

# HAUC (UK) Report

**HAUC Working Group:** SROH Working Group

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**Strategic Objective of Working Group:** Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition – Produce 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Project Plan and Progress Update

<b>Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make the document clearer, less open to misinterpretation</li> <li>✓ Fill any advice gaps</li> <li>✓ Reduce the level of prescription</li> <li>✓ Increase the palette of permitted materials</li> <li>✓ Make the document more open to innovation</li> <li>✓ Ensure it is fair to authorities and utilities</li> <li>✓ Ensure its requirements are achievable and verifiable</li> </ul>			
Task	Progress Update	Due Date	Responsible
Produce 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition	WP work completed – now awaiting publication by DfT	Published May 2020, for coming-into-effect May 2021	DfT, Arup AECOM and SROH WP

<b>Objective:</b> Asphalt and Innovation Focus Groups (SROH Sub Groups)			
Task	Progress Update	Due Date	Responsible
Formulation of 2 sub-groups to look at Asphalt related matters and Innovation	<p>These groups met on a number of occasions in 2018 under Arup-AECOM specialists' chairmanship. Outputs fed into Consultation document (of 2018H1).</p> <p>Post-Consultation changes made by Arup AECOM with WP input.</p>	Complete	Arup AECOM, joint Chairs and fuller WP post-Consultation.

## Impact on HAUC (UK) Strategic Aims

Strategic Aim	Summary of Impact	Action Needed
Communications	HAUC community needs to know programme for consultation and implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectively industry has a 12-months period (ahead of May 2021) for introduction of the new 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.</li> <li>• Working Party seeking to produce Review Pack for industry briefing by close-January 2021</li> </ul>
Performance	All changes should be beneficial to the overall performance of reinstatements	

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Safety	Any changes in materials, working practices and equipment should not put operatives or the public at increased risk	Safety WP believed to have responded to the consultation.
Skills & Training	Any changes to the specification will require training of operatives. Any changes in approved equipment and materials will need time to procure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12-month coming-into-force period, greater than normal 6-months, but have to consider CV-19 restrictions in how industry is trained in the field (over and above T&amp;A implications).</li> <li>Working Party seeking to produce Review Pack for industry briefing by close-January 2021</li> </ul>
Systems	Potential that new methodology may have an impact on registration of works	Consider likely impact on Street Manager
Technology & Innovation	New and ongoing editions to have ability to accommodate changes in material plant and equipment in a more fluid and efficient time frame.	<p><b>UNCHANGED:</b> DfT to continue to explore this functionality.</p> <p>An original consideration was ability to make regular changes to the SROH CoP, rather than use HAUC Advice Note vehicle, or await periodic full revision.</p> <p>Joint chairs have not had further updates on this DfT prospect in recent months.</p>

### Link to other HAUC Work Streams

HAUC Group	Subject	Action Needed
Inspections	Terminology	Alignment of terminology used in both SROH and Inspections CoP reviews
Training and Accreditation	New materials, methods and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of training modules to accommodate any new materials and practices</li> <li>Discussions with T&amp;AWG not yet commenced post-Publication</li> </ul>
Safety CoP	Review for any impact	Safety WP believed to have responded to the consultation.
Co-ordination	Certain materials used will need to be noted at registration	Review new edition identify materials and where used, consult with Co-ordination WG.

### Finance Update (if applicable)

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Category	£ Spent to Date	% of Total	On Track?	Notes

### Key Milestone Plan

Milestone	Due Date	Status
Phase 1 Scoping	January 2018	Complete
Phase 2 Doing	October 2018	Complete
Phase 3 Finalising	December 2018	Complete
Phase 4 Consultation and review	January - May 2019	Complete
Phase 5- post-Consultation detailed review and final WP inputs	June 2019 – October 2019	A series of full DfT, Arup AECOM and WP meetings held through to October 2019, to ensure full analysis of consultation responses.
Publication and Implementation	Published May 2020, for coming-into-effect May 2021	A Q&A process for dealing with inbound Questions to the Working Party is being jointly framed up – this as some more detailed points might require DfT review (and onward for technical review through Aecom, as retained Consultancy).

### Membership of Group

Name	Representing	Position	Status
Colin Rivett	Wiltshire Council and JAG UK	HA Chair	Active
Emma Loach	Staffordshire CC	HA member	Active
Steve Pellatt	Hampshire CC	HA member	Active
Steve Hardman	Knowsley Council	HA member	Active
Paul Wilkins	LB Enfield	HA member	Active
Dean Howard	Swansea Council	HA member (Wales)	Active
Alan Rainford	Virgin Media	Utility Chair – Comms (also Wales/NI)	Active
Graham Bond	Wales and West Utilities	Utility member – Gas (also Wales)	Active
Gavin Jackson	Anglian Water	Utility member - Water	Active
<del>Dave Regan</del>	<del>Electricity North West</del>	<del>Utility member - Power</del>	<del>Inactive</del>
Kevin Skinner	Scottish Water	Utility member – Water (also Scotland)	Active
Barry Rainger	Thames Water	Utility member - Water	Active

### Additional Information

Per previous Updates: Longer Guarantee Period remains to be considered/decided by the Minister. The WP has no indication on this matter; last update from DfT was a

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repeat of previous advice as to the matter being separate to the general SROH review, and a matter for Ministers.

Noted that Transport Scotland have stated the 6-year period in Scotland is expected to come into effect in 2023. Awaiting steer on how necessary SROR change requirements

### Next meeting

None scheduled – but dependent on drafting agreement (below), there may be a need to convene a WP WebEx.

Utilities-side have prepared a first-draft of a co-ordinated Overview for Industry prior to Implementation. Currently with joint-chairs for review.

Utilities will certainly prepare a similar document for training and awareness.