financial management.</p>   |
| <p>Simon Wilson</p> <p><b>Research Programme Director<br/>Future Highways Research Group</b></p> | <p>Simon is the Research Programme Director for the Future Highways Research Group (FHRG), which was established in 2016. FHRG has been successful in bringing together local authority highways service directors in a forum where they discuss, develop and collaborate on strategies aimed at addressing the challenges faced by the sector. These include carbon reduction and increasing value for money - whilst facing a critical skills shortage. Current FHRG membership stands at 37 authorities, the majority at county level.</p>   |
| <p>John Monk</p> <p><b>Head of highways design services,<br/>Lincolnshire County Council</b></p> | <p>With over 30 years of public sector experience, John heads up Lincolnshire's trading account consultancy, working collaboratively with professional services partner, WSP. The team delivers Lincolnshire's major schemes (such as Lincoln Eastern Bypass, Grantham Southern Relief Road etc), specialist asset management (e.g structures, signals, street lighting) and capital programmes. In his career, John has dabbled in structures maintenance and design, roads design, transport planning, S278 schemes and street lighting transformation projects as well as managing people, the public and political interfaces</p> |
| <p>Tom Scholes</p> <p><b>Records &amp; systems manager,<br/>Oxfordshire County Council</b></p>   | <p>Tom looks after the teams at Oxfordshire that manage all the data. This includes the legal records of the Highway Boundary and Public Rights of Way. It also includes all the asset management systems, the public reporting tools and the traffic monitoring service. He is a native technologist, passionate about improving digital delivery, process, and decision-making at all levels. He spent most of his career making computer games.</p>  |
| <p>Paul Binks</p> <p><b>Highway asset manager,<br/>Lancashire County Council</b></p>             | <p>Paul has worked for Local Government for more than 30 years, predominately in the Highways Sector. He has worked in Asset Management for the last six years with previous roles including Performance and Business Manager and Road Safety Manager. He is currently the chair of the North West LCRIG (Local Council Regional Innovation Group) Benchmarking Group.</p>  |
| <p>Andy Jackson</p> <p><b>Project manager, Leicestershire<br/>County Council</b></p>             | <p>Andy is a qualified project manager with a background in habitat conservation and the environment. During his career, Andy has worked across sectors including conservation charities and 20 years in the Environment and Transport Department at Leicestershire County Council. Previous roles in the department have been diverse, including delivering landscape scale habitat conservation, green infrastructure and flood alleviation schemes and managing the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road project.</p>   |
| <p>Stuart Mcleod</p> <p><b>Balfour Beatty</b></p>  | <p>Stuart joined Balfour Beatty in 2021 as an energy manager responsible for energy management across the Balfour Beatty Group. He focuses on identifying projects to reduce energy consumption, introduce alternative fuels and decarbonise Balfour Beatty construction operations. On the alternative fuel agenda, he has a particular focus on hydrogen. Stuart previously worked for an engineering and project management consultancy and as an energy manager for Morrisons Supermarkets. He began his career as an Aircraft Avionics Technician in the RAF and is a graduate of Lancaster and Durham Universities.</p>         |

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| <p>Dave Allen</p> <p><b>Technical Director<br/>Waterman Aspen</b></p>                  | <p>As a committed Environmental Manager, and Chartered Environmentalist, Dave has 20 years experience of delivering EHS support across various industrial and commercial sectors. Dave currently leads Waterman Infrastructure and Environment’s Corporate Services support and directs on a wide range of projects to help client organizations meet and exceed their sustainability obligations and optimize their climate resilience. As a passionate advocate for sustainability and climate action, Dave seeks to communicate effectively at all levels of an organization to secure buy in to clear and effective actions to support net zero strategies</p>   |
| <p>Philip Reid</p> <p><b>Digital construction manager,<br/>Eurovia Contracting</b></p> | <p>Philip is responsible for the digitalisation and automation of Eurovia UK activities as well as all manner of associated activities including robotics, use of drones, information management and BIM. He has been a core member of the Eurovia Contracting team for over 10 years, in that time he has never stayed still, always looking for the next challenge, this has given him experience in all aspects of highway construction. Changing the way Eurovia delivers projects to embrace Modern Methods of Construction is core to the Eurovia forward strategy and Phil leads the team to develop new solutions and implement the best of those already in the market in order to deliver Eurovia digital transformation roadmap.</p>  |
| <p>Stuart Townsend</p> <p><b>Eurovia Contracting</b></p>                               | <p>Stuart has operated as a Contracts Manager working on MHA schemes for the past 10 years, in all three iterations of the Medium Schemes Framework. With over 20 years in the highways industry, starting as roadworker, through supervisor, foreman, site manager and project manager prior to senior manager roles, Stuart has provided high quality highways projects for public and private sector clients. His management career began working as part of an Integrated Transport Framework in Worcestershire and most recently, within MSF3, managing the Coventry Retail Quarter and now Wolverhampton’s substantial city centre public realm scheme.</p>  |
| <p>William Shipley</p> <p><b>amey /Staffordshire County<br/>Council</b></p>            | <p>During his time at Amey, William has introduced the Staffordshire I+ Roadmap to Net Zero, in-line with Amey and Staffordshire County Councils net zero goals. Progressing with initiatives such as fleet decarbonisation, low-carbon material trials. As well as behaviour-based solutions such as green-driver monitoring and anti-idling campaigns. Since 2020, he has introduced systems to capture carbon data to track and inform on carbon reduction focus areas. Other focus areas of his role include zero waste to landfill through circular economy, low-carbon viability on highways and environmental compliance.</p>   |
| <p>Sebastian Corby</p> <p><b>amey /Staffordshire County<br/>Council</b></p>            | <p>Seb leads Innovation and Service Design within Amey’s newly christened Digital Consulting business. His team delivers a wide range of digital strategy projects across the public and private sectors and has a particular focus on embedding novel, disruptive technologies and analytics solutions into operational environments. Seb has an extensive background in delivering carbon-reduction programmes within Transport. Most recently, Seb designed and led the Staffordshire Live-Labs programme, and is also leading Amey’s sustainable transport interchange initiative, where the business is bringing together partners to build a single data-model for rail stations. He’s passionate about applying the philosophy of Design Thinking into infrastructure innovation and has a particular interest and experience in digital transformation within Local Authorities.</p> |

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| <p>Lucie Hoelmer</p> <p><b>Senior Environmental Partnership Officer, Leicestershire County Council (LCC)</b></p> | <p>Lucie has been in her role with LCC since 2019 - with previous roles in the development of projects which attracted external funding for Canal &amp; River Trust, TCV and Walsall Council. These include major canal infrastructure improvements &amp; restorations in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, Interpretation and community engagement, as well as parks development. Lucie is actively taking forward LCC approach to local nature recovery, involving a review of how we use our assets to make change, in 2021 Action for Nature was <a href="#">published</a> - and through collaborative engagement implemented changes to verge management. This includes projects such as Urban Wildlife Verges, ADEPT funded Value of Trees and an introduction of 10% net gain property policy - before it is mandatory.</p>   |
| <p>Scott Tompkins</p> <p><b>Assistant Director, environment services, Warwickshire County Council</b></p>        | <p>Scott joined Warwickshire in 2019 after an 18-year career at Gloucestershire County Council where he was the head of highways and asset management. He currently leads highways, transport, fleet maintenance, emergency planning, engineering design services, trading standards, community safety, archaeology, ecology, and highways planning teams at Warwickshire. A CIHT fellow and active member of ADEPT, Scott has continued to be an advocate for sharing best practice between authorities. He helped establish and then chair the Southwest Highways Alliance and is active with ADEPT in the midlands. He was part of the pilot ADEPT Leadership programme and has been involved in a number of peer reviews. In his previous private sector career, Scott worked for P&amp;O Princess Cruises and Tours as a port operations manager in Skagway Alaska before moving to the UK in 1999.</p> |
| <p>Jamie Missenden</p> <p><b>Framework Manager and Regional Manager Midlands &amp; South, Galliford Try</b></p>  | <p>Jamie joined Galliford Try in 2015 as Project Manager and took the Framework and Regional Manager role up in 2020. He has been an active part of the MHA since he joined the business having delivered several award-winning schemes for various clients through the MHA. More recently he has led the Galliford Try business as their Framework manager, securing schemes and delivering them with great success, working collaboratively with the MHA, clients and other suppliers to drive standards forward.</p>  |
| <p>Eoin Harris</p> <p><b>Associate Director, climate change, Aecom</b></p>                                       | <p>Eoin is a Technical Director in AECOM Climate Change, Sustainability and Resilience practice. He has over 18 years' experience as an environmental and sustainability professional; providing strategic advice to infrastructure and construction clients on low and zero carbon strategies. He has recently responded to the DfT's mandatory requirement for PAS2080-aligned Carbon Management Plans and helped a number of local authorities develop their approach. Eoin also regularly reviews corporate and project performance and provides technical support on a broad range of other environmental topics, including resource efficiency, sustainable supply chains and socio-economic best practice. Eoin is a Chartered Environmentalist, full IEMA member and an environmental auditor.</p>   |
| <p>Jessica Tuck</p> <p><b>Technical director, Aecom</b></p>  | <p>Jess is Construction Materials lead for AECOM. Her team supports cross sector projects providing specialist advice on materials including aggregates, asphalt, concrete and hydraulically bound materials. Jess has a background in materials production and installation and in her previous role as product development manager for Lafarge UK her team developed innovations including Warm Mix Asphalts, Roller Compacted Concrete and increased recycling into asphalt materials. Recently, Jess is supporting design teams and Clients to make lower carbon choices for materials transportation projects and making best use of local materials. Jess is a technical lead and author on the current Specification for Highway Works rewrite which is due for publication in 2024 by National Highways.</p>   |

Mark Baptist

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Mark is the newly appointed Head of Carbon and Sustainability at Amey Consulting. He leads a team of carbon specialists and is driving change both internally within Amey and across the sector. The team provide advisory consultancy covering sustainable leadership, operating model redesign, beyond net zero transition plans, carbon training, carbon accounting and support to build supplier ecosystems and innovation to drive down Scope 3 emissions. He comes from a background of purpose-led organisational change and innovation, taking a holistic approach to improve outcomes. Previous roles include delivering strategy and innovation on behalf of Gobeyond and change projects for PwC and KPMG. He has also successfully built partnerships within and across Local Authorities to improve community resilience.