

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Highways Working Group Covering Report
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 th April 2024
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Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Thornton
Wards Affected	All in South Lakeland
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 – Action Notes. Highways Working Group 6 th March 2024

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 ***This report provides the Action Notes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group (“the Working Group”) held on 6th March 2024 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 6th March 2024 which are attached as Appendix 1;

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

- 3.1 The Working Group received the following presentations:-

- The County Bridges Manager delivered a presentation on Bridges and Structures and gave examples of Asset types and maintenance.
- The Local Area Network Manager provided a report on flooding at Harry Brow, Hincaster and Submarine Bridge, Well Heads Lane. Since the meeting, a level survey has been undertaken at Harry Brow and it appears that the road cannot be overlaid without the rebuild of adjacent boundary walls. In addition, there are several other obstacles such as large trees and united utilities apparatus.

A potential option would be to consider whether storage in the adjacent, privately owned fields would be feasible. This would require landowner consent in addition to legal easements. It would also rely on prevailing ground conditions. Flooding incidents at Harry Brow are infrequent and there are short diversions available for local residents.

- The Traffic Management Team Leader presented a briefing covering the consolidation of speed limits Traffic Regulation Order, alongside the Old Hutton and Ulverston 20mph proposals.

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. (T. Chew 3.4.2024)

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 15 of Part 2 of the Constitution).

8.2 By noting the Action Notes of the Working Group meeting of 6th March 2024 which are attached at Appendix 1 as recommended the Locality Board will be fulfilling its constitutional function. (KB – 2.4.2024)

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report. (People management name and date)

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. (People Management name and date)

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

11.1 No previous relevant decisions.