

# Westmorland and Furness Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Highways Working Group Covering Report
<b>Meeting:</b>	South Lakeland Locality Board
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
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<b>Lead Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Peter Thornton
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All in South Lakeland
<b>PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT</b>	Public
<b>List of Appendices (if any)</b>	Appendix 1 – Action Notes. Highways Working Group 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 ***This report provides the Action Notes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group (“the Working Group”) held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and includes recommendations for consideration by the Locality Board.***

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that the South Lakeland Locality Board:

***note the Action Notes of the Working Group meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 which are attached as Appendix 1;***

## 3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

- 3.1 The Working Group received the following presentations, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, except for the Cadent Gas presentation;

- The North-West Streetworks Manager for Cadent Gas delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the ongoing programme of cast iron gas main replacements, and particularly the works being undertaken in the South Lakes area in 2024/25. Cadent Gas and the Authority’s highways and streetworks teams had met previously, and the plans provided by Cadent Gas at that meeting were circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.
- The Local Area Network Manager delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Authority’s winter service and described how the Highway Service delivered the Authority’s statutory duty.

- The Local Area Network Manager presented a paper informing Members how the Members ambitions that were captured during the “Walk the Wards” meetings in June and July 2023 had been considered and allocated to the appropriate team within the wider service. The spreadsheet attached to the paper detailed those revenue ambitions which the local area highway team had completed, those which had been actioned yet to be completed and those which still required action.
- The Traffic Management Team Leader presented a paper providing an update to Members regarding the Traffic ambitions captured during the “Walk the Wards” meetings.
- The Traffic Management Manager presented a paper advising Members of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) that will be presented to the South Lakeland Locality Board meeting in January. The TROs related to bridge weight restrictions, general parking restrictions and a TRO for Cartmel. The TROs are being considered as part of this meeting under other agenda items and therefore no recommendations are included in this paper in relation to these items.
- The Local Area Network Manager presented a paper informing Members of the impact of Storm Debi on the highway service and the response of the service.

#### **4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)**

- 4.1 A safe, sustainable, and serviceable highway network underpins the Council Plan Vision for Westmorland and Furness to be a great place to live, work and thrive and supports many of the Council’s priorities. A reliable highway network enables people, goods, and services to be moved around the Authority area promoting new business creation, economic growth and enabling people to thrive within their own communities.

#### **5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)**

- 5.1 No consultation outcomes.

#### **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 Members may choose to either agree the recommendations as presented or suggest alternative proposals.

#### **7. Financial Implications and risk**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

#### **8. Legal & Governance Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The South Lakeland Locality Board has various responsibilities, powers and functions concerning Highways and Transport (para 14 of Part 2 of the Constitution).

8.2 By noting the Action Notes of the Working Group meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 which are attached at Appendix 1 as recommended the Locality Board will be fulfilling its constitutional function.

**9. Human Resources Implications**

9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report.

**10. Equality & Diversity Implications** (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications resulting from this report.

**11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)**

11.1 No previous relevant decisions.