Lancaster Three Tier Forum: Action Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 10th April 2014

| **Action** | **Lead Officer** | **Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)** |
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| **Action Sheet Update from the Last Meeting**  It was noted that there appeared to be an issue in several places with school crossing patrol warning lights being left on out of school hours and during school holidays. It was suggested that a reminder to crossing patrols may be needed.  Members asked if it is possible to monitor and adjust timings of lights so they are operational during school hours only. Where 20mph signs are flashing during evening hours, members were concerned that drivers will start to ignore the signs at school times if they are constantly flashing.  Examples were given at Torrisholme, near Booths and Roundabout and A6 Scotforth Road. | Jane Johnson, Localities Officer | The Highways team have reported that currently there are similar issues with the school crossing patrol warning lights being left on throughout Lancashire. It is believed that any flashing yellow lights that are on the same power grid as street lights have had the computer files corrupted and this is causing the problem.  The School Crossing Patrol (SCP) team has received a high volume of calls around this issue in the last week. They are working on trying to fix the problem but until they find what is actually corrupting the system they have said that the lights will still keep going wrong but have assured us they are working hard to resolve it.  Those SCP staff who still manually switch lights have been informed of the importance of switching the lights off and to report any defects immediately.  Should Members be aware of any further problems, the contact in highways is Carl Elliott and his telephone number is 07717423885. |
| **2013/14 Quarter 3 – Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard**  Further information was requested on a government announcement for additional highways repairs funding targeted at rural areas, and how this would be allocated.  Further information was also requested on progress in relation to bicycle storage at Lancaster Station. | Jane Johnson, Localities Officer  Mark Davies, Chief Officer, Environment/ Alaisdair Simpson, LCC Cycling Officer | The Secretary of State announced in March 2014 that the Department for Transport was making £140m available to local highways authorities in England to repair damage caused to the local road network by the recent severe weather. Of this funding the County Council has received £2.279m.  This funding is in addition to the annual funding awarded to the County Council for local highway maintenance by the Department for Transport.  The County Council has developed a Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) to ensure that the benefit of highway funding is maximised by targeting resources at maintenance treatments that will deliver the best long term effects.  An item regarding TAMP is on the agenda for the next meeting on 15th September 2014.  The City Council is looking at expanding the number of cycle lockers by adding another 14 new lockers, funded through a County LSTF grant. They are just in the process of resolving how the lockers are going to be managed and charged for in the future and expect these to be in place by the end of summer.  Virgin Rail, as station operators, had to apply for listed building consent from Lancaster City Council, which has been given for installing 43 Sheffield stands, including 4 shelters in uncovered areas on platforms 3 and 5.  The Project Manager at Virgin Rail has said that he is meeting with the supplier to discuss installation and is waiting for the landlord's consent/approval. Providing there are no landlord challenges, he envisaged a late June/July completion. |
| **2014/15 Environment Directorate Capital Programme**  It was suggested that the Area Briefings should be cancelled and the Dashboard information and Commissioning Plan information around capital schemes be presented only at the Forum. It was felt to be wasting members' time holding two meetings on the same subject. It was agreed to pass on the comments to the relevant officers | Jane Johnson, Localities Officer | The suggestion has been forwarded to the Environment Directorate's Assistant Director for Commissioning. |
| **Minimum Unit Price for Alcohol in Lancashire**  All Forum members agreed that the initiative should be supported. | Jane Johnson, Localities Officer | The comments of the Forum have been sent to the Cumbria and Lancashire Public Health Collaborative. |
| **Items raised by members of the Forum**  **Lancaster District Highways and Transport Masterplan**:  Members requested that the Masterplan should be considered by the Forum prior to the plan going out for consultation so that the Forum can make suggestions and help "shape" the plan in its early stages.  The extension of the Lune Track should be included in the Masterplan, with particular reference to the Hornby – Farleton section  It was requested that Forum members should receive the plan in its early stages via email so members can comment and input into the development of the Plan.  Members requested that the Masterplan is an item on the agenda for the September meeting of the Forum | Marcus Hudson/ Hazel Walton/ Dave Colbert | The forums will be offered the opportunity for a briefing during the consultation, as has been done in other areas. The consultation process is a genuine one and will give the opportunity for extensive discussion and shaping of the final document.  This request will be considered as part of the consultation process.  An item has been included in the "Themes for future meetings" section below. |
| **Themes for future meetings.**  Members of the Forum were asked to submit any suggested themes for future meetings to the Chair and Jane Johnson, Localities Team [jane.johnson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:jane.johnson@lancashire.gov.uk) for consideration. |  | * Lancaster Highways and Transport Masterplan * Provision for Travellers: update from previous meeting * Domestic Abuse in Lancashire/Lancaster.   Any suggestions would need to be cleared with the Chair. |

**Actions raised which have been dealt with outside of the meeting**

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| No actions dealt with outside of the meeting. |  |  |