

News story: Call to Action – Step Change Programme

This message is a call-to-action for policing, the private sector and government to support the integrated delivery of 25 projects intended to enhance the protective security of the United Kingdom. These projects have been defined through tri-partite working groups, established through the Step-Change conferences, and are a combination of new activity and works-in-progress that the working groups wish to develop and contribute to.

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Press release: Triple decker junction enters final stage

The £75 million Highways England scheme to lower the A19 under the A1058 Coast Road and Coast Road roundabout is now 70% complete with less than a year left on site.

Since work started in June 2016, 3 new bridges have been constructed, 1 to support the A1058 Coast Road over the Coast Road roundabout and two to carry the Coast Road roundabout over the newly lowered A19.

Highways England assistant project manager Steven Cox said:

This is a busy junction used by more than 80,000 drivers every day and we have produced a video to show the incredible transformation that has already taken place. We are nearly three quarters complete now with the main bulk of the work digging out the 80,000 cubic meters of soil as the last major milestone.

Drivers who use this junction regularly will already be able to see progress as the earth is removed to create the third layer of the junction which will mean drivers will be able to continue straight along the A19 underneath the roundabout.

The final supports for the A1058 westbound bridge were lifted into place a few days ago and we have started the foundation work on the pedestrian and cycle bridges.

[A19 Coast Road – triple decker junction](#)

To support the new structures more than 580 piles have been installed which end to end will cover 7-miles, the same distance to make a return journey through Tyne Tunnel to Silverlink, and 2 miles of new drainage.

Now around 80,000 cubic meters of soil, that's enough to fill 32 Olympic sized swimming pools, is being removed and being used to help form the embankments on the nearby A19 Testos scheme.

Over the remaining 10 months improvements will be carried out to the 1,175 metres of cycleway and an extra 247 metres will be created, the same length as Tyne Tunnel. The gantries for improved signage will be installed and the roundabout completely resurfaced.

The scheme is supporting the [Year of the Engineering campaign](#), which aims to inspire young people to consider engineering as a rewarding career. The A19 Coast Road scheme employs 6 graduates or apprentices and 60% of its workforce is from the North East.

Being delivered by Sisk Lagan joint venture the scheme when finished will reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability for the thousands of drivers who use it every day.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

[**Press release: Queen approves appointment of Suffragan Bishop of Penrith**](#)

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Dr Emma Gwynneth Ineson, BA, MPhil, PhD, Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, to the

Suffragan See of Penrith, in the Diocese of Carlisle in succession to the Right Reverend Robert John Freeman, BSc, MA, who resigned on the 5 April 2018.

Press release: Dean of Chester

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Venerable Timothy Richard Stratford, BSc, PhD, Archdeacon of Leicester in the Diocese of Leicester, to be appointed Dean of the Cathedral Church of Chester, following the resignation of the Very Reverend Gordon Ferguson McPhate, MB, CHB, MA, MD, MSc, MTh, on 30 September 2017.

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The Venerable Dr Timothy Stratford is aged 57. He studied at York University for his BSc and also at Sheffield University for his PhD. He trained for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in 1983. He served his title as a Curate at Mossley Hill in Liverpool diocese from 1986 to 1989 and then as Curate from 1989 to 1991 at St Helen, St Helens. From 1991 to 1994 he was the Bishop of Liverpool's Domestic Chaplain. He was Vicar at West Derby from 1994 to 2003. From 2003 to 2012 he was Team Rector at Kirkby in Liverpool diocese. Since 2012 he has been Archdeacon of Leicester. He has served the national church as a member of General Synod for fifteen years and the Liturgical Commission for ten years. He has written and edited a number of books and booklets focusing mainly on contextually dependent worship and mission. His PHD was awarded in 2009 for a study of the mid-Victorian Slum Priest Ritualists.

Timothy is married to Jen and they have 3 children and one grandson. His interests include photography, cycling and music.

Press release: New charity investigation: Grangewood Educational Association

The Charity Commission has announced today that it has opened an investigation into the [charity](#) that runs Grangewood Independent Primary School in Newham, and has frozen the charity's bank account following serious concerns about the charity's governance. The investigation was opened on 15 April 2018 and on 27 April 2018 the regulator appointed joint interim

managers to run the charity.

The charity's purposes include promoting and providing for the advancement of education in accordance with the doctrines and principles of the Christian faith.

The charity has been experiencing financial difficulties and entered into a company voluntary arrangement in 2014. The charity's premises were sold in 2015 which has allowed the school to keep operating. As a result of the death of one trustee and the resignation of another, the charity has recently been functioning with only one trustee. This is in breach of the charity's governing document which requires 3 trustees to make decisions.

The Commission opened an inquiry to investigate its concerns and has taken action to freeze the charity's bank account and protect the charity's funds following a meeting with the charity's trustee and their advisers. The Commission's engagement was prompted by recent complaints about the charity's governance and management.

The inquiry will examine the following regulatory issues:

- the governance, management and administration of the charity by the trustees, with particular regard to:
 - the extent to which the trustees have complied with the governing document of the charity;
 - the financial control and management of the charity
 - whether the trustees have avoided or adequately managed potential conflicts of interest;
 - the extent to which the trustees complied with the requirements of the Charities Act when disposing of the charity's property in 2015; and
 - decisions regarding the charity's future
- whether connected party transactions and remuneration to trustees have been properly authorised

Due to the lack of effective governance oversight over the charity, the Commission has appointed Geoff Carton-Kelly and Jason Daniel Baker of FRP Advisory as joint interim managers of the charity. This means that they will take on full control of the day-to-day management and administration of the charity from the current trustee until the Commission makes a further order.

The school presently remains in operation. Part of the Interim Managers' duties will be to establish the viability of the charity and the school it operates and determine the most appropriate option regarding the charity's future.

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1. The Charity Commission is the regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work see the [about us](#) page on GOV.UK.
2. Search for charities on our [check charity](#) tool.
3. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the commission the power to institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.