

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 14 NOVEMBER 2013
title: INVITATION TO SUBMIT HIGHWAY SCHEMES FOR POTENTIAL INCLUSION
IN THE 2014/15 LCC ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE DRAFT
COMMISSIONING PLAN
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Parish and Town Councils that Lancashire County Council invite each Council to identify three highway schemes for potential inclusion in the 2014/15 LCC Draft Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
 - To develop shared priorities and sense of direction
 - To listen and respond to local communities
 - To stimulate active and engaged town and parish councils

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Discussions on the condition of the highway network throughout the Ribble Valley area were continued at the 16 September 2013 meeting of the Three Tier Forum. It was highlighted that the unclassified roads in the area, whilst minor compared with some of the highways in other districts, were in fact the arteries of the Ribble Valley area and hence carried an importance that was disproportionate to their physical size. The forum were informed of the undertaking given to the June meeting of this committee by the Assistant Director for Commissioning, that the condition of the unclassified road network would be assessed for potential inclusion in future highway maintenance programmes.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 At this Three Tier Forum meeting, the County Council requested that all Parish and Town Councils in the Ribble Valley area be invited to each identify three roads that they considered need attention. Each Council should then propose one of their three submissions as a top priority.
- 3.2 All the suggestions received, together with any additional proposals from individual councillors or officers would then be considered and a final list of potential schemes produced for consideration at the next meeting for the forum.
- 3.3 Timescales are tight and it is requested that in order to meet the deadlines the suggestions are e-mailed directly to the LCC Public Realm Manager, andy.ashcroft@lancashire.gov.uk no later than Friday 22 November 2013.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Financial – No Implications for this Council
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications for this Council identified
- Political - No such implications arise out of this report
- Reputation – The Council is keen to ensure that the condition of the road network supports all communication, commerce and recreation uses.
- Equality & Diversity – No particular implications identified

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That Parish and Town Councils are aware of the invitation and if they are so minded, they e-mail their prioritised list directly to the LCC Public Realm Manager

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List of Background papers: -

- Minutes 135 Parish Council Liaison Committee 20 June 2013

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