

Summary: Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Burnley in the second quarter of 2014/15

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

8 out of 11 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 2, 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.

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2014/15 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 2

A, B and C Roads

- **Surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations:**
 - Padiham Road from Oak Street to Stephenson Drive (Burnley Central West)
 - Burnley Road from Number 288 to the boundary (Burnley Rural)

Urban Unclassified

- **Surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations:**
 - Ightenhill Park Lane/Brassey Street from Lakeland Way to Padiham Road (Burnley Central West)
 - Victoria Road and adjoining streets (Padiham and Burnley West)

Rural Unclassified

- **Surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations:**
 - Ridehalgh Lane from Halifax Road to Halifax Road (Burnley Rural)
 - Robin House Lane from Halifax Road to Ford (Burnley Rural)

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Richmond Avenue, full length (Burnley Rural)** – surface dressing works have now been completed in the area.

Traffic Signals

- **Rosendale Road/Glen View Road/Manchester Road (Burnley South West)** – the area has been investigated and works to refurbish the site equipment has been programmed for quarter 3 2014/15.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 2 which has now been delayed

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **36 Briercliffe Road (Burnley North East)** – Initial investigations revealed serious defects beyond the expected scope of works, and as such the flood risk in the area associated with these defects is very high. Land access to enable further investigation and repair works is currently being sought and progress will be reported again at the end of quarter 3 2014/15.
- **Initial investigations works have been completed but further surveys and investigations are required to identify the full extent of the works required at the following locations which are programmed for quarter 4 2014/15:**
 - Padiham Road Burnley near car wash opposite House Number 592 (Burnley Central West)
 - Ightenhill Park Lane (Burnley Central West)

SERVICE UPDATE

M65 Bridge Barrier Replacement

In quarter 2 2014/15, a scheme started between junctions 10 and 12 of the M65 motorway to replace some sub-standard fixings to the safety barriers along the edge of some bridges on this stretch. These works are required because when the bridges were first constructed the fixings incorporated a rubber element which, over time deteriorates, and could potentially loosen the safety barriers that prevents errant vehicles falling off the edge of the bridge. Work is ongoing and progressing well, and is scheduled to be completed during quarter 3 2014/15 as planned.

Community Rail Partnership Programme Improvements

The new station building at Burnley Manchester Road is nearly complete with some minor works remaining. The station has been visited by representatives from the DfT, and the Citizens' Rail Partnership (who have part funded the project), and Warrington Borough Council. A scheme for the improvement of Rose Grove station is now being developed with Northern Rail and the Community Rail Partnership to provide enhanced facilities in connection with the new Manchester rail service which is anticipated to open in November.

Todmorden Curve

Due to the issues with signalling and the availability of rolling stock the latest date for service commencement is May 2015. This further delay is of great concern and urgent discussions are taking place with Network Rail and Northern Rail to resolve the issue.

Trading Standards

National Scams Hub (NSH) work - Trading Standards have continued to receive referrals from the NSH requesting visits/contact with potential scam victims. One Burnley victim, uncovered by a referral, had been corresponding with scam "clairvoyants" for over 9 years. She had a bedroom full of scam mailings that she had collected, and has been severely affected by her experience and is now under the care of the mental health team. Trading Standards removed 42 boxes of scam mail from her house to help her recovery process.

Centenary Way Viaduct Major Maintenance Scheme

This bridge carries the A682 through the centre of Burnley. It is a critical part of the Burnley town centre road network, and without it, effective movement through Burnley would be impossible. Due to its poor condition, abnormal loads are currently banned from the viaduct. This scheme will rectify the numerous defects that have been identified in the structure and allow it to reopen to all traffic. Currently preliminary design work is progressing and is on schedule for a 2015/16 delivery.

Road and Street Maintenance

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		14/15 Overall (Apr - Aug)	14/15 Target
Burnley								
Monthly % of potholes filled within 20 days	81%	94%	88%	100%	100%		89%	
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days		88%	88%	91%	93%		Found 2971 Fixed 2653	90%
Lancashire								
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	94%	95%	98%	99%	99%		97% Found 31728 Fixed 30670	90%

Between April and Aug 2014/15, a total of 2,971 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Burnley. 2,653 (89%) of these defects were repaired within 20 working days. Performance on carriageways has been consistently above 90% throughout the year, with 100% of carriageway defects repaired within 20 working days in July and August. The overall performance figure of 89% is heavily influenced by the April performance for footway defect repairs. Performance for footways also achieved 100% in July and August.

Road Safety

Padiham Green Primary School held a 'Tour De Greenway' for pupils to cycle or scoot as part of their curriculum theme which included looking at all things French. The event was held on St Bastille's day on the 14th July, which linked nicely to the Tour De France being in Yorkshire at the same time. LCC funded the medals that were presented to all who participated in the event.

Environment and Community Projects

Calico Housing Neighbourhood Improvements on Griffin Estate - work has now been completed on the project to improve several neglected open spaces within the Griffin Estate, South West of Burnley. The 7 spaces have been transformed with new landscaping, tree planting, motorbike restrictors and boulders to deter vehicle use. The improvements have been funded by the Lancashire Environmental Fund, LCC and Calico; and they complement recent investment in the surrounding housing stock by Calico Housing. 'Newground Together' were the lead designers for the project.

Burnley Forest Park - July 2014 saw the completion and opening of a new bridge over the river Brun within Burnley Forest Park. The official opening was carried out by Cllr Johnstone on the 19 July on a wet and windy morning. This bridge opens up a whole new area of the park to the general public, and along with the associated new multiuser tracks offers a range of circular walks for all to enjoy. This project was carried out in partnership with Burnley Borough Council, Burnley's Urban River Enhancement Scheme, and New Ground with funding from the Forestry Commission, Lancashire Environment Fund, LCC and Burnley Borough Council.

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