

EXTRACT FROM LANCASHIRE LOCAL MINUTES – 5TH MARCH 2007

Area Forums – January 2007: County Council Actions

A report was presented drawing the Lancashire Local's attention to matters discussed at Area Forum meetings relating to the County Council areas of responsibility.

Members found it unnecessary to comment further on the report.

102. Resolved:- That the report be received.

Lancashire Local - Rossendale
Meeting to be held on 5th March 2007

Part I - Item No. 17

Electoral Division affected:
All

Area Forums January 2007: County Council actions

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Executive Summary

Reports are brought to Lancashire Local Rossendale every quarter following the round of Area Forum meetings organised by Rossendale Borough Council, to draw members' attention to any items discussed at the Area Forums which relate to county council responsibilities, indicate how these are being followed up and invite members to comment on any outstanding issues.

Decision Required

Members are invited to note the report and identify any matters which require the further attention of Lancashire Local Rossendale.

Background

The last round of Area Forum meetings was held during January. On this occasion the Haslingden/Edenfield/Helmshore and Rawtenstall meetings were combined (in Haslingden) on 29th January as the original date for the Rawtenstall Area Forum was found to clash with the Lancashire Local meeting of 22nd January. The Whitworth Area Forum was held on 8th January and the Bacup Area Forum on 15th January. Minutes of all three meetings can be found on the Rossendale Borough Council website www.rossendale.gov.uk

The DPO or Assistant DPO was present at each meeting. County Councillors Harding and Wilkinson attended the Rawtenstall/Haslingden/Helmshore meeting (CC Ruddick was also present but in his capacity as Leader of the Borough Council); County Councillors Serridge attended the Bacup meeting (CC Eaton also attended in his capacity as a borough councillor); there was no county councillor present at the Whitworth meeting and CC Serridge sent his apologies.

County Council matters raised at the meeting, with an indication of follow-up actions and responses, were:

Whitworth

- **When will the 20mph speed limit on Hall Street be implemented?** The District Surveyor has replied that the order is being made and the work should be completed within three months, though this is not guaranteed.
- **Can the road surface of Peel Terrace be ‘patched up’ pending a decision as to whether or not this is an adopted highway?** The District Surveyor has responded that this is a long-standing issue and that the road is not shown as an adopted highway, therefore the county council has no responsibility in relation to repairing the surface. However, if evidence or legal advice exists to the contrary then the county council’s position would change.
- **What support is available for small businesses setting up in Rossendale?** This is not purely a county council matter but the District Partnership Officer has put the business in question in touch with both the PEER enterprise support scheme and LCDL in relation to the Rosebud Fund.

Bacup

No county council matters were raised at the Bacup Area Forum.

Haslingden/Helmshore/Rawtenstall

- **When will waiting restrictions be introduced on Lower Deardengate/Helmshore Road?** We are currently awaiting a response on this and it may be possible to provide an oral update at the Lancashire Local meeting.

Consultations

Heather Moore, Jenni Cook and Pat Couch – committee and member support officers, Rossendale Borough Council

Advice

N/A

Alternative options to be considered

N/A

Implications: e.g. Financial, Legal, Personnel, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder or Other

None

Any representations made to the Directorate prior to the issue being considered in accordance with the Public Notice of Forward Plans

