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# 2013 ALARM survey – highlights

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- **£10.5 billion would be needed to bring their roads back into reasonable condition**
- **Average time to clear the backlog of highways repairs is 11 years**

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- Jan/Feb 2013 - levels of maintenance activity and funding and the impact on planned maintenance - covers councils in Eng/Wales and 75% of councils completed returns
- a snapshot of the general condition of the local road network based on information provided directly by those responsible for its maintenance.

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- average LA budget for highway maintenance in England (excluding London) - 10% rise on last year, following an 11% fall the previous year
- London during Olympics increased by 30% and in Wales by 22%.
- Issues around annually set budgets
- 98% said longer term funding would help efficiency and provide a more durable network.
- optimum funding term 53% - 5 years, 32% - 10 years or longer.

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- Climate change - 59% said that some part of the fabric of their road network had been badly affected by 2012's extreme rainfall
- In England (excluding London), the cost of the damage caused was estimated at an average of £3.9 million per authority

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- One in five local authority roads across England is reported to be in poor condition - having less than five years' remaining life.
- Wales, where on average, 17 %of roads are in poor condition.
- England/Wales, 44% of roads in good condition, i.e. 15 years or more residual life,
- 36% are in adequate condition, with between five and 15 years of residual life

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- over 60%, responding to the survey use the guideline depth of 40mm for the definition of a pothole on their network.
- Some authorities use shallower or deeper measurements to define a pothole
- A greater number in London reporting that they define potholes shallower than 40mm
- In Wales, where more authorities use a depth of 50mm or more as their definition.

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- The average cost of filling a pothole has risen slightly to £58
- Only roads in London came close to that which is considered the ideal frequency of road resurfacing, between 10 and 20 years, while the wait for rural roads to be resurfaced has increased significantly. The average, across all classes of roads, is 54 years.



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- On average 80% of utility openings are completed in accordance with legislation
- Estimated that 15% of the budget is spent on premature maintenance due to reinstatement of utility openings.

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- Number of compensation claims due to poor road condition increased substantially from an average of 251 claims per LA in 2012 to 363.
- However, average in Wales decreased from 170 claims a year to 80, notes the report.
- England lowest amounts paid out (outside London) average about £440, compared with £1,500 in London and £1,000 in Wales.
- LA outside London and Wales receive much higher number of claims: average of 452, compared with 300.

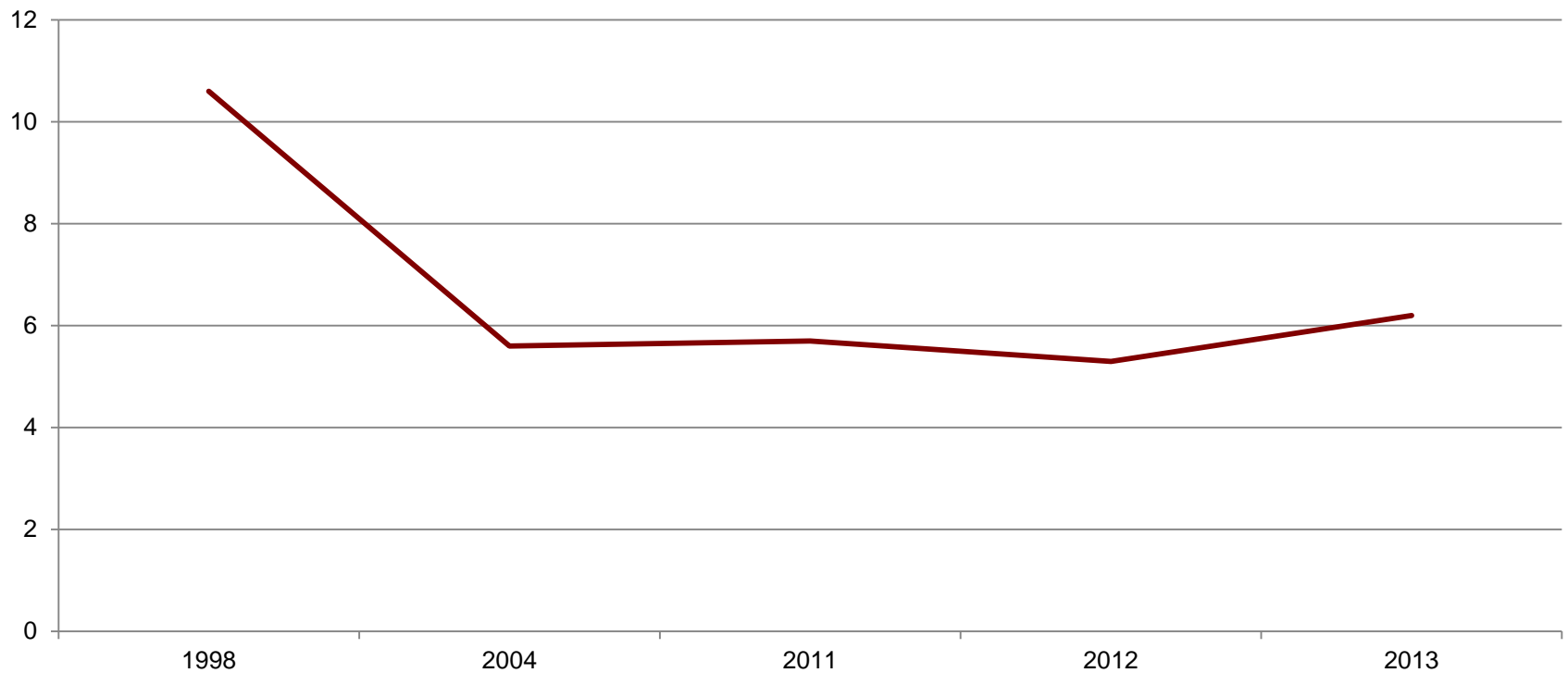
Government Region

	<b>E Midlands</b>	<b>W Midlands</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>York/Humb</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Wales</b>	<b>England</b>
<b>Miles of LA road</b>	19,336	20,146	22,554	19,621	10,007	<b>20,933</b>	
<b>No. of licensed cars</b>	2.2m	2.8m	3m	2.2m	1m	<b>1.4m</b>	
<b>Est. time to clear backlog</b>	11 yrs	8 yrs	12 yrs	11 yrs	11 yrs	<b>14 yrs</b>	<b>12 yrs</b>
<b>One-off “catch-up” cost to clear backlog, avge per LA</b>	£98m	£41.5m	£79m	£95.5m	£39.5m	<b>£21.5m</b>	<b>£69m</b>
<b>Frequency of resurfacing, all road classes</b>	65 yrs	52 yrs	60 yrs	42 yrs	39 yrs	<b>107 yrs</b>	<b>54 yrs</b>
<b>No. of potholes filled over last year, avge per LA</b>	8,774	14,802	22,347	18,324	9,068	<b>7,082</b>	<b>16,041</b>

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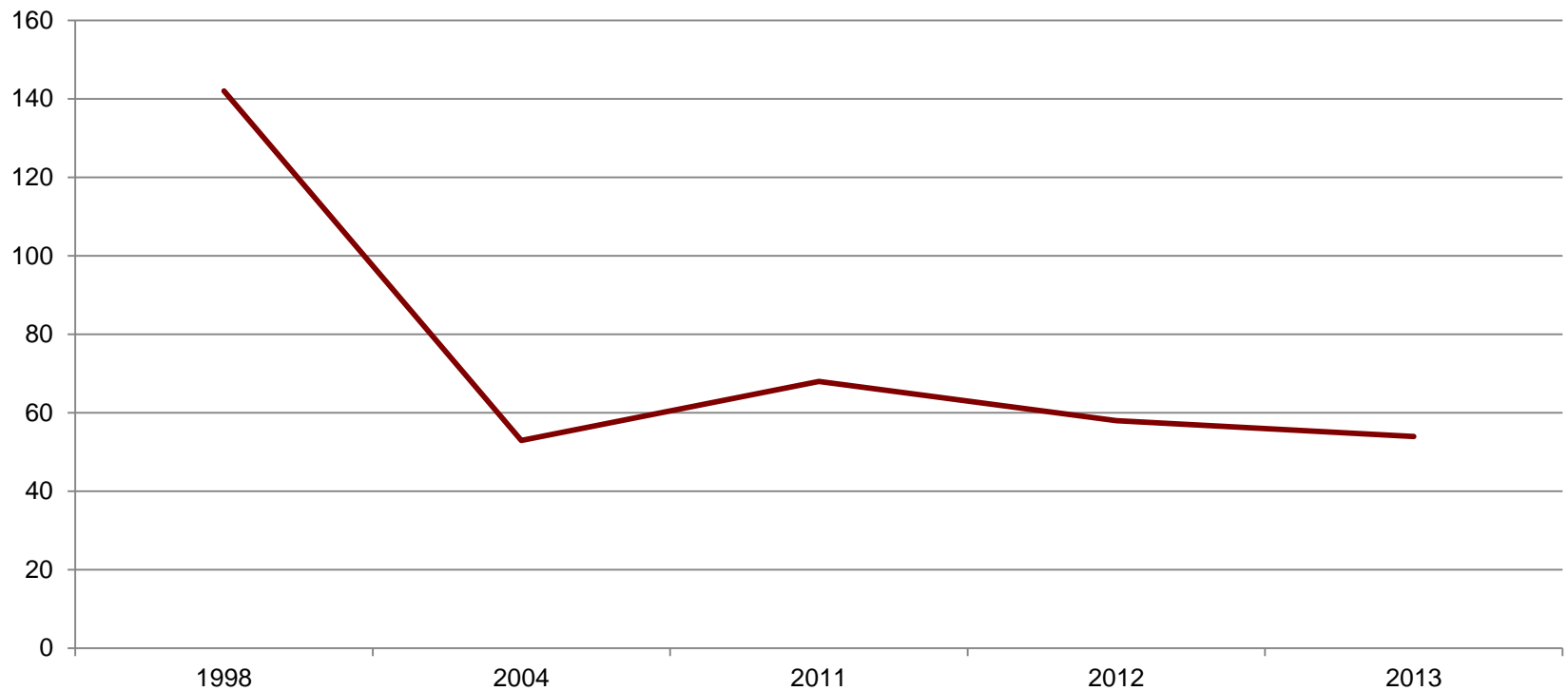
## Avge annual budget shortfall per LA - England



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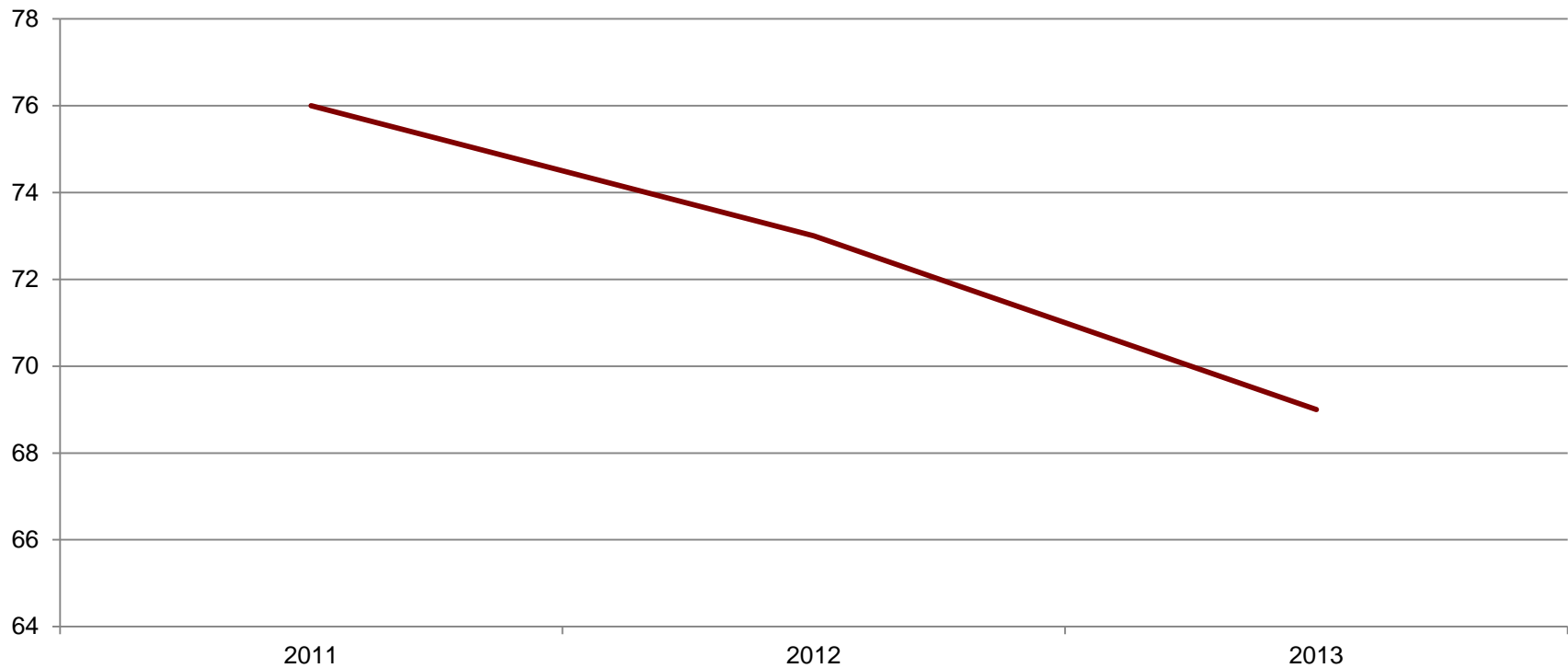
## Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes) - England



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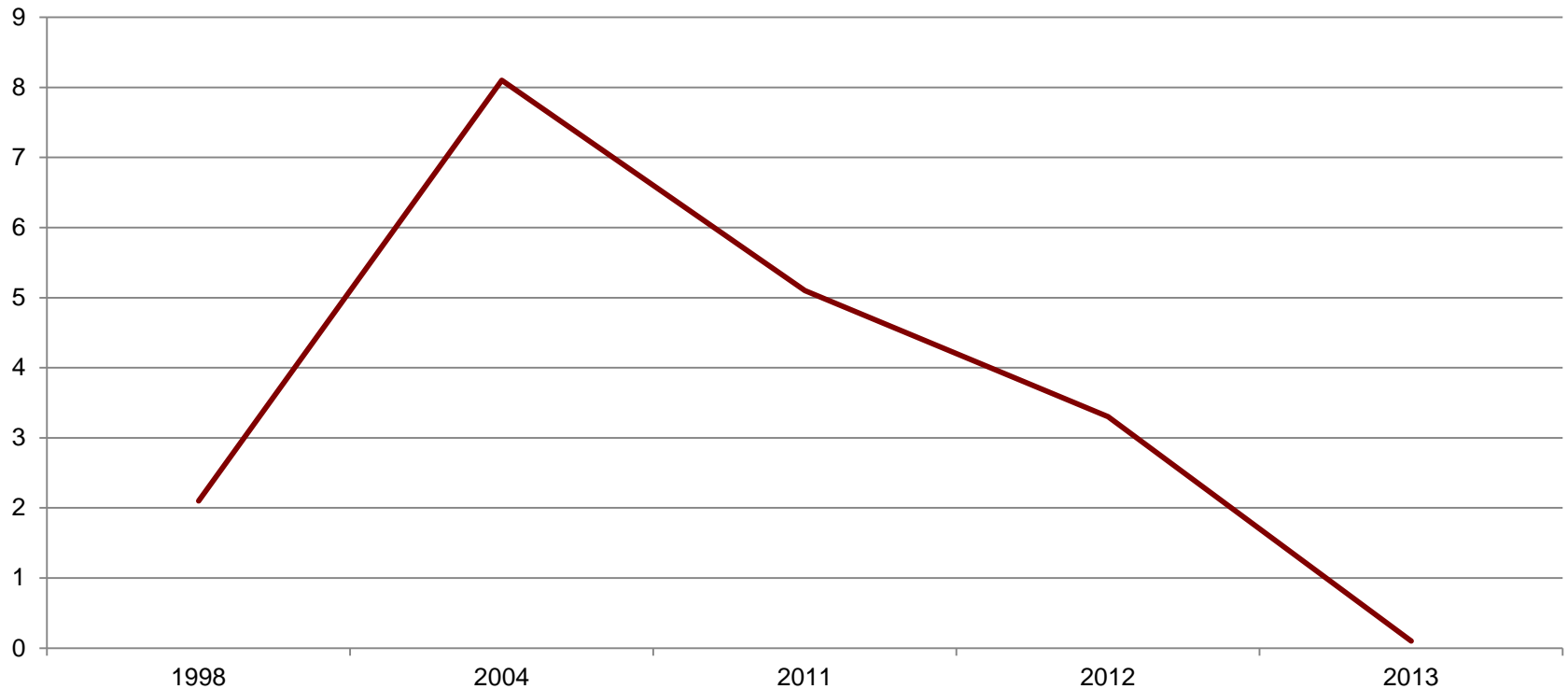
Est one-time catch-up cost per LA (£m) - England



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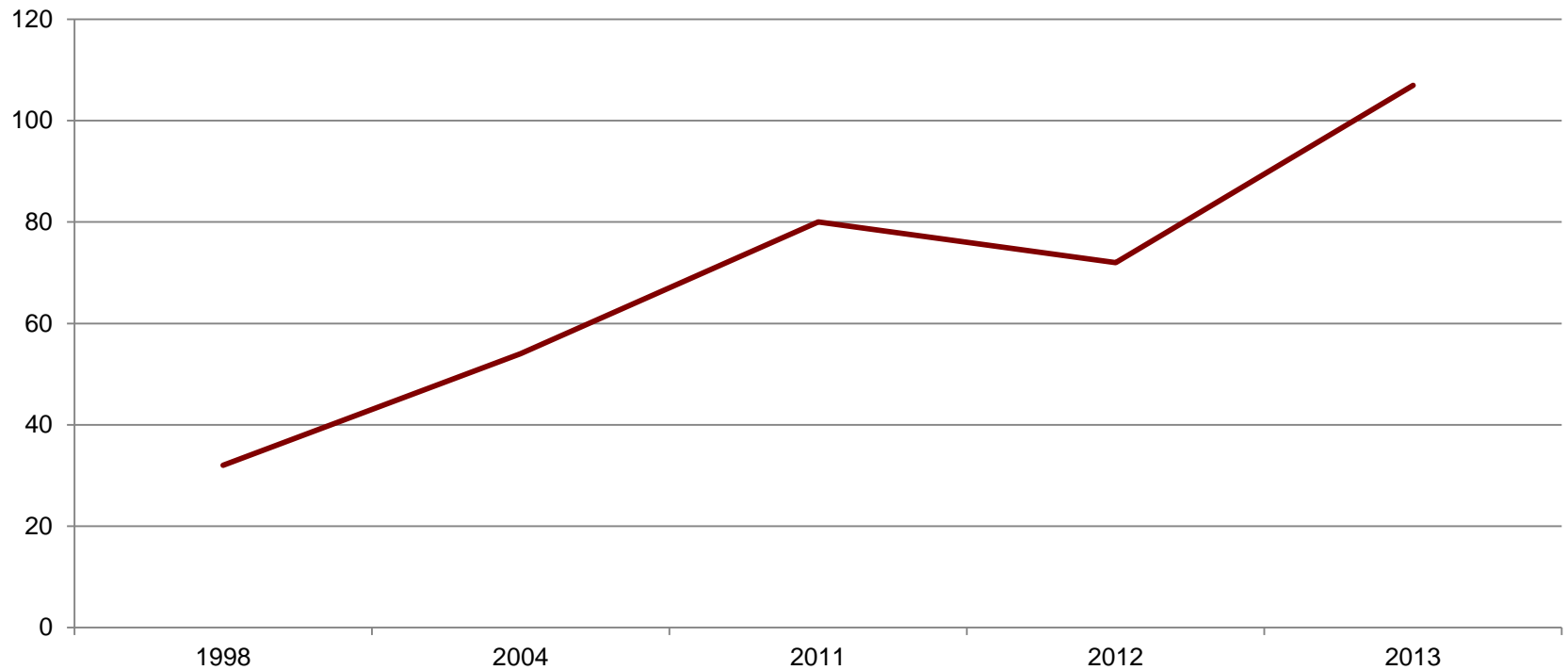
Avge annual budget shortfall per LA - Wales



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## Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes) - Wales





# ALARM survey - conclusions



- Survey average figures, many variables
- AIA – its about the money
- HMEP – wider management factors
  
- Capacity
- Five years down the line?



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