

Lancaster Three Tier Forum

**Note of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 25th September, 2013 at 6.15 pm
in Morecambe Town Hall, Morecambe**

Present:

County Councillor Mrs Janice Hanson (Chair)

Councillor J Barry

J Dixon

M Pattison

R Redfern

Sherlock

D Whitaker

Officers:

Debbie Chambers, Democratic Services Manager, Lancaster City Council

Mark Davies – Head of Environmental Services, Lancaster City Council

Jane Johnson – Localities Team, Lancashire County Council

Josh Mynott, Democratic Services, Lancashire County Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Brown, Councillor Kennedy, County Councillor Newman Thompson and Councillor I Pattison.

2. Note of the last Meeting.

The note of the meeting held on 19 March 2013 was agreed as a correct record.

3. Action Sheet Update from the Last Meeting.

The Action Sheet from the last meeting was considered. The following matters were noted:

- The local cycling group Dynamo were usually consulted on streetworks by LCC, but this had not been the case on the changes to the Skerton Bridge junction. This would be fed back.
- The Parish representative remained dissatisfied with the response on Ellel footpath No 1. This would be passed back to the team responsible.
- An update on smart ticketing was requested for the next meeting.

4. 2013/14 Quarter 1 - Environment Directorate Performance

Dashboard.

The Forum considered the performance dashboard.

Concern was expressed over the Westbourne Road resurfacing scheme. Whilst it was marked as complete on the report, it was reported that this was not the case. It was suggested that a mistake had been made and that the work had been done on West Road. It was confirmed that this would be investigated.

Support was given to the view that more cycle racks are required at Lancaster Train Station. It was noted that this was likely to be an issue for the rail companies, and that representations should be made to them by the Councils.

It was suggested that a project to build a crossing point on Torrisholme Road to access Ryelands Park appeared in the Commissioning Plan, but was not reported in the performance report. This would be investigated.

The success of the Commuter Cycle Challenge was welcomed by the Forum.

5. 2014/15 Environment Directorate draft Commissioning Plan for Lancaster

The Forum were invited to suggest items for the 2014/15 Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan. A number of suggestions were made, which were noted and which would be fed in to the planning process.

6. Items raised by members of the Forum.

No items were raised.

7. Developing the Three Tier Forums

The Forum discussed the future development of the Forum. There was general support for the meetings to be open to the public and to allow some form of public participation, although it was acknowledged that this would need to be carefully managed. It was felt that the level of Parish representative was acceptable and that other mechanisms existed and were used for engagement with the wider range of parishes. Members were in favour of devolving decision making powers and budgets. It was agreed that the current frequency of meetings was reasonable. Some members felt that the name of the body should be changed to more clearly express its purpose.

8. Themes for future meetings.

The following suggestions for topics for future meetings for the 3 Tier Forums were made:

- Lancaster Castle
- Sustainable Food Cities Project
- Cycling Strategy for Lancaster
- Children's Services and Respite Care
- Enforcement on Street Furniture
- Parking and maintenance of grass verges
- Provision for Travellers in the district

9. Urgent Business.

None

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 December, 6.15pm. Lancaster Town Hall

I M Fisher
County Secretary and Solicitor

County Hall
Preston