

Lancaster Three Tier Forum

Note of the Meeting held on Monday, 24th November, 2014 at 6.15 pm in Morecambe Town Hall

Present:

Chair

County Councillor Janice Hanson

Forum Members

County Councillor Richard Newman-Thompson
Councillor Jonathan Dixon
Councillor Margaret Pattison
Councillor Robert Redfern
Councillor Roger Sherlock
County Councillor Ken Brown
County Councillor Niki Penney
County Councillor Chris Henig
Michael Helm

County Councillor John Fillis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Lancashire County Council, attended the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Jon Barry, Councillor Paul Gardner, Councillor Ian Pattison, County Councillor Susie Charles, County Councillor Gina Dowding and County Councillor Tony Jones.

2. Note of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Action Sheet Update from the Last Meeting

The Forum considered the Action Sheet from the last meeting. It was noted that, in relation to the concerns raised about pedestrian safety on Ovangle Road, "Keep Clear" signs would be installed as requested.

The Forum were advised that the Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan was currently in development, and would be formally consulted on in the New Year. The County Council Cabinet Member was currently in discussion with a number of groups, and would welcome suggestions from members of the Forum and any other groups. It was made clear that the masterplan would be an evidence based document putting forward the

economic case for schemes and actions. It was noted in particular that there were ongoing discussion with cycling groups in the area.

In relation to concerns raised about traffic and safety in the Galgate area, the cabinet member confirmed his willingness to undertake a site visit to the area.

4. Items raised by members of the Forum

The following item raised by members of the Forum were discussed.

5. Education and Enforcement around 20mph Areas

Concerns had been raised that a lack of enforcement activity could potentially undermine the 20mph message if it meant that local communities were not seeing those breaking the limit tackled.

It was explained that the emphasis had always been on changing the culture amongst drivers through education programmes and initiatives such as involving schools and schoolchildren interviewing drivers who had exceeded the limit. In relation to schools, it was reported that significant road safety education still takes place in schools. Additionally, the County Council was a signatory to an LGA submission to government to introduce an automatic 3 month ban for speeding outside schools.

It was recognised that there would need to be some enforcement activity, and work was now being undertaken with the police to identify priority areas for this.

6. 2014/15 Quarter 2 - Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard

The quarterly performance dashboard was discussed. It was agreed that a full list of LSTF schemes would be circulated to members.

7. Environment Directorate Capital Programme 2015/16: A, B and C Roads and Footway Schemes for Consideration

The Forum considered the 2015/16 proposed road and footway capital programme.

8. Themes for future meetings

The following possible future item was proposed:

The Superfast Broadband roll out. It was requested that a map be produced showing the roll out.

9. Urgent Business

None.

10. Date of Next Meeting

To be agreed.

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County Secretary and Solicitor

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