

Lancaster High Streets Heritage Action Zone

Report for Cabinet 17th March 2020

Appendix iii) Conclusion of Impact Assessments.

No formal impact assessments have been undertaken but the following comments are made in respect of the proposals.

Climate

The programme supports the repair and re-use of existing building stock and can help buildings to become available for occupation, more thermally efficient and also improve their resilience to climate change, in particular with respect to flood risk. The design of public realm and highway changes will consider how spaces can be made more resilient to climate change and in particular how sustainable travel modes can be prioritised with an emphasis on cycling and walking.

Equality

The programme will promote improved accessibility within the city centre, with particular consideration of those with mobility and vision impairments. Any changes to the highway network are likely to require an equality impact assessment.

Digital

The programme may be able to enhance future digital connectivity by establishing neutral duct infrastructure as part of public realm improvements.

Wellbeing and Social Value

The programme will provide numerous opportunities for engagement and interaction which will enhance community cohesion. Young people, including students, are a particular focus.

Health and Safety

The programme will require all works to be carried out in accordance with established health and safety practices.

Community Safety

The programme will deliver improvements to buildings and spaces that will directly support and enhance community safety and perceptions of safety.