

Public Realm Agreements with District Councils

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Background

- The County Council is the Highway Authority for highways other than trunk roads in the County of Lancashire by virtue of Section 1(2) of the Highways Act 1980.
- The County Council has the power to arrange for the discharge of its functions by the Council under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.
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- This arrangement is designed to facilitate the discharge of certain highway authority functions by the Council and the Council's acceptance of those functions on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The Agreement

- The parties have entered into this Agreement pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Sections 2 and 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and all other enabling powers.

The Agreement

- **Covers:**
 - The Council's Duties And Responsibilities
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 - Personnel
 - Reimbursement
 - Health And Safety
 - Termination
 - Intellectual Property And Records
 - Many more

Work Areas

- Grass cutting in Highway verges and roundabouts in the Relevant Area, to a standard not lower than 8 cuts to amenity grass areas and 4 flail cuts to rural non amenity areas.
- Carry out reactive treatment to prevent the growth of weeds upon adopted highways and footways within the Relevant Area in accordance with the requirements set out within the Highway Management Plan. Areas to be treated twice yearly in May/June and August/September.
- Remove and dispose of leaf fall from Highways within the Relevant Area as per the requirements set out in Schedule 1.

Work Areas

- Removal and disposal of Wind Blown Sand from highways and footways.
- Maintenance of Trees
- Undertake maintenance of highway verges and shrubs to a standard not lower than the standard set out in the County Council's Highway Management Plan and in accordance with the requirements at Schedule 1.
- Permissive Task Only: to be agreed

The Specification

- All works undertaken by the Council on behalf of the County Council shall be in accordance with the specification and requirements set out in the agreement and County Councils Highway Management Plan (HMP), associated Codes of Practice as referred to within the HMP

The Specification

- Amenity Grass Cutting – 8 times per year (previously 4)
- Rural/High speed flail cutting – 4 times per year (previously 2)
- Weed control – 2 times per year & reactive (previously 1 & reactive)
- Tree work – reactive as required
- Hedges/Shrubs – reactive as required
- Leaf sweeping – Autumn as required

Who does what?

	PUBLIC REALM AGREEMENT?	AMENITY GRASS CUTTING	RURAL FLAIL CUTTING	HIGH SPEED FLAIL	WEED CONTROL	TREES WORKS	HEDGES & SHRUBS	LEAF CLEARANCE	SIGN CLEANING
BURNLEY	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
CHORLEY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
FYLDE	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
HYNDBURN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
LANCASTER	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
PENDLE	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
PRESTON	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
RIBBLE VALLEY	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
ROSSENDALE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
SOUTH RIBBLE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
WEST LANCS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
WYRE	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓ core only	✓	✗

Funding to Districts

- Reductions in payments
 - Austerity
 - Increase efficiency
 - Improve performance

Funding to Districts

- 2017 tender exercise
- Competitive rates applied to areas of grass cutting
- Factored in extra cuts
- Factored in extra weed killing
- Matched costs where evidenced

Funding to Districts

COUNCIL / PARISH COUNCIL					2 year agreement		3 year agreement based on measures and additional funding in 2017			5 year agreement with inflation
	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2016/2017 Revised 20% reduction	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Burnley	73,000	67,890	62,050	54,750	44,050	44,050	58,138	58,138	58,138	59,500
Pendle	110,570	102,830	93,985	82,928	66,720	66,720	67,400	67,400	67,400	69,000
Hyndburn	78,138	72,668	66,417	60,343	47,150	47,150	60,217	60,217	60,217	61,600
Rossendale	53,564	49,815	45,529	40,173	32,320	32,320	37,141	37,141	37,141	38,000
Wyre	115,000	106,950	97,750	93,479	69,390	69,390	102,038	102,038	102,877	105,300
Fylde	105,000	97,650	89,250	91,083	63,360	63,360	95,461	95,461	95,461	97,700
Lancaster	230,000	213,900	195,500	172,500	138,790	138,790	161,955	161,955	161,955	165,800
Ribble Valley	40,000	37,220	34,000	30,000	24,140	24,140	31,208	31,208	31,208	31,900
Preston	159,690	148,512	135,737	127,759	96,360	96,360	100,426	100,426	100,426	102,800
South Ribble	165,000	153,450	140,250	123,750	99,570	99,570	145,610	145,610	145,610	149,000
West Lancs	358,565	327,720	289,165	289,165	232,660	232,660	260,611	260,611	260,611	266,700
Chorley	102,602	95,420	87,212	76,952	61,910	61,910	96,177	96,177	96,177	98,400
Sub-Total for Districts	1,618,116	1,474,025	1,336,845	1,213,590	976,420	976,420	1,216,382	1,216,382	1,217,221	1,245,700

Any questions?