

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

2 out of 7 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.

Road Safety

- **Brun Valley Greenway – Ormerod Road/canal** – work to construct a cycle route through the park has been completed by Burnley Borough Council Park's Department.

Footways

- **New Hall Street, Barden Lane to Robinson Street, Burnley (Burnley Central East)** – footway reconstruction works have been completed.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital schemes scheduled for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 which have been delayed

Road Safety

- **Brown Street, Burnley (Burnley Central East)** – a scheme to introduce contra flow cycling to improve cycle access in to the town centre and college has been delayed until quarter 1 2014/15 to allow sufficient time for the traffic regulation order to be advertised.
- **Briercliffe Road, Burnley (Burnley North East)** – the installation of a zebra crossing has been postponed due to delays in the approval of the scheme. Work was completed 28 February 2014.

Bridges

- **Centenary Way, Burnley (Burnley Central East)** – Transport for Lancashire, a sub-committee of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, will fund major works at Centenary Way that will include the Centenary Way bridge. Design work will commence in 2014/15 and it is anticipated that work will start on site during quarter 4 2014/15 and continue into 2015/16.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 which have been delayed

Road Safety

- **Active Way/Bankhouse Street, Burnley (Burnley Central East)** – the scheme has been postponed until quarter 1 2014/15 due to delays in advertising the traffic regulation order to allow two-way cycling on the road.
- **Sandygate/Queens Lancashire Way/St James Street, Burnley (Burnley Central West/Burnley Central East)** – this scheme has been superseded by the Lancashire Regional Growth Fund redevelopment of the Weavers Triangle. It is anticipated that the Weavers Triangle scheme will commence in quarter 1 2014/15.

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.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13/14 Target
Burnley										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	84%	48%	80%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%	85%	85%	
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	94%	93%	90%

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 Burnley 1,891 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 1,602 (85%) were repaired within 30 days, although all of the 1,891 potholes identified have been repaired.

A new way of managing defect reporting and repairs has been trialled over recent months leading to the decision to fully implement this system countywide from quarter 3. This required a number of significant changes to be made within Lancashire Highway Services, including the transfer of Response Teams from Local Network Management into Highway Operations. The combined effect of these changes has been to significantly increase the amount of work co-ordinated within Highway Operations and there have been some initial issues with workload, resources and the understanding of the new ways of working, particularly in relation to footway defects, which by their nature take significantly longer to repair. These issues have now been resolved and performance is improving. Proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June following the end of quarter 4.

Trading Standards

Prosecution

A roofing contractor who duped an elderly couple out of £1,200 for bogus roofing work has been branded 'absolutely disgusting' by magistrates. The roofer repeatedly showed up at the Brierfield home of the customers to carry out minor jobs. The court heard how the couple made payments totalling £1,200 over three months with the offender driving the husband to a cash machine. Trading Standards found the only work which could be said to have been done was repointing two hip tiles at a cost of £30.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

Nelson to Rawtenstall Bus Corridor

This study is being undertaken to identify issues affecting journey times and reliability in the Nelson to Rawtenstall section of the Colne-Manchester (X43) Bus Corridor. The study has been split into three parts, two of which have now been completed. The draft report for the third part of study is under review and is anticipated to be completed during quarter 4 2013/14 along with a summary report of the overall project.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

The new station at Burnley Manchester Road is due to be completed during April 2014 and is expected to open to the public during late April/early May 2014. The project includes a base for the Northern Rail Community Ambassadors and the East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership.

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.