

Lancashire County Council

Hyndburn Three Tier Forum

Wednesday, 9th April, 2014 at 6.00 pm in Queen Elizabeth Room, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington

Agenda

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| 1. | Protocol on Public Speaking.
A copy of the agreed Protocol in relation to public speaking at meetings of the Forum is attached for information. | (Pages 1 - 2) |
| 2. | Apologies. | |
| 3. | Note of Last Meeting. | (Pages 3 - 14) |
| 4. | Action Sheet update from Last Meeting. | (Pages 15 - 20) |
| 5. | Review of 3 Tier Forums.
An update on the current position in relation to the review of 3 Tier Forums will be presented at the meeting. | Oral report |
| 6. | 2013/14 Quarter 3 Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard.
The Dashboard details the performance of the Directorate between October and December, 2013 in relation to delivery of the approved Hyndburn Commissioning Plan for 2013/14. | (Pages 21 - 22) |
| 7. | 2014/15 Environment Capital Programme.
The list of capital schemes to be delivered in Hyndburn in 2014/15 is attached. | (Pages 23 - 24) |
| 8. | Minimum unit price for alcohol for Lancashire.
A briefing paper will be provided explaining the concept and also highlighting issues around alcohol in Hyndburn | (Pages 25 - 30) |

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9. Tour de France. (Pages 31 - 34)

The first two stages of the Tour-De-France will be held in the Pennine area of Yorkshire on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July, 2014. On both days the event will pass close to the Lancashire Boundary and the attached report outlines what the County Council is doing to manage traffic issues connected with the event.

10. Item raised by member of the Forum Oral report

Recycling in schools across the County (Councillor Paul Cox).

11. 2014/15 Programme of meetings

As this is the last scheduled meeting of the Forum consideration has been given to potential dates for a programme of meetings for 2014/15. Using the existing programme as a starting point potential dates have been discussed with Officers in the Environment Directorate and at the Borough Council and the following dates are presented for consideration.

Wednesday 3rd September 2014
Wednesday 26th November 2014
Wednesday 8th April 2015

All meetings to be held at 6.00pm in the Queen Elizabeth Room at Scaitcliffe House, Ormrod Street, Accrington.

12. Themes for future meetings.

Any suggestions for themes to be discussed at future meetings should be forwarded to the Chair and Mark Wardale, Localities Officer, Environment Directorate, Strategy and Policy, Lancashire County Council. Mobile 07919 227424 or by email to mark.wardale@lancashire.gov.uk

13. Urgent Business.

An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

No. Item

14. Date of Next Meeting.

Subject to the agreement of the Forum the next meeting will be held at 6.00pm on the 3rd September 2014 in the Queen Elizabeth Room at Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston

Agenda Item 1

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Hyndburn Three Tier Forum

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Present:

Chair

Councillor H Grayson, Hyndburn Borough Council

Forum Members

County Councillor P Britcliffe, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor M Dad, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor C Pritchard, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor B Dawson, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor G Molineux, Lancashire County Council
Councillor J Smith, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor M Haworth, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor P Barton, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor P Cox, Hyndburn Borough Council
Councillor R Pinder - representing Altham Parish Council

Also in attendance

County Councillor D Borrow, Deputy Leader, Lancashire County Council.
Mr G Graham, Deputy County Treasurer, Lancashire County Council.
Mr M Hudson, Head of Planning, Lancashire County Council, Environment Directorate.
Mr M Wardale, Locality Officer, Lancashire County Council, Environment Directorate.
Mr M Neville, Senior Committee Support Officer, Lancashire County Council, Office of the Chief Executive.

1. Appointment of Chair

Agreed: That Councillor H Grayson is appointed as the Chair of the Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum.

2. Appointment of Deputy Chair

Agreed: That Councillor R Pinder is appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum.

3. Membership and Terms of Reference of the Forum

Mr Wardale reported that in accordance with the views expressed at the previous meeting regarding the future development of the Forum the Terms of Reference had been amended in order to enable public participation at meetings.

With regard to the suggested Protocol in relation to public speaking it was noted that speaking at meetings would be permitted on the basis of during each agenda item, for up to 3 minutes per person, to be managed by the Chair at their discretion. In response to a query regarding the statement in the Protocol that speeches by the public would not be

expected to be the subject of debate or that questions would be answered the Chair assured members of the Forum that he would manage any discussion and the public would receive a response to any points raised either at the meeting or by correspondence at a later date.

It was also suggested that consideration be given to future meetings being held at different locations across the Borough though there was general agreement, provided the meetings were advertised, that it was preferable for the Forum to continue to meet in Accrington.

Agreed:

1. That the membership of the Forum, as set out below, is noted.

Lancashire County Council	Hyndburn Borough Council
County Councillor P Britcliffe	Councillor P Barton
County Councillor M Dad	Councillor P Cox
County Councillor B Dawson	Councillor H Grayson
County Councillor G Molineux	Councillor M Haworth
County Councillor M Parkinson	Councillor B Roberts
County Councillor C Pritchard	Councillor J Smith

Altham Parish Council representative on the Forum - Parish Councillor R Pinder.

2. That public speaking at the Hyndburn Three Tier Forum is permitted on the following basis – on each agenda item, for up to 3 minutes per person, to be managed by the Chair at their discretion and in accordance with the 'Protocol on Public Speaking' a copy of which is attached as an Annex to this Note.
3. That the decision set out at 2 above be incorporated into the Terms of Reference for the Hyndburn Three Tier Forum as set out below.
 - a) The Forum is a joint business meeting of County, District, and Town and Parish Councillors, open to the public.
 - b) The membership of the Forum will be all local County Councillors with an Electoral Division within the District and an equal number of District Councillors appointed by the District Council, and one Parish/Town Council representative nominated from the Parish Councils within the District area. District Councils and the Parish/Town Councils can nominate deputies or replacements in accordance with their own procedures. The officer(s) supporting the meeting must be notified of any changes prior to a meeting. Political balance rules do not apply to the Three Tier Forum, although districts may follow these for their nominations.
 - c) The Forum will discuss issues that are of joint interest across the three levels of local government in the area. Agenda items will focus on strategic issues relating to all local councils in the area.

- d) Any member of the Forum can request that an item is considered at a future meeting of the Forum. The Chair is responsible for agreeing the agenda and deciding whether an issue raised by a member will appear on an agenda. Where issues are raised that do not fall within the remit of the Forum these will be dealt with via the appropriate mechanism.
- e) *Public speaking is permitted on the following basis - on each agenda item up to 3 minutes per person at discretion of the Chair*
- f) The Chair is responsible for managing the debate at the meeting. The Chair's ruling on any aspect of a member of the Forums right to speak will be final. Members who persistently ignore the ruling of the Chair may after being warned, be asked to leave the room for the duration of the meeting.
- g) Decisions of the Forum should be by consensus wherever possible. In the event that a consensus cannot be reached, decisions are by simple 'show of hands' majority with the Chair having a casting vote.
- h) The Forum is not a formal committee of County, District or Parish Councils, therefore Access to Information provisions do not apply. However, as they are public meetings, agendas and minutes will be available on the County Council's website and by request can be obtained in person at County Hall, Preston.
- i) The Chair and Deputy will be elected at the Annual Meeting from amongst the membership of the Forum. Should a vacancy arise during the year, a new Chair or Deputy will be elected. A Chair or Deputy may be removed from their position by a vote of the Forum.
- j) The Forum will meet 3 times a year, one of which will be the Annual Meeting. The Forum does not have the authority to establish sub groups or working groups. From April 2014, the Annual Meeting will be the first meeting of the Forum after the County Council's AGM.
- k) Urgent business is allowed, with the consent of the Chair. Any member wishing to raise a matter of urgent business should advise the Chair via the officer support for the Forum as soon as possible.
- l) The "Protocol on Public Speaking at Three Tier Forums" applies.

4. Apologies

Apologies for absence were presented from Councillor B Roberts and County Councillor M Parkinson.

The Chair informed the meeting that he intended to take item 8 on the agenda after item 5 so that the presenting Officer could then leave the meeting.

5. Lancashire County Council Budget

County Councillor Borrow presented a detailed report regarding the above and informed the meeting over the coming years the County Council would continue to face significant financial challenges and that in addition to the £217m of savings which the County Council had already delivered a further £300m would need to be found.

As a result the County Council had adopted a structured approach which was intended to secure around £300m of savings over the next four years and included a review of planning assumptions/forecasts in the light of more recent information which had resulted in a reduction of £16.7m. In addition engagement with staff through the '10% Challenge' had identified further efficiencies which had generated £19.1m of savings and a review of other costs within the business which had identified savings of £17.4m. The Forum was informed that the County Council's Cabinet had approved a consultation on a number of policy options and proposals for reshaping the way in which savings are delivered. Proposals for reshaping services totalling £32.3m had been put forward for consultation as had policy options totalling £30m. However, it was noted that there was still a gap of £26.8m in 2014/15 and that Officers had been asked to develop options to meet the remainder of these savings requirements.

County Councillor Borrow reported that the intention was for the County Council to agree a balanced budget for 2014/15 which would then enable attention to be directed towards a more significant restructuring of the County Council in order to achieve the budget levels that were required moving forwards to 2017/18.

In considering the report the following comments were made by members of the Forum.

- In response to a query regarding the County Councils decision to implement the Living Wage it was confirmed that any potential impact would be mitigated by the phased introduction of the Living Wage from 2014/15 onwards .
- Subsidised bus services were discussed and in response to concerns regarding the potential impact of certain services being lost it was reported that in the future the County Council would be seeking to develop contracts with operators so that profitable routes would help to maintain services on less profitable routes. It was also proposed to increase funding for community transport schemes which would assist vulnerable people by providing door to door transport.

Agreed: That the comments of the Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum, as set out above are forwarded to the County Treasurer for consideration as part of the process of finalising the County Councils budget proposals for 2014/15.

6. Draft East Lancashire Highways and Transportation Masterplan - consultation

Mr M Hudson, Head of Planning from the County Councils Environment Directorate, gave a presentation in connection with the consultation on the draft East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan.

When considering the draft plan members of the Forum made the following comments.

- It was noted that the Central Lancashire Masterplan had been a key element in securing funding via the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal which would enable significant contributions to be secured from public and private sources.
- In response to a query regarding competition for available capital funding from other parts of the County Mr Hudson noted that the success of other areas such as Central Lancashire to secure funding from private developer sources offered the prospect for significant funding for the right infrastructure projects to be available to areas where developer funding would be more difficult to come by.
- A request was made for implementation of the Whinney Hill Link Road to be progressed as it was felt that in addition to waste/mineral extraction developments the Link Road would also assist with future housing and employment developments in the Borough. Mr Hudson acknowledged that the Borough Councils Chief Planning and Transportation Officer had made a similar comment and the County Council would continue to work with the Borough Council and developers with a view to securing funding for the Link Road which would be the real determining factor for progressing the scheme.
- Concern was expressed regarding the quality of rolling stock for some rail services in the Borough and the number/quality of existing diesel units which would become available for use on the Todmorden Curve following the electrification of lines in the North West. In response Mr Hudson stated that Officers would be in discussions with Department for Transport and operators as part of the proposed connectivity study regarding the quality of current and future rolling stock/units.
- Reference was made to the need to review connection times between rail services as arrival/departure times for some services coincided and did not allow passengers sufficient time to transfer for an onward journey. It was suggested that minor amendments to timetables could make a significant difference for passengers in the future

Agreed: That the comments of the Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum as set out above are referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation and taken into account when consideration is given to finalising the East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan.

7. Note of Last Meeting.

Agreed: That the Note of the meeting held on the 4th September 2013 is confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

8. Action Sheet update from last meeting.

The following comments were made in relation to items on the Action Sheet.

- It was noted that the 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Oswalds RC Primary School and St Peters CE Primary School in Accrington was now in place and would be monitored for a period of 3 months before its effectiveness was evaluated. Concern was expressed that the issue at the schools was related to the volume of traffic rather than speed and it was suggested that if the evaluation did not indicate an improvement

then the Area Committee may consider funding some physical traffic calming measures.

- The repair of potholes was discussed and it was suggested that Officers investigate the condition of the carriageway along the Cranbrook Avenue in Oswaldtwistle, together with potholes in Paddock Lane/New Lane, where it was suggested that poor quality materials/workmanship had resulted in additional repairs being required.
- It was noted that in future the Forum would receive information regarding pothole repairs in such a way as to show both those identified by Highway Safety Inspections and by the public via PEMS which was hoped would provide a more realistic picture.
- Concern was expressed in relation to the condition of the carriageway on Burnley Road where initial resurfacing work had been undertaken but subsequent poor weather had meant it had not been completed. It was reported that the temporary surface was now deteriorating and members of the Forum asked for the carriageway to be resurfaced and the white lining reintroduced as soon as possible.

County Councillor P Britcliffe and M Haworth left the meeting at this point due to another commitment.

- It was noted that Officers had been unable to identify the blocked drain in the Church Kirk area and Councillor Smith undertook to investigate the matter and advise the Superintendent.
- It was noted that a proposed one way system at Fern Gore would need to be considered as a possible future scheme.
- Several members of the Forum expressed their concern regarding the location of a pedestrian crossing on Milnshaw Lane in Accrington which was felt was causing traffic to back up on the roundabout towards King Street.
- A request was made for the Martholme Viaduct to be reopened as a public footpath and it was suggested that this should be considered as an item for discussion at the next meeting.
- Reference was made to the discussion at the last meeting in relation to the Walton Arms junction and concern was expressed that the statement in the Action Sheet regarding the lack of Police support for traffic signals contradicted information which the Parish Council had received from a Police Officer. It was noted that the Parish Council had also raised concerns with the Borough Council regarding traffic on the A678 and the need to upgrade the junction with the business park access road.
- There was also disappointment in connection with the lack of progress by the County Councils Legal Services with regard to encroachment onto County Council land at Whinney Hill by local residents.

Agreed:

1. That the above comments in relation to the updates set out in the Action Sheet are noted and where appropriate further responses are provided to members of the Forum.

2. That with regard to the Walton Arms junction the Locality Officer is requested to arrange a meeting between Councillor R Pinder, an Officer from the Environment Directorate Highways Section and representatives from the local Police in order to discuss the current traffic conditions and potential improvements, including the introduction of traffic signals.
3. That in view of the lack of progress to date the County Councils Legal Services is requested to provide the Forum with a timescale regarding action to be taken to resolve the current encroachment onto County Council land at Whinney Hill by local residents.

9. 2013/14 Quarter 2 Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard

Mr Wardale informed the meeting that with regard to the performance figures for pothole repairs in future the information would be presented in terms of absolute numbers of potholes that were reported/fixed within a given period, including both those identified as the result of Highways Safety inspections and reported by the public via PEMS.

In response to a query regarding illegal tobacco sales it was noted that any concerns should be reported to the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0845 4040506.

Concern was expressed in relation to young people working in certain retail businesses who were not paid minimum wage and it was suggested that any information should be passed to HM Revenue and Customs Service

Agreed: That the updates set out on the Quarter 2 Dashboard are noted.

10. 2014/15 Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan for Hyndburn

A list of potential schemes which could be funded from the Hyndburn allocation of £110,314 within the 2014/15 capital programme Local Priorities Response Fund was presented, together with an estimated cost and technical ranking for each scheme.

In considering the list some members of the Forum queried the requirement to resurface one of the roads mentioned as it was felt that similar works had been undertaken previously. Reference was also made to the comment that the proposed scheme for improvements to footpaths on Blackburn Road in Accrington would need 'to tie in with Pennine Reach' and clarification was sought as to whether that project should fund the scheme or could delay its implementation if the Forum were to recommend it for approval.

There was little support for the scheme to refurbish highways and footways in the Woodnook area in Accrington as the estimated cost of the scheme would require more than double the entire allocation for Hyndburn.

The scheme to resurface Livingston Road in Accrington was discussed and it was suggested that the funding for the single scheme could be used to do similar work on a number of alternative streets in the area. However, it was recognised that the condition of the road in the vicinity of the football ground had previously been identified by the Forum

as a priority and so it was felt that the proposed scheme should be recommended for approval.

Concern was expressed about the potential for overspend on any of the schemes which may be recommended for approval and it was noted that the estimated costs would take account of some overspend. It was also suggested that in the event of any funds for Hyndburn being unallocated that they should be attached to a particular scheme held in reserve which could then be fully or partially funded using the remaining allocation together with any additional funding which may become available due to underspends on the approved schemes.

Agreed: That after considering all of the potential schemes set out in the report the Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum makes the following recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation for approval in relation to the 2014/15 capital programme.

1. That the following schemes are considered as top priorities for funding from the Local Priorities Response Fund allocation of £110,314.
 - Resurfacing of Livingston Road, Accrington in the vicinity of the football ground. (£41,825)
 - Improvements to footpaths along Fairclough Road in Accrington. (£29,875)
2. That the scheme to improve footpaths along Blackburn Road, Accrington, from Portland Street to Hartman Street (£35,850) is considered a priority for funding, subject to confirmation that the scheme could not be funded as part of the Pennine Reach project or have its implementation delayed by that project.
3. That, in the event of the schemes listed at 1 and 2 above being approved the remaining allocation of £2,764, together with any funding which may become available as a result of underspends on the above schemes, be used to partially or fully fund safety improvements in the vicinity of the Post Office on the corner of High Street and George Street in Rishton (£11,950).
4. That the suggested schemes listed below be developed further with a view to them being included as priorities in a list of potential schemes for consideration in relation to funding from the 2015/16 Local Priorities Response Fund.
 - Carriageway resurfacing of various roads on the Laneside Estate in Accrington, including Ribblesdale Avenue (full length), Hawthorn Avenue, Heywood Road and Malborough Road.
 - Footpath improvements on Chestnut Grove and Beech Grove.

Councillor P Barton left the meeting at this point.

11. Items raised by members of the Forum

a) The condition of footways in the Milnshaw area.

Councillor Cox informed the meeting that the footpaths identified on the plan presented were not the ones which he had raised concerns about at the previous meeting. He added

that the footpaths which required attention were in an area bounded by Lancaster Avenue, Queens Road West, Gloucester Avenue and Pansy Street where some footpaths had deteriorated over time whilst others had not been properly reinstated following work by a utility company.

Agreed:

1. That the Locality Officer arranges a meeting between the Public Realm Manager and Councillor Cox to investigate the condition of carriageways and footways within the area specified above and consider what improvements are required.
2. That where appropriate the utility company be pursued with a view to securing the necessary resources to reinstate the footways to the standard required by the County Council.

b) Update on Pennine Reach.

Mr Wardale informed the meeting that the Pennine Reach scheme had received full approval from the Government at the end of September 2013. The £40 million joint scheme would be jointly funded by the Government (£31.9 million) the County Council (£2.9 million) with the balance being met by Blackburn with Darwen Council together with some developer contributions via Section 106 Agreements. It was noted that some small scale works had commenced with the widening of Park Road in Great Harwood due to be completed later in the week and clarification was sought in relation to the timescale for the more significant works planned for the area in the future in order to minimise disruption to a major event in the area.

Agreed: That the Forum continues to be kept informed of developments regarding the implementation of the Pennine Reach Scheme.

c) Use of 0845 telephone numbers to access County Council services.

It was reported that in the future the County Council would be switching its contact numbers from 0845 to 0300 which would effectively reduce the cost for the public when contacting the Council by effectively making all landline calls local calls. However, there was still some concern that calls from mobile phones would not be charged at the lower rate.

Agreed: That the report is noted.

d) Unauthorised school absences.

Members of the Forum discussed the ability of schools to fine parents who took their children out of school during term time. It was noted that parents could be exempt from such a fine in 'special circumstances' though there was concern that there was a lack of

clarity as to what constituted such circumstances and that as a result the policy may not be applied equally across the Borough.

Agreed: That the members of the Forum provide the Chair with any examples they may have of circumstances where parents have been fined for taking their children out of school in order that he can compose a letter to Michael Gove MP highlighting concerns and seeking clarification about what would constitute 'special circumstances'.

12. Themes for future meetings.

With reference to the request earlier in the meeting for consideration to be given to reopening the Martholme Viaduct it was reported that the creation of a footpath, bridleway and cycleway (Greenway) along the length of the former Great Harwood to Burnley project, including Martholme Viaduct, had been considered by the Ribble Valley Lancashire Local as part of the Padiham by-pass to Gooseleach Wood section of the Greenway.

At that time the scheme had not progressed due to objections from private landowners who owned sections of the former railway leading up to the Viaduct. However, it was suggested that circumstances may have changed which would enable the Viaduct to be reopened and so officers were asked to explore the possibility and report back

Agreed: That a report be presented to the next meeting of the Forum regarding the current position on the creation of a footpath, bridleway and cycleway (Greenway) along the length of the former Great Harwood to Burnley and in particular the Padiham by-pass to Gooseleach Wood section which would involve the reopening of the Martholme Viaduct.

13. Urgent Business.

There were no items of urgent business for discussion at the meeting.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

It was noted that the next schedule meeting of the Forum would be held at 6pm on the 9th April 2014 in the Queen Elizabeth Room at Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington.

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Hyndburn Three Tier Forum: Action Sheet

Meeting Date: 11th December 2013

Action	Lead Officer	Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)
<p>Durham Drive Now the work is to start on site (subject to any objections) CC Dad has asked he be kept updated on any delays to the scheme and the reasons for them (if any)</p>	<p>Oliver Starkey LCC</p>	<p>No comment required unless there is any delay to the scheme I'm advised that there is no envisaged delay to this scheme</p>
<p>St Oswald's RC Primary School and St Peters CE Primary School in Accrington It was noted that the 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Oswald's RC Primary School and St Peters CE Primary School in Accrington was now in place and would be monitored for a period of 3 months before its effectiveness was evaluated. Concern was expressed that the issue at the schools was related to the volume of traffic rather than speed and it was suggested that if the evaluation did not indicate an improvement then the Area Committee may consider funding some physical traffic calming measures. The Forum to be advised of the results of the monitoring of the 20 MPH area</p>	<p>Paul Binks LCC</p>	<p>This issue will be passed onto colleagues and any monitoring results will be provided to the Forum</p>
<p>Potholes The repair of potholes was discussed and it was suggested that Officers investigate the condition of the carriageway along Cranbrook Avenue in Oswaldtwistle together with potholes in Paddock Lane/New Lane where it was suggested that poor quality materials/workmanship had resulted in additional repairs being required.</p>	<p>Oliver Starkey LCC</p>	<p>Officers met with CC Britcliffe on site on 27th January 2014 to discuss these issues and I am advised that any outstanding issues will be resolved</p>

Action	Lead Officer	Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)
<p>Burnley Road Resurfacing Concern was expressed in relation to the condition of the carriageway on Burnley Road where initial resurfacing work had been undertaken but subsequent poor weather had meant it had not been completed. It was reported that the temporary surface was now deteriorating and members of the Forum asked for the carriageway to be resurfaced and the white lining reintroduced as soon as possible.</p>	Oliver Starkey LCC	<p>The work on this scheme is now complete including the white lining. The surface used is not a temporary surface but is micro asphalt a treatment selected by Highways</p> <p>The hand finished work (hatching, H-bars etc.) is being completed. This was due to be undertaken at the end of January but with the inclement weather there may well be a slight delay , the issue is that the ground needs to be dry as we are unable to heat the micro asphalt to dry it as can be done with other materials.</p>
<p>Pedestrian crossing on Milnshaw Lane Several members of the Forum expressed their concern regarding the location of a pedestrian crossing on Milnshaw Lane in Accrington which was felt was causing traffic to back up on the roundabout towards King Street.</p>	Oliver Starkey LCC	<p>This will be investigated and Members will be updated I am advised that this pedestrian crossing will contribute to pedestrian and road user road safety</p>
<p>Martholme Viaduct A request was made for the Martholme Viaduct to be reopened as a public footpath and it was suggested that this should be considered as an item for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	Andy Mullaney LCC	<p>Colleagues at LCC are looking to meet up with the owner of the caravan site a Mr Hanson to ascertain whether there has been a change of heart from him in allowing access to the Viaduct from the caravan site, there is however still concern about the cost of maintaining the Viaduct if this fell onto the County Council;</p> <p>The two gentlemen from the Rambling Club have now met with Mr Hanson who still feels he cannot allow access across his land for walkers following the route of the footpath, without his agreement it is unlikely any further progress can be made</p>
<p>Walton Arms Junction Reference was made to the discussion at the last meeting in relation to the Walton Arms junction and concern was expressed that the statement in the Action Sheet</p>	Oliver Starkey LCC	<p>A meeting between Councillor Pinder, officers from the Environment Directorate Highways Section and a representative from the Police took place on Wednesday 5th February to discuss the current traffic conditions and potential</p>

Action	Lead Officer	Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)
<p>regarding the lack of Police support for traffic signals contradicted information which the Parish Council had received from a Police Officer. It was noted that the Parish Council had also raised concerns with the Borough Council regarding traffic on the A678 and the need to upgrade the junction with the business park access road. That with regard to the Walton Arms junction the Locality Officer is requested to arrange a meeting between Councillor R Pinder, an Officer from the Environment Directorate Highways Section and representatives from the local Police in order to discuss the current traffic conditions and potential improvements, including the introduction of traffic signals.</p>		<p>improvements, including the introduction of traffic signals. There were two outcomes from the meeting; Long term. LCC will continue to be a consultee on planning applications and will use traffic impact assessments and highway expertise to determine what, if any, junction improvements may be necessary. It's up to HBC as the planning authority if they wish to include them as planning conditions. Short term. Matt Hargreaves (LCC) will look at the existing carriageway markings and see if they need to be refreshed/revised. Matt will arrange for speed monitoring devices to be installed on Altham Lane to determine if people are "speeding" there. Once we have that data it will be reported back to the 3TF along with Matt/Oliver's recommendations</p>
<p>Whinney Hill Land There was also disappointment in connection with the lack of progress by the County Councils Legal Services with regard to encroachment onto County Council land at Whinney Hill by local residents. That in view of the lack of progress to date the County Councils Legal Services is requested to provide the Forum with a timescale regarding action to be taken to resolve the current encroachment onto County Council land at Whinney Hill by local residents.</p>	<p>Mark Wardale LCC</p>	<p>I can advise the Forum that through our Property Group the following action was taken by our Legal Services. The people who had encroached onto LCC land were sent a letter on 23rd January 2014 advising them that they are trespassing on LCC land and were being given 14 days from the date of the letter to remove the encroaching fencing back to the correct boundary</p> <p>We further advised that If this was not carried out then LCC would commence court proceedings for possession of the LCC land and would seek to recover all costs incurred in relation to such court proceedings from the residents.</p> <p>I have been advised that the three residents did indeed move their fences back to their legal boundaries thus allowing LCC possession of its land, the next steps are to discuss with Altham Parish Council their proposals for the land</p>

Action	Lead Officer	Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)
<p>The condition of footways in the Milnshaw area. Councillor Cox informed the meeting that the footpaths identified on the plan were not the ones which he had raised concerns about at the previous meeting. He added that the footpaths which required attention were in an area bounded by Lancaster Avenue, Queens Road West, Gloucester Avenue and Pansy Street where some footpaths had deteriorated over time whilst others had not been properly reinstated following work by a utility company.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Locality Officer arranges a meeting between the Public Realm Manager and Councillor Cox to investigate the condition of carriageways and footways within the area specified above and consider what improvements are required. 2. That where appropriate the utility company be pursued with a view to securing the necessary resources to reinstate the footways to the standard required by the County Council. 	Oliver Starkey LCC	<p>A meeting was arranged for 3rd February for Councillor Cox and Oliver Starkey to "walk" Milnshaw and discuss the issues raised by Councillor Cox regarding the state of footpaths and carriageways and any outstanding works needed to be carried out by the utilities companies</p> <p>From this meeting it was agreed that some repairs would take place to footpaths identified by Councillor Cox</p>
<p>Unauthorised school absences.</p> <p>Members of the Forum discussed the ability of schools to fine parents who took their children out of school during term time. It was noted that parents could be exempt from such a fine in 'special circumstances' though there was concern that there was a lack of clarity as to what constituted such circumstances and that as a result the policy may not be applied equally across the Borough.</p> <p>Agreed: That the members of the Forum provide the Chair with any examples they may have of circumstances where</p>	Mark Wardale LCC	<p>Members to provide the Chair with any examples they may have of circumstances where parents have been fined for taking their children out of school in order that he can compose a letter to Michael Gove MP highlighting concerns and seeking clarification about what would constitute 'special circumstances'.</p>

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Parish Issues Raised Walton Arms above raised by the Parish Representative Whinney Hill Land above raised by Parish representative		As above As above

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

12 out of the 13 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 3, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see the 'Progress not as Expected' section below.

Footways

- **Footway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – West Street, Great Harwood (Great Harwood); Queen Road Bridge from Annie Street to number 84, Accrington (Accrington South); Haworth Avenue from Riding Barn Street to the end, Church (Accrington North); and Blackburn Road from Henry Street to Princess Street (various sections), Accrington (Accrington West).

Bridges

- **Goldacre Lane Bridge, Great Harwood (Great Harwood)** – a study has been undertaken and the bridge does not require any further work at this stage, except monitoring during general bridge inspections.
- **Queen Street Bridge, Great Harwood (Great Harwood)** – an initial assessment has been undertaken and the results need to be analysed. This will be carried out in quarter 4.

Road Safety

- **Hyndburn Road roundabout by the viaduct, Accrington (Accrington West)** – a zebra crossing has been installed.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarter for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14

Bridges

- **Brook Culvert Bridge, Church Street (Great Harwood)** – a study has been undertaken and the structure requires no further work except monitoring during general bridge inspections.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **1 Exchange Street, Accrington (Accrington West)** – work to mitigate flooding has been carried out.

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Black Abbey Street, north side of Bank Street to Abbey Street, Accrington (Accrington South)** – work to repair the footways has been completed.
- **Durham Drive, Oswaldtwistle (Accrington West)** – drainage work has now been completed and resurfacing work will be carried out during quarter 4 2013/14.

A, B and C Roads

- **A678 Blackburn Road, from Whitebirk Moss Farm to Station Road, Rishton (Rishton and Clayton-le-Moors)** – surface dressing works have been completed.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 which has been delayed

Road Safety

- **Blackburn Road, west of Thwaites Road, Oswaldtwistle (Oswaldtwistle)** – the installation of a zebra crossing has been cancelled due to objections from surrounding properties due to loss of parking.

SERVICE UPDATE

Trading Standards

Nightsafe Zone

The highly visible and branded Nightsafe Zone has received funding from Lancashire Environment Fund. The facility will utilise a mobile display trailer in the heart of the Central area, and will support the reduction of crime and/or anti social behaviour by offering vulnerable individuals a safe space in the town centre. Individuals who are suffering the effects of excess alcohol consumption frequently find themselves becoming a victim or perpetrator of alcohol related crime or disorder. The facility will incorporate a mobile police station to deal with reports of crime and take statements from victims and witnesses.

The Nightsafe Zone also provides an area of rest for those in need and advice in relation to alcohol/drug use and sexual health. Additionally, it will offer support to those who require rest and recuperation and provide access to free water, foil blankets, condoms and safe disposable footwear. The hours of operation will be 8pm to 5am on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning. A six month pilot period will allow evidence to be gathered to support a case for future mainstreaming.

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

In 2013/14 the directorate has a year-end target of fixing 90% of potholes identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) within a 30 day period. In Hyndburn 3,332 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 3,041 (91%) were repaired within 30 days. To date, all of the 3,332 potholes identified have been repaired.

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13/14 Target
Hyndburn										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	95%	98%	93%	99%	99%	89%	86%	67%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	97%	97%	96%	97%	98%	96%	94%	91%	
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	94%	93%	90%

Following the implementation of this new way of working, proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June following the end of quarter 4 in March.

Environment and Community projects

Rhyddings Park

A project to restore Rhyddings Park in Oswaldtwistle has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Development funding of £102,400 has been secured by the local charity Newground Together to progress plans for a £1.4 million bid by Newground, the Friends of Rhyddings Park, Hyndburn Borough Council and LCC. The project aims to restore the park, protect its heritage and encourage more local people to use the restored buildings and facilities, and to access community activities in and around the park. The funding will also be used to develop the business plan and heritage opportunities for the park, and ensure that the project delivers sustainable long-term benefits for the park and the community it serves. At the conclusion of the development phase which is expected to be by August 2014, a further application will be submitted to the HLF for a further £1,359,500 to carry out the project over 3 years.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

Preston–East Lancashire Transport Corridor Study

The M65, which terminates just west of Colne, provides good road connections with Preston and Manchester via the A56/M66, however the sudden change from motorway to carriageway results in significant delays on the through route to Yorkshire and Leeds, with considerable congestion on the urban network within Colne. To gain a better understanding of any potential solutions to this, the county council commissioned an M65 to Yorkshire Corridor Study which has now been completed. The East Lancashire Highways and Transport masterplan was made available for public consultation during quarter 3 and was approved by Cabinet in February 2014.

Pennine Reach

Highways works have now started with the completion of Park Road in Great Harwood. Work at present is concentrating on the bus stop upgrades, and refurbishment of the town square in Great Harwood is due to start in late March 2014. A local public enquiry has been called for the compulsory purchase order for the land for the new Accrington Bus Station. Work is underway on the county council's Statement of Case, which is expected to be completed during quarter 4 2013/14.

Todmorden Curve

The rail track to form the reinstated curve has been laid and the works for the track and the new signalling for the Calder Valley and Copy Pit routes are underway. However, there may be a delay in the final commissioning of the connection for the Copy Pitt route, and an update is expected shortly from Network Rail on the timescales involved in completing the scheme. Discussions are continuing with the Department for Transport and Northern Rail regarding the introduction of the new Manchester to Blackburn via Burnley service, as part of the extension of the Northern Rail franchise. The new service is expected to start in December 2014 once the first phase of electrification has been completed.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

A new Eco Shelter has been installed at Accrington station in conjunction with the East Lancashire CRP and the SusStations Interreg IV-B project. The shelter has received a grant of £5,000 from the Community Rail Development Fund.

Appendix H
2014/15 Hyndburn Capital Programme

Maintenance of Highway Assets

Project Name	Division	Project Description	Location of Scheme	Total Cost	Quarter
Programme: A, B & C Roads			Capital Allocation	£72,432	
Schemes to be determined				£72,432	
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£72,432	

Programme: Urban Unclassified			Capital Allocation	£118,989	
Russell Place	Great Harwood	Complete reconstruction of carriageway	Great Harwood	£119,364	Q3
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£119,364	

Programme: Rural Unclassified			Capital Allocation	£10,257	
Belthorn Road (Village Section)	Oswaldtwistle	Surface Dressing	The Village Section	£29,475	Q2
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£29,475	

Programme: Footways			Capital Allocation	£118,258	
Haywood Road	Accrington North	Footway reconstruction	Accrington	£13,154	Q2
Cambridge Drive	Oswaldtwistle	Footway reconstruction	Knuzden	£14,811	Q2
Bridge Street	Rishton and Clayton-le-Moors	Footway reconstruction	Rishton	£7,308	Q2
Lime Avenue	Oswaldtwistle	Footway reconstruction	Oswaldtwistle	£30,451	Q3
Riding Barn Street	Accrington North	Footway reconstruction	Church	£51,399	Q3
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£117,123	

Programme: Local Priorities Response Fund			Capital Allocation	£109,312	
Schemes to be determined				£109,312	
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£109,312	

Programme: Lighting Column Replacement			Capital Allocation	£33,968	
Hyndburn Column Replacements	Various as necessary	Column Replacements	Hyndburn	£33,968	Q4
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£33,968	

Programme: Flood Risk Management & Drainage			Capital Allocation	£90,417	
1-4 Hyndburn Road, Church	Accrington North	Flood Relief/Drainage improvement	Accrington	£18,394	Q3
97 Sandy Lane, Accrington	Accrington South	Flood Relief/Drainage improvement	Accrington	£30,030	Q4
Pot House Lane (Culvert REFCU9)	Oswaldtwistle	Flood Relief/Drainage improvement	Oswaldtwistle	£9,760	Q3
Asset Condition Survey	Divisions as necessary	Asset Condition Survey	Hyndburn	£3,679	Q2
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£61,863	

Programme: Traffic Signals			Capital Allocation	£27,734	
Blackburn Road/Oxford Street, Accrington	Accrington West	Site equipment refurbishments	Blackburn Road/Oxford Street, Accrington	£17,600	Q3
Blackburn Road, east of Lister Street, Accrington	Accrington West	Site equipment refurbishments	Blackburn Road, north of Commercial Road, Great Harwood	£9,900	Q4
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£27,500	

Programme: Bridges			Capital Allocation	£127,500	
6294b1 Spring Gardens (Accrington)	Accrington South	Maintenance scheme	6294b1 Spring Gardens	£44,700	Q3
4955b1 Avenue Parade	Accrington South	Options study for future maintenance	4955b1 Avenue Parade, U16867	£12,000	Q2
Footbridge Structural Maintenance	Divisions as necessary	Footbridge Repairs/replacements which are works that are generated from members of the public complaints, and bridge inspections on the larger footbridges	Various Hyndburn District	£8,800	Q4
Bridge Structural Maintenance	Divisions as necessary	Structural maintenance works to bridges	Various Hyndburn District	£25,100	Q4
Retaining Wall Structural Maintenance	Divisions as necessary	Structural maintenance works to retaining walls	Various Hyndburn District	£34,900	Q4
Parapet Risk Ranking and Programme Investigation	Divisions as necessary	Parapet risk ranking and programme investigation	Various Hyndburn District	£1,000	Q4
Retaining Wall Programme Investigation	Divisions as necessary	Retaining wall programme investigation	Various Hyndburn District	£1,000	Q1
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£127,500	
Reserve Bridge Schemes					
Strategic Route Principal Bridge	Divisions as necessary	Strategic Route Principal Bridge	Various Hyndburn District	£9,000	
Structural Reviews	Divisions as necessary	Structural Reviews and Assessments	Various Hyndburn District	£4,000	
Reserve Bridges Schemes Total				£13,000	

Improving the Safety of Streets for Vulnerable People

Project Name	Division	Project Description	Location of Scheme	Total Cost	Quarter
Programme: Road Safety			Capital Allocation	£39,333	
Hyndburn Road Roundabout by Viaduct Accrington Town Centre Eastgate zebra	Accrington West	Zebra crossing	Hyndburn Road Roadabout by Viaduct Accrington Town Centre Eastgate arm	£61,740	Q4
Forecast Outturn Capital Expenditure				£61,740	



Tackle Cheap Alcohol with Minimum Unit Pricing

Hyndburn 3Tier Forum

1. Purpose

To inform the Hyndburn 3Tier Forum of the minimum unit pricing policy for alcohol and the impact of alcohol currently for Hyndburn.

2. Background

The Cumbria and Lancashire Public Health Collaborative¹ and DrinkWise² organised an event on 20 November 2013 during Alcohol Awareness Week. At this event, stakeholders heard evidence from Sheffield's Alcohol Policy model and lessons learnt from Canada on minimum pricing for alcohol. Discussions at the event concluded that further awareness and engagement work was needed to develop a common understanding on the minimum unit pricing policy.

A project group has now been established to raise awareness on minimum unit pricing for alcohol by the Cumbria and Lancashire Public Health Collaborative, led by Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health at Blackpool Council.

Hyndburn 3 Tier Forum has been identified as one of the key partners the project group would like to engage with. A factsheet has been produced by DrinkWise on the minimum unit pricing policy for alcohol, which also includes the impact of alcohol on Hyndburn and Lancashire (see attached).

3. Feedback

The project group would welcome some feedback from the Hyndburn 3Tier Forum:

- a) Did you know about minimum unit pricing before this factsheet? **(Yes/No)**
- b) Are you now aware about minimum unit pricing after reading this factsheet? **(Yes/No)**
- c) Do you have any comments/suggestions for the project team to consider? **Please give details**

For further information about this programme, please contact:

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¹ The Collaborative is a partnership between the Directors of Public Health from Blackpool Council, Blackburn with Darwen Council, Cumbria County Council and Lancashire County Council as well as other senior public health leaders.

² DrinkWise is a member of the [Alcohol Health Alliance](#), the national umbrella organisation which includes alcohol harm reduction charities, campaigners and health professionals.

Tackle Cheap Alcohol: Minimum Unit Pricing

What is a minimum unit price?

Minimum unit pricing is about stopping alcohol being sold at pocket-money prices. It links the cost of alcohol to the strength of alcohol – so the more units of alcohol there are, the higher the price. It is important to tackle the cheap strong drinks which ruin so many lives and fuel violence, such as white cider and cheap vodka. This will protect the most vulnerable in society, such as young people and very heavy drinkers, who are more likely to drink cheap strong alcohol and suffer the consequences by pricing it out of their hands. **Minimum unit pricing won't increase the price of a pint in the pub or the average bottle of wine – this is about tackling the dirt cheap pocket money booze, only found on the bottom shelf.**

After ten years of being implemented in England, a minimum price of 50p per unit of alcohol willⁱ:

- Save **960** lives – every year
- Reduce hospital admissions by **35,100** – every year
- Save **376,600** days absent from work – every year
- Cut crimes by **50,700** – every year
- Save the economy **£5.1 billion** – every year
- Reduce overall consumption of alcohol by **2.5%**

You get what you pay for

The Government is to implement a 'below-cost sales ban'. **This will have very little impact** as it will only stop drink being sold at less than the alcohol-duty plus the VAT of the drink. Researchers at the University of Sheffield have calculated the effect of the Government's proposalⁱⁱ:

- Save **14** lives - only
- Reduce hospital admissions by **500** - only
- Save **5,700** days absent from work - only
- Cut crimes by **900** - only
- Save the economy **£77 million** - only
- Reduce overall consumption of alcohol by **0.04%**

The Governments proposed 'below-cost ban' therefore will be more than **60 times less effective** than a minimum unit price of 50p. It simply won't remove the very cheap strong drinks from sale.

What will it cost me?

Four out of five people will see very little difference in how much they pay for alcohol in the North West. It is vulnerable young and heavy drinkers who are at risk of serious health harm who will pay more. A minimum unit price of 50p will cost moderate drinkers an **average of 5 pence per week**, or £2.60 over a whole yearⁱⁱⁱ.

Some examples of how a minimum unit price of 50p would affect the price of drinks^{iv}:

				
NO INCREASE	Minimum price: £13.00	Minimum price: £6.25	Minimum price: 88p/can	NO INCREASE
Supermarket price: £4.99 (9 units, 12% abv)	Supermarket price: £9.70 (26 units, 37.5% abv)	Supermarket price: £2.99 (12.5 units, 5% abv)	Supermarket price: 67p (1.8 units, 4% abv)	Pub price: £3.03 (2.3 units, 4% abv)

Minimum unit pricing is already working in Canada^v

Studies in two Canadian provinces show that 10% increase in minimum prices resulted in:

- **Decrease of 8.4%** for all drinks
- Significant **shift away** from high to low strength beers and wines
- Immediate **drop in public violence** at weekends

Lives saved in Canada:

- **32% decrease** in wholly alcohol-caused deaths
- Chronic alcohol-related deaths **dropped by 20%** after two years
- After two years there was a **9% drop in alcohol-related hospital admissions**

A question of trust

Some global alcohol companies oppose minimum unit pricing. You will hear their arguments, in the media, through slick reports and from sponsored ‘front’ organisations. But at the end of the day it boils down to trust. A minimum unit price is supported by people who put your health and physical safety first – police and fire services, doctors and nurses, cancer charities and medical collages. Minimum pricing is opposed by some who manage companies whose obligation is to shareholders to maximise profits. We believe **minimum unit pricing targets cheap strong booze** and will protect the most vulnerable and young in our society from pocket-money priced drinks.

The impact of alcohol on Hyndburn and Lancashire

- 38 alcohol-related deaths between 2010/2012 – 10 female; 28 male – a rate of 14.2 deaths/100,000 of the population (Lancashire: 558 deaths)^{vi}
- 2,499 alcohol-related hospital admissions 2010/2011 (Lancashire: 32,460)^{vii}
- 113 alcoholic liver disease admissions to hospital 2011/2012, an increase of 304% from 2002/2003 (Lancashire: 1,409, an increase of 77.5%)^{viii}
- 521 alcohol-related crimes recorded 2011/2012 (Lancashire: 6,858)^{ix}
- Total costs of alcohol to Hyndburn: £32.89 million; £409/head (all men, women and children) (Lancashire: £461.50 million; £394/head)^x
 - Costs to NHS in Hyndburn: £7.63 million; £95/head
(Lancashire: £102.6 million; £88/head)
 - Costs through crime in Hyndburn: £10.53 million; £131/head
(Lancashire: £147.27 million; £126/head)
 - Costs to the work place (e.g. sick days) in Hyndburn: £13.14 million; £163/head
(Lancashire: £191.28 million; £163/head)
 - Costs to Social Services in Hyndburn: £2.09 million; £26/head
(Lancashire: £27.02 million; £23/head)

ⁱ Sheffield Alcohol Research Group, 2013

ⁱⁱ Sheffield Alcohol Research Group, 2013

ⁱⁱⁱ Sheffield Alcohol Research Group, 2013

^{iv} Drink Wise, 2014

^v Stockwell et al, 2013

^{vi} Office for National Statistics, 2014

^{vii} Local Alcohol Profiles for England, 2012

^{viii} Balance North East, 2013

^{ix} Local Alcohol Profiles for England, 2012

^x Public Health England, 2013

Tour de France Grand Départ 2014 - Briefing note for Hyndburn Tier Forum March 2014

Introduction

The first two stages of the Tour de France will be held in the Pennine area of North Yorkshire on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July, 2014. The event is expected to attract significant visitor numbers from overseas as well as from within the UK.

Whilst this will be a great opportunity to see part of the event, recognised as one of the top annual sports occasions in the world, on both days the event will pass close to the Lancashire boundaries and as a result, travel between Lancashire and Yorkshire will be disrupted. Many people will be travelling from the south via Lancashire's roads and motorways. Some visitors are also expected to arrive several days in advance of the race to participate in other events that are taking place around the route.

There are two trans-Pennine (west to east) road crossings that will remain open at all times during the event:

- **North of the event (Cumbria)** - the A66 between the M6 and the A1.
- **South of the event (Greater Manchester)** - the M62.

Our main aim is to ensure the race and dates are well publicised and to ensure that people plan their travel in advance for that weekend and for the days beforehand when large numbers of spectators will be travelling to the area. Advance publicity will allow Lancashire residents to plan to avoid any disruption whilst maximising the benefits of this international event which is happening on our doorstep.

We are working with representatives from adjoining councils to ensure that the event passes with minimum disruption to Lancashire. This involves balancing the needs of spectators, many of whom will want to travel via Lancashire and the needs of individuals who want to continue with their business avoiding the race or any of the associated events.

We are currently identifying which roads need to be closed to allow the race to pass and where there will need to be restrictions for the safety of the public. We will update you with information about road closures as soon as possible to ensure that people have time to plan/amend their activities for that weekend.

The Tour de France route

The race will result in the closure of many cross-Pennine routes from Lancashire to Yorkshire on both days of the event resulting in travel disruption. For safety reasons, the roads that are part of the route will be closed for approximately three hours before the race and for up to three hours afterwards. However, it will not be possible to accurately estimate the time that the race passes any given point due to a number of factors including the weather and the speed of the cyclists.

There will be many opportunities to see the race along with the spectacle of the sponsorship procession in the build up to the race. In addition to this, some communities are arranging events around the main race including Spectator Hubs with specialised accommodation and large screen televisions to observe the Tour de France. The race also coincides with other major sporting events which could be shown on the big TV screens including Wimbledon Finals and the World Cup Quarter Finals.

Residents of Lancashire can keep up to date with further news about the event and road closures by visiting our website www.lancashire.gov.uk and search 'Tour de France'. This will enable people to plan their travel that weekend whether it's to and from the event, or to avoid the disruption.

Our advice to residents

You can view the race route on the map at the end of this briefing note.

- **On Saturday 5 July** the race will commence in Leeds City Centre and end in Harrogate going via Otley, Ilkley, Skipton, Grassington, Hawes, Masham, and Ripon.
- **On Sunday 6 July** the race starts from York City Centre and finishes in Sheffield going via Harrogate, Steeton, Keighley, Howarth, Littleborough, Huddersfield and Holmfirth.

The following key points should be noted:

1. **Plan your journey in advance** - It is inevitable that there will be some traffic congestion so plan your journey in advance and leave yourself extra time to get to your destination. Remember that access to key locations such as Skipton and Hebden Bridge will require careful management and turning up to see the race one hour prior to the scheduled time may well end in disappointment.
2. **Look out for the spectator hubs** - As well as trying to manage the traffic around the event we want to ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to watch the event. There will be spectator hubs around the route that will attempt to keep spectators in one place but people are expected to move between locations. This will inevitably lead to some travel disruption.
3. **Keep updated with road closures** - Roads may be closed at any given point for up to seven or eight hours. Where the route passes close to Lancashire these roads could be closed from early morning.

Spectators will need to plan their journey well in advance so they know where they want to see the race, how they intend to travel there and when they will need to be in position. Access to key locations such as Skipton and Hebden Bridge will require careful management. Turning up to see the race one hour prior to the scheduled time may well end in disappointment.

We will publish further information and updates about road closures/timings on our website as soon as they are confirmed.

Key contacts

For more detailed information about The Tour de France Grand Départ 2014 visit:

<http://letour.yorkshire.com/>

If you need more information about road closures or you are planning to hold a Tour de France event please let us know by emailing: tdf.enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk

Our website will also be regularly updated with information about the event, travel advice and road closures - visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search for 'Tour de France'.

Map of the Tour de France route – Saturday 5 July and Sunday 6 July 2014

The map below outlines the alternative travel routes for both days. The southern route does involve motorway usage which may exclude certain drivers from using it. Advance signage of alternative routes will be in place around two weeks before the event to raise driver awareness of potential road closures and diversions.



