

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 2

8 out of the 16 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 2, 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.

Rural Unclassified

- o **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations** – James Street/Prospect Hill, Haslingden (Rossendale West), Victoria Way from Bacup Road to the bridge, Rawtenstall (Rossendale North) and Lomas Lane from Plane Tree House to Sheffield Gate, Rawtenstall (Rossendale South).

Urban Unclassified

- o **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations** – Highgate Lane from Tonncliffe Way to the end (Whitworth), Greens Lane from Cutler Lane to the end, Thornfield Avenue from Miller Barn Lane to Burnley Road East, and Mount Avenue from Miller Barn Lane to the end (all Rossendale East).

Road Safety

- o **Charles Lane, Haslingden (Rossendale West)** – works to allow cyclists through a road closure which links to an industrial estate have been carried out.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

2013/14 quarter 2 capital schemes which have been delayed

Local Priorities Response Fund

- o **Carriageway resurfacing works have been delayed until March 2014 due to ongoing United Utilities works in the following locations** – Eastgate from Wallbank Drive to Northgate, and Westgate from Wallbank Drive to number 98 (Whitworth).
- o **Stubblee Lane, Bacup (Rossendale East)** – overhead power lines which were making contact with large equipment needed for this scheme had to be checked before works could progress. These power lines have now been checked and it is anticipated that works will be completed by the end of October 2013.

Capital schemes carried over from 2012/13 that were to be delivered in quarter 2 2013/14 but have now been delayed

Bridges

- o **Hodge Clough, Haslingden (Rossendale West)** – this scheme is still on hold whilst other high priority schemes are being dealt with. Temporary concrete barriers have been installed to protect against the drop at the edge of the road.
- o **Ogden Bridge, Haslingden (Rossendale South)** – LCC is still attempting to negotiate access with an adjacent landowner. Following a small hole appearing in the bridge over the summer, work is progressing to install a temporary bridge alongside it. To make room for this the BT overhead lines must be moved and BT has been asked to carry out this work in quarter 3 2013/14.
- o **Irwell Vale Bridge on Aitken Street and Lumb Bridge in Haslingden (Rossendale South)** – Ogden Bridge is a priority in Haslingden and these two schemes will be completed after works on Ogden bridge have been completed. This will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.
- o **Buckden Wood, Haslingden (Rossendale West)** – an inspection will be carried out in February 2014 to assess whether the culvert has deteriorated. If there has not been any movement then a subsequent programme of two yearly inspection monitoring will be instigated.
- o **Folly Bridge, Crawshawbooth (Rossendale North)** – part of the bridge has shown signs of failure and is considered unsafe, so LCC's legal services are continuing to conduct searches for the owner of this bridge who currently remains unknown.

Environment and Community Projects

Frost Holes Jubilee Woodland

The idea of adopting Frost Holes Jubilee woodland has been met with enthusiasm from members of the local community, and the Stacksteads Countryside Park Group are ideally placed to assist with this. We are hoping to get the group trained as a 'Forest Schools' provider, which will enable them to provide a range of outdoor events and activities that are based in the woodland over the coming years.

The Adrenalin Gateway Project

Progress is being made with the bike shop/visitor centre project. The developer has submitted the planning application for the new development and is programmed to go to Rossendale Borough Councils Planning Committee during November 2013.

In the mean time we are starting to plan for cycling based events in the Rossendale area to tie in with the Tour De France coming to the region next summer. The hope is that this will open up a range of tourism opportunities and provide an opportunity to promote the area to a new audience.

Glen Terrace Bridge, Stacksteads (Rossendale East)

Jacobs have been enlisted to undertake a full study of the bridge and surrounding area to assess the condition and potential costs.

Once they have completed their work, a meeting will be held with all interested parties to discuss a way forward.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	13/14 Target
Rossendale						
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	90%
Total % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99.6%	99.7%	99.8%	99.4%	
Lancashire						
Total % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%					90%

The 2013/14 directorate year-end target for fixing potholes identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSIs) within a 30 day period is 90%. This target is currently being achieved in Rossendale and Lancashire.

In Rossendale 1032 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and August 2013, of which 1026 (99.4%) were repaired within 30 days.

Trading Standards

Banks and Building Societies

Eight banks and building societies in Rossendale have been contacted to remind them to be vigilant for clients drawing out large sums of cash for bogus workmen carrying out repairs at their homes and demanding money. Trading Standards and the Police are sometimes contacted by banks concerned a client has fallen prey to bogus property repairers demanding money, with some elderly victims escorted to the bank by the rogue trader. It is a sensitive area but the financial institutions can have a special relationship with the clients and by taking them to one side it can protect them from becoming victims of 'doorstep crime fraud'. The banks and building societies were reminded that elderly residents are targeted and asked that they keep this in mind when dealing with clients who may be acting out of character in relation to their pattern of withdrawals.

East Lancashire Tobacco Project

The latest Smoke Free East Lancashire Progress Meeting was held with the Senior Public Health co-ordinator for East Lancashire in September. An update on illicit tobacco and underage sales work was shared, showing that two Rossendale traders were prosecuted this quarter for the sale of illicit tobacco. Fines were imposed of £400 and £110, and contributions made to prosecution costs. All illicit tobacco products were forfeited. Additionally, 13 attempts were made to purchase tobacco by child volunteers in Rossendale although no sales were made which was positive.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

PROGRESS UPDATE

Rawtenstall Bus Station

The design competition for the former Valley Centre Site and adjacent site closed in quarter 2 2013/14. The selected architects have submitted their proposals, which include integrating a bus station into their scheme. Judging of the proposals is due to take place during quarter 3 2013/14.