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## **Risk control**

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October 2019 saw the end of the two year transitionary period for Highways Authorities to move to the "New" Code of Practice (COP) for the management & maintenance of highways assets.

The new code – "Well Managed Highways Infrastructure", no longer sets prescriptive intervention levels for defects or provides an associated hierarchy of response categories for repair. Instead, authorities now have the freedom to set their own standards and investigatory criteria through the adoption of a "Risk Based Approach" (RBA) and by giving consideration to local circumstances.

When the new code was launched, Gallagher Bassett and RMP toured the country running a series of multi-client seminars and mock trial events to highlight the significant elements of the code that have changed, and to guide authorities on the possible implications, supporting them on their development of a risk based approach. During this period we were also working with our clients on a one to one basis to review their policies, frameworks and processes to ensure they are adequately prepared to establish a robust defence should a claim be brought under the Highways Act in the world of the new code.

Although the deadline for adoption of the new code has long since passed, Gallagher Bassett Risk Control recognises that central to the ethos of the code is continuous improvement so we will be continuing to offer the following support services:

- Highways Review An independent review of your arrangements for highways management when measured against the new COP and your ability to successfully repudiate claims.
- Training We have a number of training courses specifically aimed at developing the understanding and competence of highways teams in applying risk management principles to your highway asset management practices.
- Document Reviews & Claims Analysis We can act as a "Critical Friend" and because of our unique access & insight into the approaches taken by numerous highways authorities we can evaluate your documentation and provide you with feedback and suggestions for improvements where applicable.
- If you would like to discuss the support options available to your Highways Team please contact your Broker, RMP Risk Control Consultant or RMP Account Director.

#### **Further information**

For access to further RMP Resources you may find helpful in reducing your organisation's cost of risk, please access the RMP Resources or RMP Articles pages on our website. To join the debate follow us on our LinkedIn page.

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