

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

3 out of the 6 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.

Urban Unclassified

- o **Carriageway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – Ross Street and Guilford Street, Brierfield (Brierfield and Nelson North).

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3

Bridges

- o **West Close, Barnoldswick (West Craven)** – design of this scheme has started and is being delivered by the technical framework consultant. It is anticipated this will be completed by quarter 4 2013/14 with site works beginning in 2014/15.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 but have now been delayed

Road Safety

- o **New Scotland Road (Scotland Road pelican to Leeds Road toucan), and Scotland Road (Bradley Street to Scotland Road pelican), Nelson (Brierfield and Nelson North)** – the conversion of the footway to a cycle path has been delayed until quarter 1 2014/15 to tie in with the resurfacing of the footway.
- o **Every Street/Wellington Street, Nelson (Brierfield and Nelson North)** – this scheme had slipped due to a delay in the advertising process, however, this has now been completed. Work to install the zebra crossing is progressing on site and will be completed during March 2014.

SERVICE UPDATE

Trading Standards

Unsafe LPG adaptors

A Pendle internet trader was found guilty of selling unsafe Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) adaptors which allowed consumers to refill their portable LPG bottles from LPG pumps available at petrol filling stations. LPG bottles are designed not to be refillable by the public due to the safety risks of overfilling, and the escape of the highly flammable gas. Use of the adaptors presented a serious fire and explosion hazard. The trader was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay further costs of £2,500.

Rogue Builders

A Pendle driveway contractor was ordered to pay compensation of £4,500 and his company ordered to pay costs and fines of £1,000 after pleading guilty to four offences in relation to work carried out in Burnley, Pendle and Preston. The offences concerned three consumers, none of whom received a statutory notice informing them of their 7-day rights to cancel their contracts with the company. Failing to provide this information is a material omission under the Regulations. They were also charged with offences of aggressive practices.

Road and Street Maintenance - Pothole Repair

| 2013/14 | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | 13/14 Target |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Pendle | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days | 96% | 99% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 99% | 95% | 82% | 71% | 90% |
| Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days | 96% | 98% | 98% | 98% | 99% | 99% | 98% | 92% | 91% | |
| 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 Pendle 2,095 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 1,900 (91%) were repaired within 30 days, although all of the 2,095 potholes identified have been repaired.

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
Marsden Community Primary School Ground Improvements**

It was confirmed in December that the National Lottery Awards for All Programme has approved a grant of almost £10,000 towards a scheme to improve the grounds at Marsden Primary School, Nelson. It is hoped that work will start on site in spring to create new play, learning and food growing facilities at the school.

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.

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 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.