

Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 9 March 2012

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| Electoral Division affected: None |
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Rail Improvement Schemes – Report of the Task Group (Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

The Rail Improvement Schemes Task Group produced its original report in March 2010, and an update report in January 2011. As agreed at the time, it reconvened in January 2012, and the final update report of the reconvened task group is attached at Appendix A.

Recommendation

That the Scrutiny committee accept the further recommendations of the task group that:

- i. the schemes remain in the categories originally agreed and the positive progress to date is noted
- ii. Lancashire County Council continue to play an active role in the development and promotion of rail schemes in the county in accordance with the priorities set by the task group
- iii. the importance of rail improvements continue to be part of the work of the LEP
- iv. Lancashire County Council continues to seek investment in the rail network in Lancashire, including via a response to the forthcoming government consultation based on the McNulty Report and as electrification of the Lancashire Triangle is progressed.
- v. That the task group work is complete and no further meetings are required

Background and Advice

The Rail Improvement Schemes Task Group produced its original report in March 2010.

It was agreed at that time that the task group should reconvene after six months to consider several developments that were anticipated in relation to the rail schemes considered. The task group reconvened in January 2011 to receive an update on all of the schemes considered

At that meeting, it was agreed to arrange one final meeting of the task group to consider some outstanding issues. The final meeting took place in January 2012, and the final report is attached as Appendix A

The original report can be accessed here:

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/council/meetings/displayFile.asp?FTYPE=A&FILEID=45501>

The January 2011 update can be found here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/documents/s1407/Appendix%20A.pdf>

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risk management implications

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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