

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

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☑ = Progress as expected
 ☐ = Progress not as expected
 ❌ = Issues identified
 ⓘ = Information

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

6 out of 7 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

Rural Unclassified

- **Belthorn Road around the village section (Oswaldtwistle)** – surface dressing works have been completed in the area.

Footways

- **Footway reconstruction works have been completed in the following locations:**
 - Haywood Road in Accrington (Accrington North)
 - Cambridge Drive in Knuzden (Oswaldtwistle)
 - Bridge Street in Rishton (Rishton and Clayton-le-Moors)

Progress update on schemes which have commenced and are progressing as expected

Bridges

- **An options study for a future maintenance scheme has commenced and is planned for completion during quarter 4 2014/15 in the following locations:**
 - Avenue Parade Bridge (Accrington South)
 - Queen Street Bridge (Great Harwood)

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 2 2014/15 which have now been delayed

Urban Unclassified

- **Paradise Street (Accrington South)** – surfacing works have been reprogrammed to quarter 4 2014/15 due to delays with gaining a road closure in the area. A 12 week notice has to be put in place prior to any works starting.

Pennine Reach

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the land required to build Accrington Bus Station was confirmed on the 6th October 2014. The legal process to acquire the land required has now been started.

Accrington Town Centre

A concept design has been created for the works, and detailed cost options are being developed for the proposed scheme to improve the area in front of the Market and Town Hall. Once completed, the options will be discussed with Hyndburn Borough Council.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

Community work continues at Accrington station and the ongoing schools project has now seen around 6,000 pupils pass through the purpose built resource centre at Accrington station. A Customer Information Service system is being provided at the station by Northern Rail, and a bus departure screen will also be installed as part of the Pennine Reach bus project.

Trading Standards

Customer Support - Advice has been provided to a vulnerable Barnfield resident who received a bill for a car repair which she alleges far exceeded the original estimate provided. Trading Standards officers made contact with the trader but on this occasion were unable to bring the matter to a resolution. Therefore full advice was provided to the resident on taking court action.

A vulnerable consumer bought a faulty second hand washing machine from a trader, the trader exchanged the machine but the consumer then also believed that the second one was also faulty. Initially the trader refused to offer any remedy but after intervention by Trading Standards a full refund was given.

Petroleum Licensing - An improvement notice has been issued under the Health and Safety at Work Act on a site operator near Accrington who refuses to decommission ex-petrol storage tanks on their site. This action follows lengthy discussions between the operator and the authority, with the operator failing to undertake any of their earlier promises. Following expiration of the notice a follow up visit will be undertaken. Failure to comply with an improvement notice can constitute a criminal offence.

Road and Street Maintenance

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	14/15 Overall (Apr - Aug)	14/15 Target
Hyndburn							
Monthly % of potholes filled within 20 days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Found 2497 Fixed 2495	
Lancashire							
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	94%	95%	98%	99%	99%	97% Found 31728 Fixed 30670	90%

Between April and August 2014/15, a total of 2,497 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Hyndburn. 2,495 (100%) of these defects were repaired within 20 working days. Between 99 - 100% of carriageway and footway defects have been repaired within 20 working days throughout the year.

East Lancashire Strategic Cycle Network

The East Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan commits the county council to develop and implement a strategic cycle network in East Lancashire. A number of potential links have been identified in the masterplan that could form part of this network, linking communities to employment and offering potential for tourism and recreation. A proposal was submitted to Government by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership in March 2014, which included a bid for £2.6m in 2015/16 from the Local Growth Fund towards delivery of the strategic cycle network. In July, the Government approved this bid, with the proviso that the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and its partners (LCC and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council) commit a further £3.29m, totalling an investment of £5.9m. In Lancashire, the proposed programme comprises of three routes: the 'Valley of Stone' in Rossendale, Accrington to Ramsbottom (National Cycle Network Route 6) and the Huncoat Greenway in Hyndburn. A programme of works is yet to be established however it is anticipated that preparation works will start in 2014/15.

Todmorden Curve

Due to 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.