

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: EXECUTIVE

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TRANSFER OF BUS TURNAROUNDS AT BARLEY, LANESHAW BRIDGE AND TRAWDEN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Executive of the current position regarding the ownership of the bus turnarounds at Barley, Laneshaw Bridge and Trawden (including Trawden Tram Tracks), and to seek authority regarding the possible transfer of these turnarounds and tram tracks to the relevant town and parish councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive notes the current status of the turnarounds and tram tracks and authorises the possible transfer to the relevant town and parish councils.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To provide the relevant town and parish council the opportunity to take over responsibility for the land in question.

BACKGROUND

1. At the Transfer of Services and Facilities to Town and Parish Councils Committee meeting on 27 August 2015 it was resolved that a report be submitted to the Executive in relation to the transfer of the bus turnaround at Barley and the possible transfer of the bus turnarounds at Laneshaw Bridge and Trawden (including Trawden Tram Tracks).

ISSUE

2. Plans of the three turnarounds and the tram tracks are attached as Appendices 1–4.

BARLEY BUS TURNAROUND

3. The turnaround is on land owned by Pendle Council and is used by Bubble Travel to operate Bus Service 643 on behalf of LCC (school bus). The parish council is currently managing some issues with parking within the turnaround.

LANESHAW BRIDGE BUS TURNAROUND

4. The turnaround is on land owned by Pendle Council and is used by Burnley and Pendle Bus Service 25 on a Saturday morning and at tea-time only. The service currently runs through to Keighley on weekdays. The area occasionally has vehicles parked on it. Burnley and Pendle is currently reviewing its service to Keighley and it is not known at this stage whether this will affect the usage of the turnaround.

TRAWDEN BUS TURNAROUND

5. The turnaround is on land owned by Pendle Council and is used by Burnley and Pendle Bus Service 21 Monday to Sunday between the hours of 6am and 11pm. There are occasional issues with parked vehicles within the turning circle. This is the last feasible place for a bus to turn around in Trawden.

TRAWDEN TRAM TRACKS

- 6. The "tram tracks" consist of a 400m stretch of cobbles running from Lane House on the south side generally downhill to White Lee/Church Street to the north. The cobbles are approximately 1.8m wide throughout their length. The cobbles are owned by Pendle Council alongside some sections of what would be described as verge. Appendix 4 shows a plan of the Council's ownership along the tram tracks.
- 7. The trams using the area ceased to do so in or around 1936. There has been no attempt to restrict the use of the tram tracks over the period since 1936. It is therefore probable that a right of way (this includes footpaths and bridleways) has been established over this time. Advice from Lancashire County Council Highways is that the area is unadopted highway with highway rights applied.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: The decision involves the transfer of the bus turnarounds at zero cost. Future maintenance would be the responsibility of the relevant town and parish council.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: Any future repair and maintenance of the turnaround by the town and parish councils will require the employment of competent contractors.

Sustainability: None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Plan of Barley Bus Turnaround.

Appendix 3: Plan of Laneshaw Bridge Bus Turnaround.
Appendix 3: Plan of Trawden Bus Turnaround.

Appendix 4: Plan of Trawden Tram Tracks.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.







