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**To: Leaders of English Local Highway
Authorities (outside of London)**

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Dear Colleagues,

Autumn Statement – Additional Local Highways Maintenance Funding

The Chancellor's Autumn Statement on the 5 December 2012 announced an additional £1.5 billion of Government investment to improve the highway network and reduce congestion.

The Government recognises one of the best ways to foster job creation, encourage economic growth and support local communities, including those that have encountered flooding in recent months, is to ensure we have well maintained transport infrastructure.

That is why we announced in the Autumn Statement an additional £333 million for a dedicated fund to provide for essential maintenance to renew, repair and extend life of the highway network in England. I have allocated £215 million of this Fund to local highway authorities split over the next two years (2013/14 and 2014/15). A list of indicative allocations by each individual authority is listed in Annex A to this letter.

Whilst it is for your authority to target the extra funds where it is most needed, to promote greater transparency we require your authority to commit to publishing a short statement on its website at the end of each financial year setting out on what and where (in terms of location) this additional funding has been spent, and how it has complemented (rather than displaced) your planned highway maintenance expenditure. My officials will shortly be seeking written confirmation from senior council officers on the agreement of this requirement before final allocations are confirmed. I believe this is a proportionate approach to transparency; one which was successfully implemented in the March 2011 payments for 'potholes' repairs.

It is for local highway authorities to plan and decide your own maintenance schedules. However, I think you will agree that it is important that any work undertaken gives due regard to minimising disruption both to business and other road users. This could include out of hours working, where appropriate and cost effective.

In regards to cost effectiveness I should also like to remind all local authorities of the importance of making the most of resources, to ensure we all achieve best value for money for the taxpayer. The Department for Transport-funded Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme is leading the way in this regard.

The Programme is bringing together the public and private sectors to develop and disseminate good practice in areas such as asset management and collaboration to reduce costs on procurement and other areas. I would strongly encourage your authority to explore whether it can adopt the best practice tools that are becoming available to maximise the returns from your authority's spend. Further details on the Programme can be found via: www.dft.gov.uk/hmep

In the meantime I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick McLoughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'P'.

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ANNEX A - ADDITIONAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE FUNDING

Local Authority	Additional funding announced in the Autumn Statement 2013-14	Additional funding announced in the Autumn Statement 2014-15	TOTAL 2013-14 & 2014-15
	£m	£m	£m
England total pot	140	75	215
London	7.056	3.780	10.836
North East	7.649	4.179	11.828
Hartlepool	0.142	0.079	0.221
Middlesbrough	0.294	0.161	0.455
Redcar and Cleveland	0.283	0.152	0.435
Stockton-on-Tees	0.368	0.197	0.565
Darlington	0.289	0.145	0.434
County Durham	1.836	1.007	2.843
Northumberland	2.541	1.412	3.953
Gateshead	0.412	0.217	0.629
Newcastle upon Tyne	0.414	0.219	0.633
North Tyneside	0.326	0.176	0.502
South Tyneside	0.224	0.130	0.354
Sunderland	0.520	0.284	0.804
North West	18.466	9.752	28.218
Halton	0.355	0.187	0.542
Warrington	0.594	0.303	0.897
Blackburn with Darwen	0.334	0.171	0.505
Blackpool	0.273	0.143	0.416
Cheshire East	1.485	0.795	2.280
Cheshire West & Chester	1.125	0.596	1.721
Cumbria	3.890	2.082	5.972
Lancashire	3.632	1.904	5.536
Bolton	0.631	0.338	0.969
Bury	0.326	0.175	0.501
Manchester	0.583	0.315	0.898
Oldham	0.404	0.216	0.620
Rochdale	0.454	0.233	0.687
Salford	0.437	0.242	0.679
Stockport	0.579	0.248	0.827
Tameside	0.329	0.192	0.521
Trafford	0.392	0.213	0.605
Wigan	0.460	0.257	0.717
Knowsley	0.299	0.157	0.456
Liverpool	0.596	0.319	0.915
St. Helens	0.336	0.166	0.502
Sefton	0.426	0.219	0.645
Wirral	0.522	0.279	0.801

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	£m	£m	£m
Yorkshire and The Humber	13.581	7.268	20.849
Kingston upon Hull, City of	0.326	0.179	0.505
East Riding of Yorkshire	1.656	0.921	2.577
North East Lincolnshire	0.297	0.165	0.462
North Lincolnshire	0.630	0.334	0.964
York	0.318	0.173	0.491
North Yorkshire	3.939	2.108	6.047
Barnsley	0.572	0.306	0.878
Doncaster	0.677	0.354	1.031
Rotherham	0.546	0.282	0.828
Sheffield	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bradford	1.040	0.540	1.580
Calderdale	0.643	0.347	0.990
Kirklees	1.019	0.548	1.567
Leeds	1.337	0.705	2.042
Wakefield	0.581	0.306	0.887
East Midlands	14.692	7.798	22.490
Derby	0.339	0.174	0.513
Leicester	0.399	0.200	0.599
Rutland	0.265	0.139	0.404
Nottingham	0.345	0.179	0.524
Derbyshire	2.625	1.405	4.030
Leicestershire	2.034	1.058	3.092
Lincolnshire	4.205	2.246	6.451
Northamptonshire	2.457	1.315	3.772
Nottinghamshire	2.022	1.082	3.104
West Midlands	14.397	7.674	22.071
Herefordshire, County of	1.584	0.857	2.441
Telford and Wrekin	0.481	0.257	0.738
Stoke-on-Trent	0.334	0.191	0.525
Shropshire	2.292	1.227	3.519
Staffordshire	2.936	1.573	4.509
Worcestershire	2.115	1.119	3.234
Warwickshire	1.825	0.977	2.802
Birmingham	0.000	0.000	0.000
Coventry	0.548	0.290	0.838
Dudley	0.473	0.253	0.726
Sandwell	0.620	0.321	0.941
Solihull	0.495	0.235	0.730
Walsall	0.352	0.188	0.540
Wolverhampton	0.343	0.184	0.527

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East of England	17.926	9.616	27.542
Peterborough	0.532	0.303	0.835
Luton	0.183	0.106	0.289
Southend-on-Sea	0.277	0.157	0.434
Thurrock	0.312	0.167	0.479
Bedford	0.503	0.277	0.780
Central Bedfordshire	0.724	0.367	1.091
Cambridgeshire	1.949	1.040	2.989
Essex	3.446	1.854	5.300
Hertfordshire	3.220	1.720	4.940
Norfolk	3.701	1.977	5.678
Suffolk	3.079	1.648	4.727
South East	22.440	12.266	34.706
Medway	0.390	0.218	0.608
Bracknell Forest	0.259	0.143	0.402
West Berkshire	0.599	0.321	0.920
Reading	0.440	0.238	0.678
Slough	0.153	0.079	0.232
Windsor and Maidenhead	0.337	0.185	0.522
Wokingham	0.446	0.257	0.703
Milton Keynes	0.896	0.490	1.386
Brighton and Hove	0.594	0.325	0.919
Portsmouth	0.201	0.098	0.299
Southampton	0.310	0.169	0.479
Isle of Wight	0.000	0.000	0.000
Buckinghamshire	1.411	0.749	2.160
East Sussex	1.491	0.812	2.303
Hampshire	3.990	2.136	6.126
Kent	4.075	2.198	6.273
Oxfordshire	2.312	1.239	3.551
Surrey	2.616	1.574	4.190
West Sussex	1.920	1.033	2.953
South West	23.793	12.667	36.460
Bath and NE Somerset	0.663	0.353	1.016
Bristol, City of	0.573	0.307	0.880
North Somerset	0.615	0.329	0.944
South Gloucestershire	0.783	0.424	1.207
Plymouth	0.383	0.202	0.585
Torbay	0.211	0.113	0.324
Bournemouth	0.260	0.139	0.399
Poole	0.280	0.145	0.425
Swindon	0.462	0.247	0.709
Cornwall	3.191	1.683	4.874

Local Authority	Additional funding announced in the Autumn Statement 2013-14	Additional funding announced in the Autumn Statement 2014-15	TOTAL 2013-14 & 2014-15
	£m	£m	£m
Wiltshire	2.349	1.257	3.606
Devon	6.027	3.225	9.252
Dorset	2.005	1.056	3.061
Gloucestershire	2.708	1.434	4.142
Somerset	3.282	1.751	5.033

Notes:

1. All funding is capital.
2. All funding is subject to local highway authorities agreeing to publish transparency statements at the end of each financial year.
3. Due to highways maintenance PFIs – either in operation or becoming operational from 2013 onwards - Birmingham, Sheffield, the Isle of Wight and Hounslow are not eligible for this funding as they have agreed to forgo DfT highways maintenance capital block funding.
4. Funding for Local highway authorities is calculated using the following methodology:
 - Stage 1: Split the funding pot between local authorities inside and outside of London based on road length. Funding for London will be provided to TfL to manage and allocate as appropriate.
 - Stage 2: For local authorities outside of London, distribute the funding on the basis of the existing Highways Maintenance Block Formula (as defined for 2013/14 and 2014/15).

A detailed explanatory note on this calculation is available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-transport-capital-block-funding>

5. Figures are rounded to the nearest thousand.