



### **HTMA update and new road space utilisation tool**

The Term Community Board welcomed George Lee, Chief Executive of the Highway Term Maintenance Contractors Association to its March meeting. George outlined the changes that had been made to the way the HTMA operated.

The previous HTMA Working Group structure had been replaced with Advisory Groups which will advise the HTMA Committee Board on major issues affecting the sector - based on this information the HTMA Committee Board would look to commission up to four sector specific strategic projects per year. HTMA sees these projects as an opportunity to promote further cross sector collaboration with relevant stakeholders being invited to participate in the project teams.

One current HTMA project is a 'road space utilisation tool', based on an Excel spreadsheet which takes four stakeholder standards into account: value for money, safety, environment and public perception, when identifying the best option for carrying out works (closure/night working/traffic control). HTMA is keen to trial the tool and would welcome comments from local highway authorities on its usefulness.

If you are interested in trialling the tool or finding out more about it contact [peter.barclay@leics.gov.uk](mailto:peter.barclay@leics.gov.uk) or [George.lee@htma.info](mailto:George.lee@htma.info)