Rossendale Three Tier Forum: Action Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 04/12/13

| **Action** | **Lead Officer** | **Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)** |
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| It was reported that discussions were underway with the Borough Council in relation to whether planning permission was required for a temporary bridge which would be installed in Irwell Vale while work was undertaken on Ogden Bridge. | David Leung | Members will continue to be updated on this project. |
| In response to a statement that rather than being directed to work elsewhere County Council contractors had been idle following an issue with power lines on Stubbylee Lane Mr Ballantyne undertook to look into the matter and report back. | Phil Barrett | An investigation into this issue is on-going and members of the 3TF will be informed of its outcome in due course. |
| That the Locality Officer investigate the current situation with regard to the condition and status of highways on the Fieldfare estate in Bacup and report back to the Forum in relation to the feasibility of them being made up to a standard where they could be adopted by the County Council. | Harry Ballantyne/Jason Lancaster | Since the complaint was made officers have visited the roads concerned and can confirm that they have been made upto adoptable standard and adopted. Borough Cllr Jackson confirms that the complaint has been resolved. |
| That the proposed scheme for resurfacing Bury Road in Haslingden (£246,170) be considered for inclusion in the main capital programme. | Oliver Starkey/Commissioning Team | The recommendation of the Rossendale 3TfFhas been passed to the Commissioning Team for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation. |
| That the Forum be kept informed of developments regarding the introduction of a quality bus route within the Borough. | Harry Ballantyne | It is the intention to present information to the next 3 Tier Forum about the quality bus route report |
| That members of the Forum be provided with details of the type of infrastructure improvements which would be introduced as part of a quality bus route. | Harry Ballantyne | A quality bus route typically enjoys upgraded bus infrastructure such as better quality bus stops, raised bus platforms to allow easier access and egress from buses for people with disability/pushchairs etc. It can also include bus priority measures such as bus lanes, phased traffic signals that provide priority to buses etc. Bus operators also tend to provide upgraded vehicles and additional staff training. Quality bus partnerships are a joint initiative between bus operators and the Local Transport Authority. |
| In response to concerns regarding the migration of pupils from outside of the Borough to schools within Rossendale and the impact this would have on the availability of places for local children Mr Ballantyne undertook to investigate the matter and report back to members of the Forum. | Harry Ballantyne | **Primary**  In respect of Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary schools the admissions criteria is attached.  Children from outside the Rossendale area will be considered in all categories alongside Rossendale residents.  Realistically, unless a non-Rossendale applicant has a sibling already attending the school (who will still be attending when the younger one starts school) then most will be considered by the distance criterion.  In respect of Voluntary Aided, Foundation and primary Academies, the Governing Body compile their own Admission Criteria (eg for a VA [church] school, this would include criteria which would determine applicants' denominational affiliation t the school's ethos) and would still consider non-Rossendale residents within this.  Please see copy of St Veronica's RC Primary School admission criteria as an example in this area.  **Secondary**  In respect of Community secondary schools the admissions criteria is also attached.  Children from outside the Rossendale area will be considered in all categories alongside Rossendale residents.  However, all of these schools have a Geographical Priority Area (GPA or *'catchment area*') and therefore applicants resident in these areas will be give precedence.  Again, realistically, unless a non-Rossendale applicant has a sibling already attending the school (who will still be attending when the younger one starts school) then most will be considered by the distance criterion (out of GPA).  In respect of Voluntary Aided, Foundation and secondary Academies, the Governing Body compile their own Admission Criteria (eg for a VA [church] school, this would include criteria which would determine applicants' denominational affiliation to the school's ethos) and would still consider non-Rossendale residents within this.  This would also sit alongside a GPA (eg for a VA school this may included parishes served by the school/associated churches).  Please see copy of All Saints' Catholic Language College admission criteria as the example in this area. |

**Actions raised by Parish & Town Councils which have been deal with outside of the meeting**

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| None were received before, during or after the meeting. |  |  |