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Highways Maintenance

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Maintenance Funding Background





Spending Review 2015 and Local Highways

- Local highways maintenance was identified in the SR15 as a priority and funding will be increased over the next five years
- An important component of this is achieving efficiency savings through incentivised funding

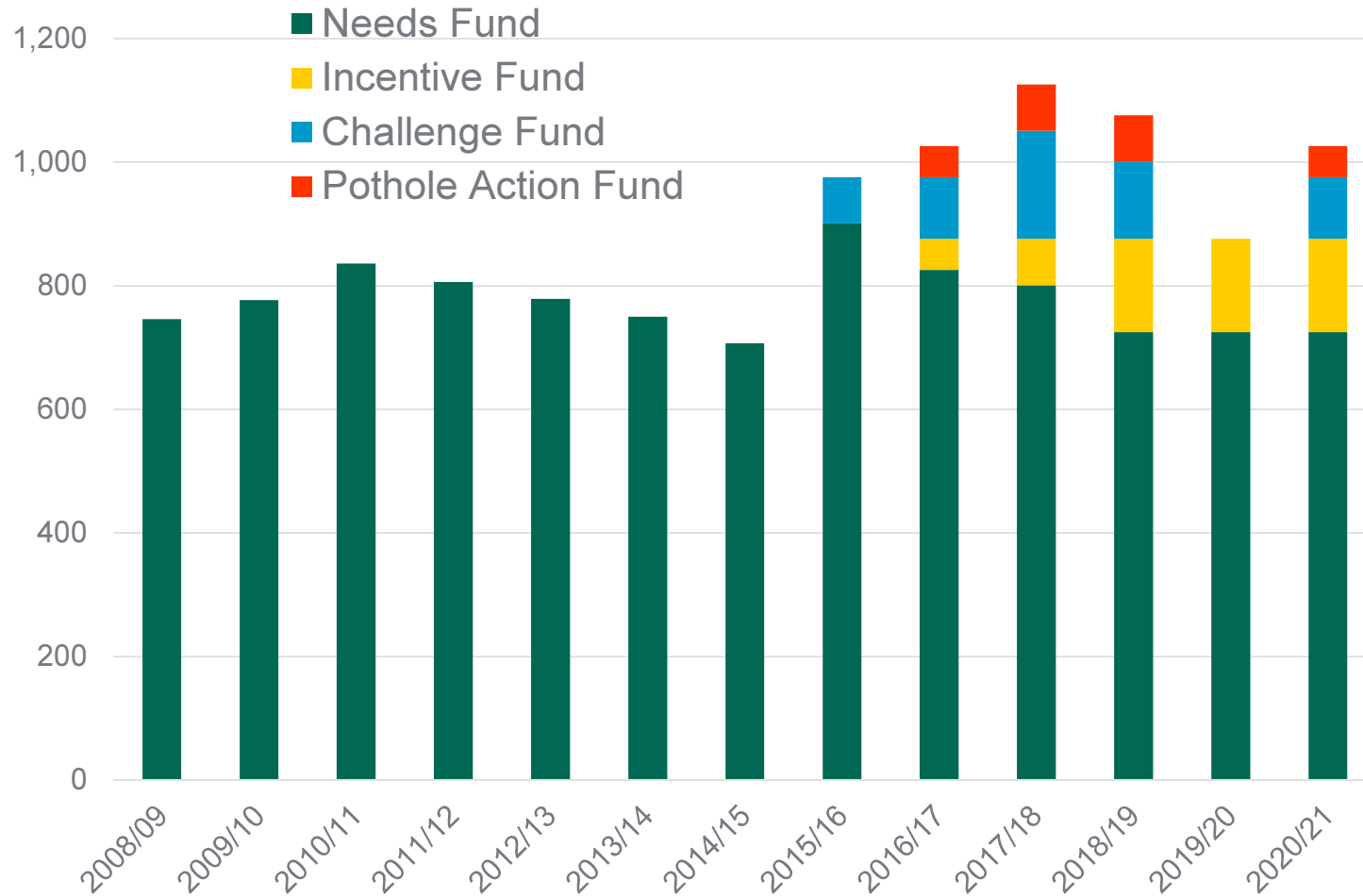


Local Highways Maintenance Funding

- Between 2016 – 2021, UK Government will make £6 billion of capital funding available for local highways maintenance
- £578 million of this amount has been set aside to **incentivise** local authorities to carry out cost effective improvements
- A further £250 million has been made available through the Pothole Action Fund



Local Highways Maintenance Fund





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All Party Parliamentary Group on Highways Maintenance – The Importance of Asset Management

‘Without effective asset management plans there is concern that local authorities’ most valuable asset – their road networks – will be maintained inefficiently even under optimal funding conditions.’





Incentive Fund: Breakdown for the life of this Parliament

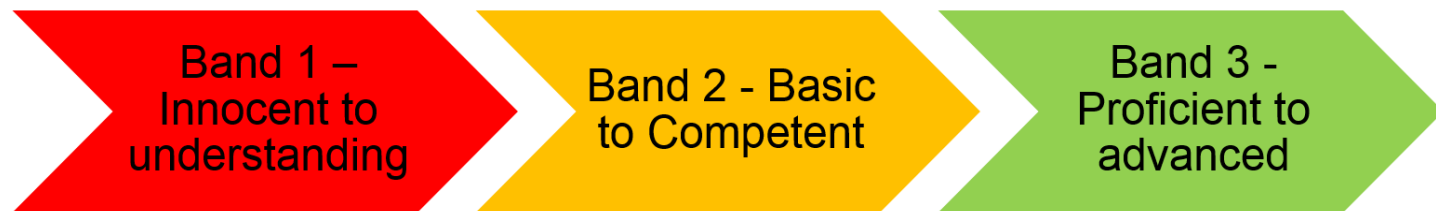
Year	Incentive Fund
2016/17	£50 million
2017/18	£75 million
2018/19	£151 million
2019/20	£151 million
2020/21	£151 million

- ▶ To be shared between 115 local highway authorities



Incentive Fund

- ▶ Self assessment by authority via a questionnaire
- ▶ Three potential bands (Devo deal places all deemed to be Band 3):



2016/17	90%	100%	100%
2017/18	60%	90%	100%
2018/19	30%	70%	100%
2019/20	10%	50%	100%
2020/21	0%	30%	100%



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Self assessment: Adoption





Self-Assessment

- ▶ The self-assessment bands are based on the maturity of the authority in key areas.
- ▶ The criteria for the bands are as follows:
- ▶ **Band 1:** Has a basic understanding of the key areas and is in the process of taking these forward.
- ▶ **Band 2:** Can demonstrate outputs that support implementation of key areas
- ▶ **Band 3:** Can demonstrate outcomes have been achieved in key areas as part of continuous improvement





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Self-Assessment

The DfT ran a self-assessment questionnaire in January 2016. The questionnaire was divided into 22 questions and covered the following sections:

- ▶ Asset Management
- ▶ Resilience
- ▶ Customers
- ▶ Benchmarking and Efficiency
- ▶ Operational Delivery





Self-assessment outcomes

- ▶ Response received from every eligible authority – Thank you
- ▶ The results are in:
 - Band 1 - 18
 - Band 2 - 64
 - Band 3*- 33 (Top)

* includes those who are part of a devolution deal area and receive maximum funding automatically. Note: Durham and Lincolnshire were Band 3 without being part of any devolution deal.

‘we still expect these authorities to ensure they are following good practice and applying sound asset management principles’



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Timetable

- ▶ **July** - DfT in consultation with sector and HMEP will consider the pattern of scores to establish:
 - Are there any other obstacles which are preventing authorities from progressing up the bands?
 - DfT will meet those in Band 1 to better understand their challenges
 - How will HMEP and others from sector be able to help?

- ▶ DfT will run a series of workshops around the country during the autumn which will reflect on the lessons to be learnt from the first year of self assessment.

- ▶ Autumn 2016 - Process will be repeated



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Future Work

Challenge Fund Tranche 2

Pothole Action Fund

Innovation / New Technology