Lancaster Three Tier Forum: Action Sheet

Meeting Date: 15th September 2014

Action	Lead Officer	Lead Officer Comments (Including Action Taken)
Questions from Members of the Public		
The Clerk to Heaton with Oxcliffe Parish Council raised concerns expressed by the Parish Council on behalf of residents about pedestrian safety on Ovangle Road during the Heysham M6 Link Road works. He advised that there was currently no safe place to cross. He reported that discussions had taken place with the contractors, who had expressed a willingness to extend the box junction markings the full width of the road, but that it had not yet been possible to secure the agreement of the County Council. The Forum agreed that this would be passed on to the appropriate officers at the County Council to investigate.	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer	A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
Action Sheet Update from the Last Meeting		
Further information was requested on progress in relation to cycle storage at Lancaster Station.	Mark Davies, Chief Officer, Environment/ Alaisdair Simpson, LCC Cycling Officer	The lockers are the responsibility of Lancaster City Council and were due to be the subject of a report to cabinet to consider charges and management options. 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

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		areas on platforms 3 and 5.
		Virgin Rail has now got consent to go ahead with the cycle stands and shelter from Network Rail. They hope to install the stands and shelter in December.
2014/15 Quarter 1 – Environment Directorate Performance Dashboard		
At a previous meeting, members of the Forum requested that a scheme to upgrade the zebra crossing to pelican crossing on Meeting House Lane, Lancaster be their top priority for funding from the Local Priority Response	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer	The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has considered the Forum's request for the upgrading of the Meeting House Lane crossing and has concluded that the scheme can be considered against other priorities for funding from a future year's capital programme.
Fund. Members asked why footway repairs had been carried out along the full length of Meeting House Lane, but the scheme for the crossing upgrade did not now appear in the Commissioning Plan.		The Cabinet Member has reviewed the road safety assessment of the crossing, which concludes that an upgrade of the crossing is not required, and he acknowledges that the scheme is likely to feature as a low priority for funding and is therefore unlikely to attract funding from next year's programme.
		The Cabinet Member did look favourably on the scheme but felt that the technical assessment did not give him sufficient evidence to re-prioritise funding for other schemes in the current programme in order to allocate funding to this scheme.
Members asked when the footway on Ambleside Road (Lancaster East) would be completed.	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer/Sim Lane –Dixon, Public Realm Manager	Ambleside Road has been taken out of this year's programme and has been re-submitted for consideration and inclusion as a scheme for next year 2015/2016.
		The reason it has been delayed relates to the need to undertake footway works on another scheme within the District. This scheme

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		Mattock Crescent in Bare was down as a carriageway only scheme however it was not possible to just do the carriageway as for technical reasons the footways and kerbs had to be done at the same time. Whilst the works were carried out as an urgent issue the spending
		and re-allocation on an alternative scheme was subsequently approved by the Cabinet Member.
Members asked for an update on the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Lancaster City Centre.	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer	The County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gave approval to:
Lancaster Oity Gentre.		introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for the existing Lancaster Pedestrian Zone that will control access as follows:
		 to restrict access for all vehicles (including pedal cycles) to Penny Street, Cheapside, Market Street (between New Street and Cheapside) and Market Square vehicles between 10.00am to 5.00pm daily,
		 to restrict access for all vehicles (including pedal cycles) except blue badge holders to Market Street (from King Street to New Street) New Street and Church Street (from New Street to North Road) between 10.00am to 5.00pm daily,
		to withdraw the existing permit A which allows access for Blue Badge Holders. A permit system to allow access for essential maintenance and for the dismantling of market stalls within set times and temporary access for events is to be retained.
		That during the 6 month consultation period of the

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		Experiment, Lancaster City Council be requested to investigate the feasibility of re-introducing a shop-mobility scheme to Lancaster City Centre.
		The full report can be viewed on the county Council's web site at http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=6060
Events on the Highway, Policy and Procedures for Highways Management: Consultation		
Members of the Forum were asked to submit any views or representations they may wish to make to Jane Johnson, Localities Team jane.johnson@lancashire.gov.uk for consideration.	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer	Any views received from Forum Members on the draft policy and procedure document will be included in the final report prior to being considered by the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.
Items raised by members of the Forum (a) Domestic Abuse in Lancaster/Lancashire		
Cllr Penney presented the report and members sought further clarification regarding how much it costs the County Council and if the statistical information could be presented on a Ward by Ward basis.	Jane Johnson, Localities Officer	The information requested will be circulated at the meeting.
"Broken Rainbow" was an organisation which dealt with abuse in same sex relationships.		

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(b) Update on Provision for Travellers in Lancaster District		
It was suggested that members may wish to see a report recently considered by the County Council's Education Scrutiny Committee regarding Children Missing from Education.		The report regarding Children Missing from Education is attached to this action sheet.
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 for consideration.		
The following items were suggested at the		
meeting:Lancaster District Highways and Transport Masterplan		The Lancaster District Highways and Transport Masterplan will not be available until the start of next year, as the potential scope has increased.
		The County Council will be arranging a briefing for Lancaster Members and they and members of the public will be encouraged to comment; the Masterplan consultations have so far resulted in changes to the final document.
Education and Enforcement around 20mph areas.		Item included on the Agenda

Actions raised which have been dealt with outside of the meeting

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No actions dealt with outside of the meeting.		