

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM: 17 – A MARKET TOWN STRATEGY FOR ORMSKIRK –
PROGRESS ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

**FORMAL RESPONSE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN FILLIS, CABINET
MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT, LANCASHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL, INCLUDING OFFICER COMMENTS**

Recommendations (1) (i) to (vii) at Appendix 1 to the report refers.

**(1) That Lancashire County Council (LCC), as the Highway Authority, give due
consideration to the following:**

**(i) the impact of heavy goods traffic in the refurbished area of Ormskirk
TownCentre.**

Cabinet Member Response:

“West Lancashire Borough council have been able to provide us with figures regarding the extent of HGV's using the town centre for Lancashire County Council to undertake a review of the current arrangements.”

WLBC Officer Response

We await the outcome of this review.

**(ii) the on-going maintenance of the gullies and the monitoring of the
effectiveness of the aggregate resin within them.**

Cabinet Member Response:

“Information regarding gully cleaning has been provided to West Lancashire Borough Council and we are quite prepared to discuss the cleaning schedules.”

WLBC Officer Response:

(see note at Appendix 1 (i). However, we would welcome an increased maintenance regime in relation to these particular gullies due to their important town centre location, which also hosts the street market on two days per week.

**(iii) the refurbishment of Aughton Street to tie-in with the Moor Street
improvements.**

Cabinet Member Response:

“We are happy to discuss further improvements and the funding arrangements to support a scheme.”

WLBC Officer Response:

Aughton Street is an adopted highway and as such all maintenance liabilities rest with LCC.

(iv) the impact of town centre congestion, including the bottle necks at Derby/Stanley Street/Wigan Road/Moor Street/Moorgate and Park Road.

Cabinet Member Response:

“A traffic management study will be underway shortly, following this, proposals will be brought forward for consultation before any works are implemented.”

WLBC Officer Response:

We await the results of the traffic management study and any proposals subsequently arising.

(v) the on-going improvements to the rail bridge and cycle link from the TownCentre to Edge Hill University, as contained in the West Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan

Cabinet Member Response:

“Updates will be provided as soon as possible.”

WLBC Officer Response:

We await any updates on this matter.

(vi) encourage effective enforcement of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) operating in Ormskirk Town Centre, particularly on Market Days by exploring:

(a) the provision of more clearer signage to alert drivers to the restrictions of the TROs;

(b) breaches of on-street parking.

Cabinet Member Response:

“Discussion should currently be taking place at officer level.”

WLBC Officer Response:

We are awaiting a response from County Council officers in relation to suggestions made to potential improvements to the current LCC on-street enforcement arrangements in Ormskirk town centre.

(vii) in relation to finding a permanent solution to traffic management safety in the pedestrian area of Ormskirk by exploring:

Cabinet Member Response:

“We would be happy to discuss what funding arrangements West Lancashire Borough Council are proposing for these changes.”

WLBC Officer Response:

As yet no changes to the exiting Ormskirk town centre traffic management arrangements have been agreed with the County Council, as highway network managers.