

NWSRG: Business Plan 2018/19 – 2020/21

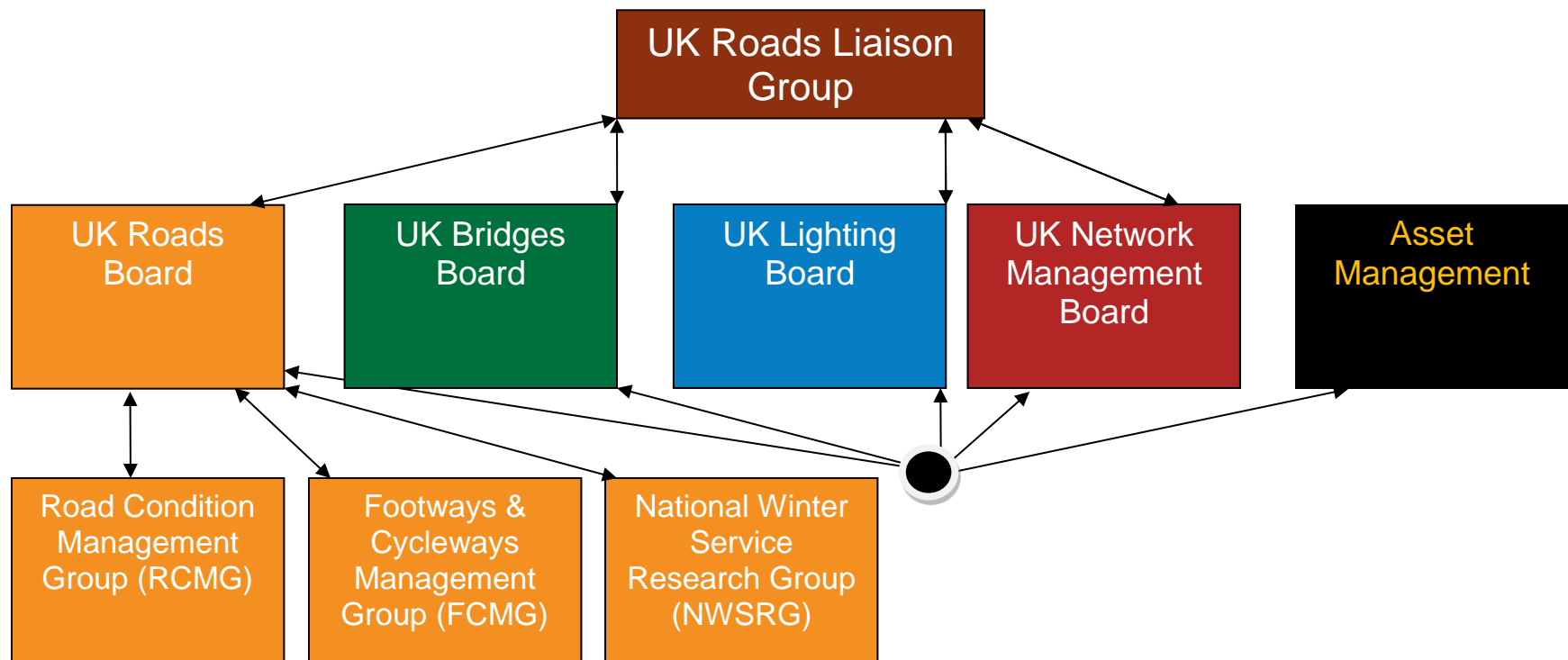
“The NWSRG seeks to promote excellence in the area of winter service and provide guidance that based on good practice and scientific research, can be practically implemented by all authorities, recognizing the available resources and enabling the application of a risk-based approach.”

Chris Cranston, NWSRG Chair and Operations and Communications Manager, Devon County Council



How does the NWSRG fit with the UKRLG work?

The NWSRG Steering Group reports to the UK Roads Board of the UK Roads Liaison Group. This business plan reflects the top-level priorities of the Group. The NWSRG is responsible for providing national guidance on winter service and developing research in this area,



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<i>Objective</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>UKRLG lead</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Support the implementation of 'Well managed Highway Infrastructure'	Update and improve guidance, ensuring consistency with the new Code and take into account new developments and technology (see details below) Promote the implementation of the new guidance through publicity, workshops and other events	<i>NWSRG Steering group</i>	DfT funding bid/ TRL	Ongoing to Dec 2019
Update guidance	Review and publication of existing sections of guidance including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment Methods - Salt Storage - Spreader Management - Spread Rates - Treatments for Snow and Ice - Decision Making 	<i>Steering group</i>	DfT funding bid/ TRL with IHE publishing support	Nov 2018 Jan 2019
Development of new sections of guidance	Develop and publish new sections of guidance, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning - Treatment of Footways and Cycleways - Weather Forecasting and RWIS - Route selection and optimisation 	<i>Steering group</i>	DfT funding bid/ TRL with IHE publishing support	Mar 2019
Maintenance of NWSRG guidance	Ensure that guidance remains fit for purpose in light of any new developments and feedback from practitioners	<i>Steering Group</i>	To be resourced	Ongoing to 2021
Winter service research summit	Support key research being undertaken in this sector. Develop residual salt research which is top priority for practitioners by holding an academic summit to develop an effective approach for which further funding can be sought	<i>Steering Group/ D Batchelor</i>	NWSRG/ HE funding	Feb 2019

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Winter service research	To be the focal point of national public sector research in the UK for winter service, and develop research opportunities that are of value to members and UK in winter service using the full capabilities of the NWSRG	<i>Steering Group</i>	NWSRG/ HE funding other research funding bids	Ongoing to 2021
Support the sector to be resilient	<p>Across all sub-groups as relates to resilient networks within the Code of Practice.</p> <p>Develop NWSRG guidance to support winter decision-makers and practitioners. Provide sector leadership on weather issues.</p> <p>Scope requirements and seek funding from UKRLG</p>	<p><i>NWSRG</i></p> <p><i>UKRB</i></p> <p><i>NWSRG</i></p>	Requires external resourcing from UKRB	Jun 2020
Support future skills for the highways sector	<p>Assess experience and knowledge levels within the winter service sector and determine what support is required to ensure good resource planning in sector.</p> <p>Ensure that training is consistent with guidance and develop good training links (eg winter NVQs etc)</p>	<i>Steering Group</i>	Internal	Jun 2019
Review NWSRG constitution	<p>Ensure that there is the correct representation and the organization remains effective in its structure.</p> <p>Determine sustainable funding options.</p>	<i>Steering Group</i>	Internal	Mar 2019
Communications Strategy	Develop an effective communications strategy for group including easy to use website for guidance.	Carol Valentine	Internal + DfT funding bid	Jan 2019
Future funding of group	To determine a sustainable and fair method for funding the group that allows it to function effectively, with UKRB support	<i>Steering Group/ UKRB</i>	To be determined in discussion with UKRB	Dec 2019