

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

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

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

9 out of 18 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 3, 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 3

Rural Unclassified

- **D'urton Lane from Garstang Road to Cobblers Hill (Preston Rural)** – carriageway microasphalt work has been completed.

Footways

- **Footway inlay works have been completed in the following locations:**
 - Nook Glade on Preston Road (Preston Rural)
 - Jepps Avenue from Jepp Lane to No. 48 (Preston Rural)

Progress update on previously delayed schemes which are now progressing

Bridges

- **Fishergate Railway (Preston Central)** – this project will assess the load carrying capacity of the bridge. The bridge is owned by Network Rail (NR), and LCC are contributing to the assessment as the Highway Authority. NR are still carrying out the assessment of this bridge. They have been awaiting for the final details of the works undertaken on the Fishergate Gateway scheme before completing the assessment. The bridge is a complicated structure and has been modified heavily over the years. A progress of the scheme will be sought in quarter 4 2014/15.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2014/15

Traffic Signals

- **Works to refurbish the traffic signal equipment at the following locations have been completed:**
 - Ring Way/Marsh Lane/Bow Lane (Preston City)
 - Corporation Street/Marsh Lane (Preston Central South)

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **St Mark's Place West to the church (Preston Central South)** – carriageway reconstruction work has been completed.

Bridges

- **Our contractor Gabre (UK) Ltd has completed maintenance and painting works at the following sites:**
 - Blackpool Road Railway (Preston Central North/Preston East)
 - Deepdale Mill Street (Preston Central North)

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3 which have now been delayed

A, B and C roads

- **Carriageway microasphalt works in the following locations have been delayed to quarter 4 2014/15 due to adverse weather conditions:**
 - Eastway roundabout at junction with D'urton Lane (Preston North East)
 - North Road from Lancaster Road North to Park Mill Place (Preston Central South)
 - Tom Benson Way at roundabout at junction with Tag Lane and Tanterton Hall Road (Preston Rural/Preston West)
 - Garstang Road from Savick Brook to No. 218 (Preston North)

Urban Unclassified

- **Mariners Way roundabout at junction of Portway and Channel Way (Preston City)** – carriageway microasphalt work has been delayed to quarter 4 2014/15 due to adverse weather conditions.

Capital scheme carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2014/15 which has now been delayed

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **Bourne Brow (Preston Rural)** – drainage investigations have been delayed as the scope of the works have been increased. Progress of the scheme will be reviewed during quarter 4 2014/15.

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Holmrook Road from Deepdale Road to Plover Street (Preston Central North)** – replacement and resurfacing of existing stone setts have been delayed to quarter 4 2014/15 as further assessments are required to identify the extent of the works.

Traffic Signals

- **Aqueduct Street/Brook Street (Preston Central South)** – works to refurbish the traffic signal equipment have been delayed to quarter 4 2014/15 as our contractor Motus Traffic was unable to programme the works as planned.

Bridges

- **New Mill on Eaves Lane (Preston Rural)** – due to extensive difficulties with Electricity North West, this project has been delayed. We have now been able to remove the temporary electricity diversion apparatus which has allowed access to finish the renovation of the gabion baskets (large cage with rocks used for erosion control) that were concealed by the electricity diversion scaffolding. These works can only be carried out during favourable weather conditions therefore it is anticipated to complete these works during quarter 4 2014/15.

SERVICE UPDATE

Preston Bus Station

Since taking ownership of the building on 31 March 14, a full structural condition survey has been carried out on the building by Jacobs who subsequently produced a report highlighting their recommendations as to what remedial works were required to address those issues found during the survey. Consideration has also been given to the other aspects of the overall redevelopment project including; the refurbishment of the bus station concourse, the required highways alteration works, the construction of a new youth zone, and the associated new public realm space which will facilitate improved connectivity to the wider city centre. This work resulted in an order of magnitude of costs schedule being prepared which formed part of the progress report submitted to the County Council's Cabinet in November 14. Since that cabinet meeting the Royal Institute of British Architects have been appointed to administer an international design competition on behalf of the county council and a competition website has been produced, which includes the brief and contract conditions for the competition, which will go live week commencing 23 February 15, upon the launch of the competition. The first draft of the conservation management plan, including the statement of significance, has been prepared and this has been shared with Preston City Council's heritage officer and English Heritage for initial comment, prior to a critical friend being appointed to review and validate the document. Two of the county council's partner contractors are currently carrying out an exercise to consider those figures put forward in the order of magnitude of costs schedule. This exercise will include testing the figures against current market conditions and will be completed by 27 February 15.

Preston Western Distributor

Work continues on the ground in the form of ecological surveys. The Public Consultation Report has been completed and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has adopted the route as the approved route. The delivery team is now working towards submitting a planning application in autumn 2015.

Environment and Community Projects

Callon all-weather pitches – dual use agreement

Work was completed in December 2014 to refurbish the AstroTurf pitch on the site of Fishwick and St Teresa's primary schools in Preston. The refurbishment cost approximately £15,000 with £12,000 from LCC and additional contributions from the two schools.

The funding was conditional on all parties signing up to a dual use agreement of the facility which will secure the future community management and use of it. LCC led the negotiations to develop and secure the agreement with support from LCC legal services. The team will support a new facility user group in the coming months and assist with the official opening and re-launch of the facility in spring 2015.

Broughton Bypass

A public inquiry has now been set for 14th April 2015 at Preston Grasshoppers Rugby Club. The outline business case is progressing, however the value for money statement is still to be finalised. This is expected during quarter 4 2014/15, with indications of a very positive benefit cost ratio.

Programme delivery remains unchanged but this is dependent on when the final Compulsory Purchase Order decision is received. Contract documents are however being finalised in readiness for the tender process.

Road and Street Maintenance

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	14/15 Overall (Apr - Nov)	14/15 Target
Preston										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 20 days	98%	98%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	98%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	Found 3836	Fixed 3802
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 20 days	94%	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	Found 45981	Fixed 44791

Between April and November 2014/15, a total of 3,836 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Preston. 3,802 (99%) of these defects were repaired within 20 working days between April to November.

Trading Standards

Allergen Training

A training course for businesses where English isn't the first language has been developed in partnership with the District Environmental Health Service for catering businesses who will be affected by the changes in food labelling legislation relating to allergens (substance that causes an allergic reaction). The course will provide these businesses with everything they need to be able to meet the requirements of the legislation. Information has also been sent to all catering and manufacturing businesses across the Lancashire to help them comply.

Fishergate Central Gateway

The scheme was open fully in November 2014 except for the some areas at the north end of Corporation Street which were completed by the end of February. The final aspect of this has been the planting of the remaining trees in this area and the establishment of the soft landscaped area on the west side. There will be an ongoing presence on site as small areas of identified defects will be addressed.

Preparations are ongoing to commence Phase 2 from Winckley Street to the Minster on 16th February. The first areas to be worked on will be Fishergate between Cheapside and Cannon Street and in Guildhall Street.

Street Lighting

There have been 193 LED Street Lighting Lanterns fitted in Preston over the last 12 months. These lanterns provide an additional saving of £5,000 in energy per annum. There are now 1167 LED lighting units out of a total of 19,987 lighting units in Preston saving over £30,000 in energy per annum.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund Update

- **Cyclist and pedestrian improvements on the Gateway of London Road to encourage joint use** – Cabinet Member approval has been secured for works to commence on Frenchwood Avenue to Queen Street and Queen Street to North Road. Approval for works to commence on North Road to Marsh Lane should be secured in quarter 4 2014/15.
- **North Road/Ringway junction** – modernisation work on the site is progressing and is due for completion during quarter 4 2014/15.