

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

12 out of the 13 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.

Footways

- **Footway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – West Street, Great Harwood (Great Harwood); Queen Road Bridge from Annie Street to number 84, Accrington (Accrington South); Haworth Avenue from Riding Barn Street to the end, Church (Accrington North); and Blackburn Road from Henry Street to Princess Street (various sections), Accrington (Accrington West).

Bridges

- **Goldacre Lane Bridge, Great Harwood (Great Harwood)** – a study has been undertaken and the bridge does not require any further work at this stage, except monitoring during general bridge inspections.
- **Queen Street Bridge, Great Harwood (Great Harwood)** – an initial assessment has been undertaken and the results need to be analysed. This will be carried out in quarter 4.

Road Safety

- **Hyndburn Road roundabout by the viaduct, Accrington (Accrington West)** – a zebra crossing has been installed.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarter for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14

Bridges

- **Brook Culvert Bridge, Church Street (Great Harwood)** – a study has been undertaken and the structure requires no further work except monitoring during general bridge inspections.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **1 Exchange Street, Accrington (Accrington West)** – work to mitigate flooding has been carried out.

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Black Abbey Street, north side of Bank Street to Abbey Street, Accrington (Accrington South)** – work to repair the footways has been completed.
- **Durham Drive, Oswaldtwistle (Accrington West)** – drainage work has now been completed and resurfacing work will be carried out during quarter 4 2013/14.

A, B and C Roads

- **A678 Blackburn Road, from Whitebirk Moss Farm to Station Road, Rishton (Rishton and Clayton-le-Moors)** – surface dressing works have been completed.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 which has been delayed

Road Safety

- **Blackburn Road, west of Thwaites Road, Oswaldtwistle (Oswaldtwistle)** – the installation of a zebra crossing has been cancelled due to objections from surrounding properties due to loss of parking.

SERVICE UPDATE

Trading Standards

Nightsafe Zone

The highly visible and branded Nightsafe Zone has received funding from Lancashire Environment Fund. The facility will utilise a mobile display trailer in the heart of the Central area, and will support the reduction of crime and/or anti social behaviour by offering vulnerable individuals a safe space in the town centre. Individuals who are suffering the effects of excess alcohol consumption frequently find themselves becoming a victim or perpetrator of alcohol related crime or disorder. The facility will incorporate a mobile police station to deal with reports of crime and take statements from victims and witnesses.

The Nightsafe Zone also provides an area of rest for those in need and advice in relation to alcohol/drug use and sexual health. Additionally, it will offer support to those who require rest and recuperation and provide access to free water, foil blankets, condoms and safe disposable footwear. The hours of operation will be 8pm to 5am on a Saturday evening/Sunday morning. A six month pilot period will allow evidence to be gathered to support a case for future mainstreaming.

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

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 Hyndburn 3,332 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 3,041 (91%) were repaired within 30 days. To date, all of the 3,332 potholes identified have been repaired.

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13/14 Target
Hyndburn										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	95%	98%	93%	99%	99%	89%	86%	67%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	97%	97%	96%	97%	98%	96%	94%	91%	
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	94%	93%	90%

Following the implementation of this new way of working, proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June following the end of quarter 4 in March.

Environment and Community projects

Rhyddings Park

A project to restore Rhyddings Park in Oswaldtwistle has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Development funding of £102,400 has been secured by the local charity Newground Together to progress plans for a £1.4 million bid by Newground, the Friends of Rhyddings Park, Hyndburn Borough Council and LCC. The project aims to restore the park, protect its heritage and encourage more local people to use the restored buildings and facilities, and to access community activities in and around the park. The funding will also be used to develop the business plan and heritage opportunities for the park, and ensure that the project delivers sustainable long-term benefits for the park and the community it serves. At the conclusion of the development phase which is expected to be by August 2014, a further application will be submitted to the HLF for a further £1,359,500 to carry out the project over 3 years.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

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.

Pennine Reach

Highways works have now started with the completion of Park Road in Great Harwood. Work at present is concentrating on the bus stop upgrades, and refurbishment of the town square in Great Harwood is due to start in late March 2014. A local public enquiry has been called for the compulsory purchase order for the land for the new Accrington Bus Station. Work is underway on the county council's Statement of Case, which is expected to be completed during quarter 4 2013/14.

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.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

A new Eco Shelter has been installed at Accrington station in conjunction with the East Lancashire CRP and the SusStations Interreg IV-B project. The shelter has received a grant of £5,000 from the Community Rail Development Fund.