

**Summary:** Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Pendle in the first quarter of 2014/15

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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

8 out of 9 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 1, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For the details of the remaining schemes, please see the 'Progress not as expected' section.

**PROGRESS AS EXPECTED**

**2014/15 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 1 Urban Unclassified**

- Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations - Carr Hall Gardens (including Chatsworth Close) from Carr Hill Drive to the end (Pendle West); Coates Avenue from Gisburn Road to Rainhall Crescent (West Craven) and Ravens Grove from Meadow Close to the end (Pendle West).

**Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 1 2014/15**

**Flood Risk Management and Drainage**

- The Meadows in Colne (Pendle Central)** – designs for the scheme have been completed and flood mitigation works have been programmed to take place during the school holidays (quarter 2 2014/15) to ensure minimum disruption is caused.
- Skipton Road in Foulridge (Pendle East)** – drainage improvement works have been completed on site.
- Greenberfield Road in Barnoldswick (West Craven)** – highway drainage repairs and improvements have been completed.

**Road Safety**

- Every Street/Wellington Street (Brierfield and Nelson North)** – works to install a zebra crossing have been completed.
- New Scotland Road (Brierfield and Nelson North)** – designs for the scheme have been completed and works to convert a footway into a cycle path have been programme for quarter 2/3 2014/15 to coincide with maintenance works taking place in the area which will ensure minimum disruption is caused.

**PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED**

**2014/15 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 1 which have been delayed**

**A, B and C Class Roads**

- Clitheroe Road from level crossing to M65 Bridge (Brierfield and Nelson North)** – carriageway resurfacing works have been reprogrammed to quarter 2 2014/15 due to delays with Network Rail undertaking works at the level crossing.

**Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements**

Network Rail has just completed some extensive track works on the line with some minor station improvements being completed at Colne and Nelson at the same time. The stations friends group remain very active.

**Environment and Community Projects**

**Barrowford Primary School** - The Environment and Community team have undertaken a detailed tree survey within the 'wilderness garden' prior to the development of an improvement scheme.

**Trading Standards - Consumer Support**

A Colne resident purchased gold coins from an online trader. After sending £5,000 to them he only received gold to the value of £1,500. The trader made various promises to the consumer that they would send further gold or refund monies but they failed to carry this out. After intervention by Trading Standards the consumer received a full refund of £5,000 and agreed to send the goods he had received back to the seller.

A Vivary Bridge resident purchased a car which turned out to be faulty. The trader initially refused to assist the consumer and was threatening towards him. After intervention by Trading Standards the trader agreed to refund the consumer £750 for the car.

A Walverden resident had been having trouble with a television she purchased from a major electrical retailer. The retailer had failed to resolve the problems she was experiencing however after intervention by Trading Standards the retailer agreed to repair the TV which is now working 'as new'.

**SERVICE UPDATE**

■ = Progress as expected  
■ = Progress not as expected  
■ = Issues identified  
■ = Information

**Road and Street Maintenance**

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
<b>Pendle</b>													
Monthly % of defects filled within 20 working days	96%	100%											90%
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days		98%											
<b>Lancashire</b>													
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days	94%	95%											90%

Between April and May 2014/15, a total of 1,372 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Pendle. 98% of these defects were repaired within 20 working days.

**M65 Crash Barriers**

In July 2014, a scheme commenced on a number of bridges on or over the M65 motorway. The work will be concentrated between junctions 10 and 12 and will last for around 20 weeks. The works involve replacing some sub-standard fixings to the safety fence along the edge of the bridges. When the bridges were first constructed the fixings incorporated a rubber element which over time deteriorates. This would potentially loosen the safety fence that prevents errant vehicles falling off the edge of the bridge. This work is being done in advance of works to improve the central safety barriers

**M65 Gateway Study**

The M65 is the main route connecting East Lancashire with the M6 and M61 at Bamber Bridge near Preston. It plays an essential role in the economy of this part of the county, connecting people and businesses internally, as well as providing the primary means of access to the M6, particularly for freight. Congestion is already evident during peak periods on the two lane section between the M61 and Junction 6 at Whitebirk, and is exacerbated by limited capacity, traffic flow composition and close proximity of some junctions. To ensure that the M65 continues to support the East Lancashire economy effectively, this study will investigate what may be necessary to improve capacity, reliability and safety between Junctions 2 and 6, and when such works might become necessary. It will also consider the parallel A6119/A677 route to the north of Blackburn, which provides a crucial link to the Enterprise Zone at Samlesbury and the M6 at Junction 31. The study will commence in the autumn and be completed by the end of March 2015.

**M65 Burnley / Pendle Growth Corridor Improvements**

In November 2013, LCC commissioned Jacobs UK Ltd to produce a route management strategy for the M65 Corridor between Junction 6 and Colne. The strategy includes a number of small-scale interventions to tackle existing and/or future pinch-points on the highway network to support the growth ambitions of Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn, for delivery over the three year period from 2015/16. The county council has recently secured an £8m contribution towards the £12m programme from the Government through the Lancashire Growth Deal, with the county council providing the balance through the East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan. The programme comprises of a range of measures including signalisation at most of the M65 junctions, together with improvements at the A646/A679 junction at Rose Grove, and others in Burnley town centre, and on the approach to Accrington town centre from the M65. It also includes improvements to railway station infrastructure to support existing investment at Burnley Manchester Road, and forthcoming service enhancements that will also benefit Accrington and Rose Grove stations, and encourage greater use of the sustainable transport infrastructure.