Key topics for 2018 will include:

- An update on the new winter service guidance and some of the key areas of change
- Methods for evaluating winter service delivery maintenance of cycle paths
- Managing winter strategies on the rail network
- Supply and demand: the story behind the production and movement of salt around the UK
- Working with local authorities to develop more sustainable flood strategies
- A risk based approach to winter: a sector update
- A new direction: Implementing changes and new strategies following the introduction of the ‘Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure’ Code of Practice

Speaker organisations include representatives from:

- Environment Agency
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Network Rail
- NWSRG
- Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute
- The Salt Association

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Cold Comfort 2018 will once again aim to deliver the very best case studies, technical session and discussion and debate with the aim of empowering local authorities and their private sector partners with the latest understanding and knowledge of all the latest issues affecting the winter service sector in the UK.

The 2018 conference programme will reflect the demand for a greater understanding of how to manage extreme weather events, including unique insights into the strategic planning, implementation and delivery of projects that have taken place in the UK, delivered by those with first-hand experience of the challenges and opportunities they bring.

Who should attend:  

The annual conference and exhibition will be of benefit to:

- Senior local authority representatives
- Private sector contractors
- Winter maintenance managers
- Highway engineers
- Resilience/civil contingency managers
- Highway managers
- Contract managers
- Fleet managers
- Operations managers
- Network managers

What you will learn:

- Hear from industry experts delivering up-to-date best practice from the sector
- Share insight and opinion on the latest developments and shape the way the industry operates in the future
- Learn from other authorities from around the UK on their approaches to winter service delivery
- Participate in the most up-to-date technical sessions featuring the latest research and developments

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Day One: 16th May 2018

09:30  Registration, refreshments and Exhibition Viewing

11:00  Chair’s Introduction and Welcome
Roger Williams, Head of Network Assurance, East Sussex Highways

11:10  Keynote Address: Lessons learnt in winter 2017/18
• A response to winter 2017/18. What lessons have been learnt this winter and why?
• What are the challenges and opportunities now and in the future?
• Making a more resilient network
Steve Berry OBE, Head, Local Roads, Innovation, Resilience, Light Rail and Cableways, Department for Transport (DfT)

11:45  Winter 2017/18: lessons learnt-live panel debate
• Assessing the UK’s response to winter 2017/18
• Adapting to change on the network and communicating with the public
• Efficient use of people, time and resources
• Implementing innovation on the network
Steve Berry OBE, Head, Local Roads, Innovation, Resilience, Light Rail and Cableways, Department for Transport (DfT)
David Batchelor, Project Manager-Severe Weather Plan, Highways England
Chris Cranston, Chair, NWSRG.

12:10  NWSRG guidance - what has changed?
• The new NWSRG guidance-what it means for you
• Implementing the guidance and building on what has been done before
• Resilient and risk-based
Chris Cranston, Chair, NWSRG and Operations & Communications Manager, Devon County Council

12:35  Keynote address: Understanding road surface residual salt-from highways to cycle lanes.
• Research into loss of salt and its effect on the road network-specially related to cycle lanes
• Monitoring salt loss under different conditions
• Techniques relating to keeping cycle lanes clear of snow and ice
Goran Blomqvist, Researcher, The Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute

13:15  Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:15  Managing winter on the rail network: a fresh perspective
• National Rail winter preparedness: route stage gate reviews
• National Rail forecasting tools
• National Rail winter fleet-snow ploughs and train borne anti-de-icers
• National Rail research and developments-new products and testing methodologies
• TOC fleet winterisation
• Joint seasonal meeting groups and reviews
Brian Haddock, National Control Manager, Network Rail
14:40  Local authority case study: Making the Code work: Implementing service changes following the introduction of Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure-A Code of Practice
  • New processes and strategies after a review of the service
  • Implementing change and making it work
  • Reviewing performance and building for the future

Richard Stacey, Assistant Network Manager, Hertfordshire County Council

15:05  Coffee and tea break

15:25  Resilience requirements in Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure-A Code of Practice
  • Resilient networks: not just your winter service network (recommendations 6,12,20
  • Influencing maintenance service levels and investment planning (recommendations 20,30 and 31)
  • Integrating risk and asset management in a risk-based approach (recommendations 3,7,14,23 and 25)
  • Sustainability and climate change adaptation (recommendations 3, 21, 22, 32, 33, 34 and 35)

Andrew Warrington, Associate Director, Transportation, Atkins

15:55  Salt supply challenges and opportunities
  • Salt supply logistics, challenges and opportunities
  • Winter 2017/18 review
  • Overcoming haulage issues and logistics

Philip Burgess, Executive Director, Salt Association

16:20  Applying the risk-based approach to winter service
  Speaker TBA

16:45  Close Day one
  Drinks reception in exhibition hall
  Cold Comfort 2018 dinner
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Day Two: 17th May 2018

09:00  Registration, Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing

10:30  Introduction and Welcome
       Adrian Tatum, Events Producer & Head of Content, Highways magazine & Transport Network

10:35  Life in the Red Zone: Somerset’s response to the March 2018 severe weather
       • The red zone-preparing a response
       • Implementing the response
       • Monitoring and measuring performance
       David Peake, Highway Service Manager & Karin Harwood, Service Manager, Somerset County Council

11:00  Dealing with the Beast from the East-a Suffolk Highways response
       • Monitoring weather and assessing conditions
       • Planning a response from the Beast from the East
       • Implementing the response strategy
       John Clements, Head of Infrastructure Management, Suffolk Highways

11:25  Tea and coffee break

11:45  The challenge of managing severe weather: the private sector view
       • Contract requirements/client specification
       • Protocols and decision making
       • Plant and material usage
       • Our people-how we remain compliant with working time and statutory regulations
       Wayne Davison, Maintenance and Operations Manager, A-one+

12:05  Managing major events during severe weather
       • Planning for severe weather during major sporting and music events
       • Communicating the stadium’s message and co-ordinating with other regional stakeholders
       • Preparing the stadium and making it safe
       Alan Pickering, Deputy Facilities/Energy Manager, Ricoh Arena

12:25  An update on drivers hours and other regualtions
       Speakers TBA

13:15  Lunch and exhibition viewing & close of day two

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and many more.

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