

Using Lane Rental Funds

The Application Process - Present & Future

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HAUC UK Convention – Manchester - 2nd April 2025

History of Lane Rental

- **2012 Regulations and original DfT Guidance (S74a of NRSWA '91)**
 - Up to £2500 daily charge for works on busiest streets
 - MUST be applied to both roadworks and streetworks (DfT Guidance only)
 - Net income (minus scheme operation and evaluation costs) ring fenced as '*LR Surplus funds*'
- **2012/2013 : Pioneer schemes go live; Transport for London and Kent CC**
- **[2016 Ecorys LR report for DfT published](#)**
- **2018 : Revised DfT Guidance and amended regulations**
- **April 2021 : Surrey CC scheme commenced**
- **Dec 2022 : West Sussex CC scheme commenced**
- **[March 2024 Latest DfT guidance](#)**
- **2024 DfT consultation : [Street works: fines and lane rental surplus funds – outcome - GOV.UK](#)**
- **[Feb 2025 DfT consultation on future scheme approvals closes](#)**
- **April 2025 : East Sussex CC scheme commenced**
- **TBC (mid April?) 2025 : Latest DfT Guidance for LHAs on scheme development/submission**
- **Numerous schemes now in development across England.....don't forget governance considerations!**



Why Governance?

It's in the DFT Guidance!

Sets out a focus for how surplus funding will be spent

“ ...to reduce the disruption or other adverse effects arising because of street works” (and roadworks)

Develops the application process

**Meets
legislative/constitutional
requirements, such as :**

- Subsidy Control Act 2022
- Procurement Act 2023
- Public Procurement Regs 2015

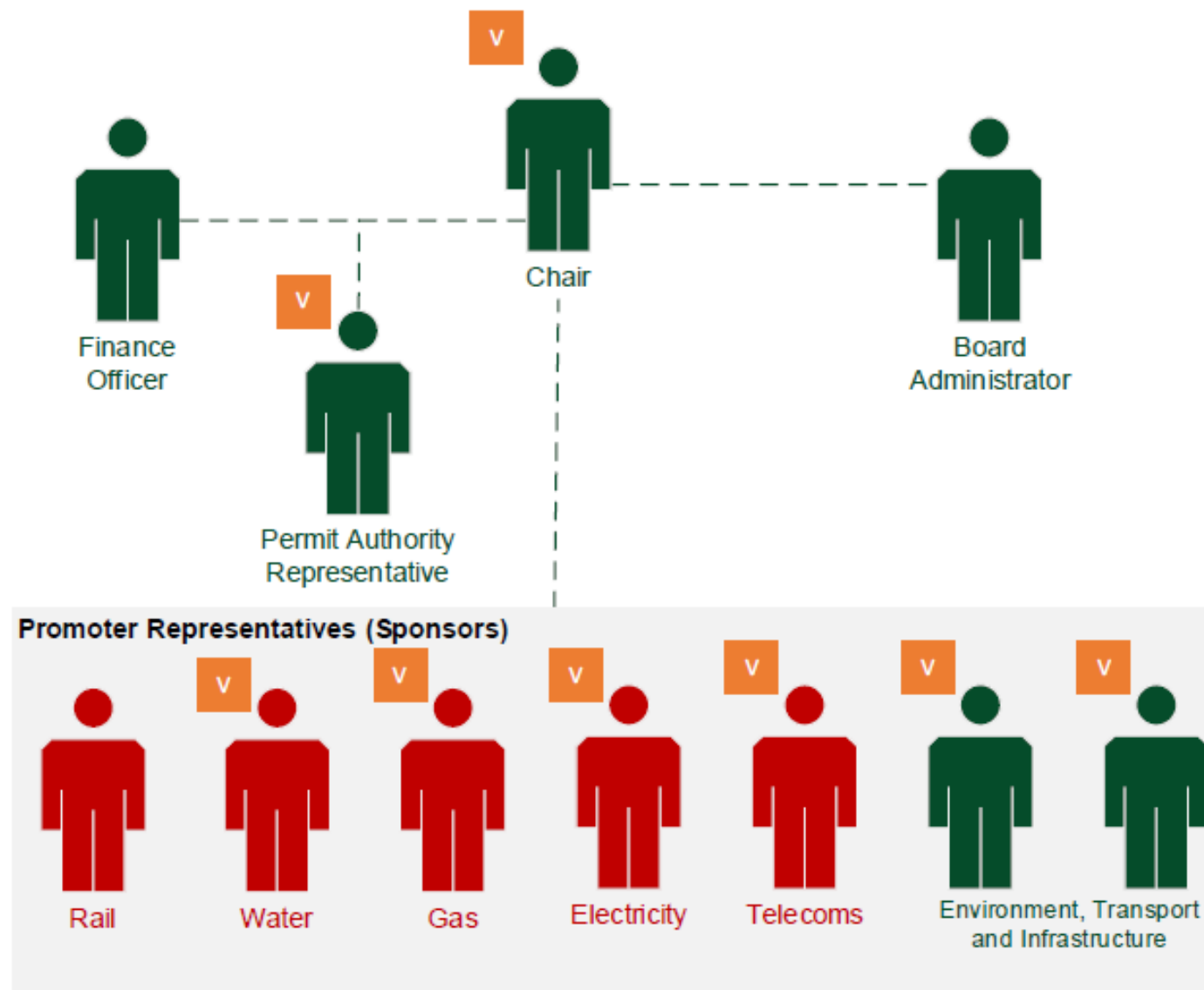
Legal Teams' considerations (inc. Ts and Cs)

Does governance = red tape/bureaucracy? Potentially...?



The Application Process

- It's all about the idea!
- Contact the board to have an initial discussion and find a sponsor
- Develop the application with your sponsor and then submit
- Applications are scored to assist with decision making
- Dragons den time – present at board then Q&A
- Board votes – *slight difference in process here*



Approved applications – West Sussex

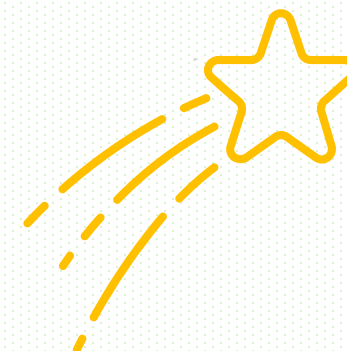
- Governance process developed alongside scheme operation
- Started considering bids in late 2024 once surplus funds established
- *“The West Sussex Exceptional Fund”*
- Opportunity to fund additional measures during or after works
- Targeted at mid to long-term emergency works or shorter term planned works
- Fund available for utility promoters
- Aim is to make ‘Good’ become ‘Great’
- [Lane rental scheme - West Sussex County Council](#)



Approved applications - Surrey

Bid ID	Description	Lead Organisation	Agreed Funding (£)
1	Contribution to support the organisation and delivery of 2023 HAUC Conference	HAUC UK	£5,000
2	C/way resurfacing schemes - repair of road surfaces where deterioration has accelerated as a result of utility activity.	Surrey County Council	£500,000
3	To enable UKPN trial a cloud-based, automated Streetworks planning tool (1streetworks) to be able to produce and distribute a Red Book-compliant traffic management plan	UK Power Networks	£50,000
5	A323 subbase treatment using innovative ground stabilisation method to address carriageway undulations/subsidence	Surrey County Council	£350,000
6	Contribution to support the organisation and delivery of 2024 HAUC Conference	HAUC UK	£5,000
7	To support upgrade to Street Manager for including hazardous waste information	Department for Transport	£169,687
8	Trial of UK's first commercial bio-based self-healing concrete	UKPN	£35,324
9	To deploy and trial six 'Fault Sniffer 2' units in the Surrey area to reduce the fault location time on site	UK Power Networks	£61,680
10	Replacement of the Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) in the central reserve of the A317 with an innovative "smartraff" barrier system	Surrey County Council	£411,822
11	Stage 2 of a project looking to commercialise a new "no-dig" technology after a successful first stage project to de-risk the program. The technology is a "Lance Drill" that can install underground cables without traditional excavations.	Synthotech	£465,000
12	Trial installation of "Hydrorafix" combined Safety Fence foundation and highway drainage solution in the central reserve of the A320	Surrey County Council	£563,590
13	HAUC UK Web Site and App Development to provide new and improved functionality and to establish specific support for Secretariat services	HAUC UK	£250,000
14	To enable a Surrey wide trial (including free use for any works promotor in Surrey for one year) of a cloud-based, automated Streetworks planning tool (1streetworks) to be able to produce and distribute a Red Book-compliant traffic management plan	1Spatial Group Ltd	£1,000,000
15	To place a temporary overbridge for the use of pedestrians until a permanent solution could be in place to replace the footpath section of Brookwood Lye Road Bridge (A324/3), which has been classified as an immediate risk structure	Surrey County Council	£88,600

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16	The project is to strengthen 3 masonry arch structures to take full normal traffic (40 tonnes) as well as some special vehicle loading, through the installation of a new and innovative system – the Masonry Arch Repair and Strengthening (MARS) system.	Surrey County Council	£500,000
17	To enable Surrey County Council to undertake surveys to capture data on the reflectivity and contrast of all road marking materials so that asset data can then be used intelligently to move away from a cyclic approach to a data led, targeted approach.	Surrey County Council	£150,000
18	A collaborative project to develop a new fast setting, long lasting strong ironwork bedding and reinstatement system. Surrey County Council Highways will work in partnership with MEON and Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) to produce the new material and roll out use of the tested product on Surrey's road network.	Meon Limited	£300,000
20	To conduct technical assurance testing on Repair technologies on Polyethylene pipes to Gas Industry Standards which on successful completion will eliminating the need for future 'cut out' procedures in the majority of cases and could considerably reduce the extent of, and disruption to, the localised area.	Cadent Gas	£315,783
21	To conduct a trial using a manufactured carbon-negative aggregate ACLA.	Surrey County Council	£40,000
22	To deliver several schemes using methyl methacrylate (MMA) cold applied road markings which should last 2 to 3 times longer than traditional material.	Surrey County Council	£50,000
24	To undertake complete reconstruction of the concrete slabs on a carriageway using rapid curing concrete to enable the carriageway to be back open at the end of each day rather than under a full 24/7 closure for 10 days working around the clock to minimise the time on site	Surrey County Council	£170,000



Approved applications - Surrey

Financial Year	Net income	Grants approved
2021/22 (Part)	£1.083m	£0
2022/23	£1.844m	£55,000
2023/24	£2.082m	£1.122m
2024/25 (part)	£1.405m	£4.305m
Total	£6.415m	£5.481m

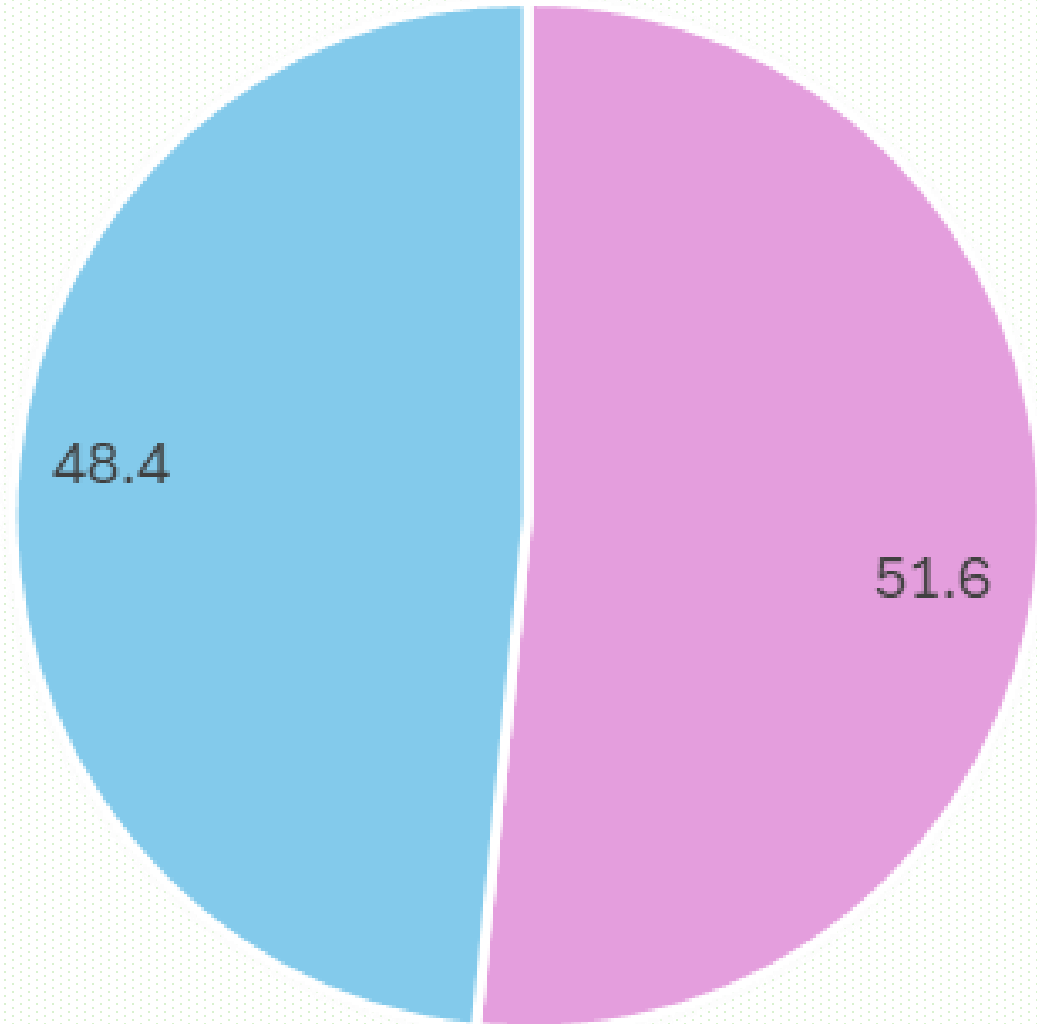
[Surrey Lane Rental Scheme \(SLRS\) - Surrey County Council](#)



Masonry Arch Repair and Strengthening (MARS) system.

Funds Split: Surrey & Others

	Money (£)	Split (%)
Surrey	2,824,012	51.6
Others	2,657,474	48.4



■ Surrey ■ Others



Surrey Lane Rental Award Winning Bids

**Bid # 12 :Hydroraft combined
Safety fence and Highway
Drainage solution - *nominated*
for *Product of the Year* at the
CIHT awards**



**Bid#5 :A323 sub-base treatment
using innovative ground
stabilisation method to address
carriageway
undulations/subsidence**



The Future

- **Increasing number of LR schemes = Regional governance boards?**
 - **Who sits on the regional board from which LHAs? (“Experts”?)**
 - **Differing political landscapes across LHAs?**
 - **Where is money spent geographically (pro rata from income received)?**
 - **Politicians sign-off.....or not ?**

DfT Consultation: “at least 50% of any surplus lane rental funds to be spent on highway maintenance”

Central Database of all bids. (HAUC site?) & Joint PR Opportunities

Local Government Reorganisation

Evolution

Scheme Approval process (current consultation response awaited from DfT)

Aligning legislation with guidance ? (consulted upon)

HAUC LR Forum - sharing best practice