



Wyre Borough Council
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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Wyre Borough Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde on **Thursday, 15 September 2022** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry Payne".

Garry Payne
Chief Executive

The Mayor will invite the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend John Squires, to say prayers.

COUNCIL AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Confirmation of minutes** (Pages 7 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 July 2022.
3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from any Member on any item on this agenda.
4. **Announcements**

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Members of the Cabinet, a Chairman of a Committee or the Chief Executive.
5. **Public questions or statements**

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 9.1.

6. Questions "On Notice" from councillors

To receive any questions from Members of the Council to the Mayor, a member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of a Committee under Council Procedure Rule 12.1.

7. Executive reports

To receive reports from Cabinet Members. (In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3 Councillors will be able to ask questions or make comments).

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| (a) | Leader of the Council (Councillor Henderson) | (Pages 13 - 16) |
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8. Appointments to Committees (Pages 35 - 38)

Report of Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive.

9. Periodic report - Armed Forces Champion (Pages 39 - 42)

Report of Councillor Peter Le Marinel, Armed Forces Champion.

10. Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

The following Notice of Motion submitted under Paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules has been submitted by Councillors Fail, Beavers, Longton, Raynor, Smith and Stirzaker:

"Standing up for responsible tax conduct

Councillors across the UK and in Wyre work hard to serve their local communities and help direct the delivery of essential public services. By signing up to the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration, councils can demonstrate alignment to their values and encourage responsible tax practice through:

- leading by example on tax conduct*
- demanding to know who owns and profits from businesses the council buys from – UK and overseas – and their full financial reports*
- joining calls for UK public procurement rules to change so that councils can do more to tackle tax avoidance and award points to suppliers that demonstrate responsible tax conduct.*

Full Council resolves to:

- 1) Sign up to the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.*
- 2) Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.*
- 3) Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.*
- 4) Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.*
- 5) Work with other Councils undertaking due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.*
- 6) Demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit and loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.*
- 7) Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.*
- 8) Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.*
- 9) Support calls for urgent reform of UK procurement law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax*

conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.”

Notice of Motion 2

The following Notice of Motion submitted under Paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules has been submitted by Councillors Bridge, Raynor, Stirzaker and Michael Vincent:

“Fireworks are used by people throughout the year to mark different events, but they are also often used indiscriminately with no thought for the detrimental impact on residents or animals. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.

They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals (including pet animals, farm livestock and wildlife). Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries – sometimes very serious ones – as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise.

This Council resolves:

- 1) to encourage all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people*
- 2) to continue to promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks*
- 3) to continue to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display*
- 4) to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation*
 - to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays*
 - to limit the public use of fireworks on or close to specific dates and times*
 - to tighten restrictions on the sale of fireworks in the run up to Bonfire Night*

- *to licence all public firework displays – and ensuring displays are better advertised to the public*

If you have any enquiries on this agenda, please contact Peter Foulsham, tel: 01253 887606, email: peter.foulsham@wyre.gov.uk

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Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 7 July 2022 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Council members present:

The Mayor, Councillor Robinson and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Catterall

Councillors Amos, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Baxter, Beavers, Berry, Bowen, Collinson, E Ellison, Fail, Gerrard, George, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Le Marinel, Leech, Longton, McKay, Minto, Moon, Orme, Raynor, Stirzaker, Swales, S Turner, A Vincent, Matthew Vincent, M Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley, Webster and Williams

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Armstrong, B Birch, C Birch, Bridge, Cartridge, P Ellison, Fairbanks, Henderson, O'Neill, Rendell, Smith and A Turner

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance and Business Support
Jane Collier, Human Resources Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Duncan Jowitt, Democratic Services Officer
Daphne Courtenage, Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Bethan McDonough, Communications and Marketing Officer

Others present:

Honorary Alderman John Hodgkinson, Reverend John Squires, the Mayor's Chaplain and the Mayor's consort.

One member of the public attended the meeting.

9 Confirmation of minutes

The following amendment to Item 6d of the minutes of 14 April 2022 was proposed by Councillor Fail and seconded by Councillor Beavers:

"Cllr Fail asked with regard to planning breaches whether investigations were being done quickly enough to stop unauthorised

breaches from progressing to completion, and if not, whether this indicated there was still a staffing level issue. Cllr Fail also asked if formal action should be taken more frequently than currently (with a view to discouraging unauthorised development). The Portfolio Holder provided no view on this, with the Chief Exec intervening to confirm that it was he who had responsibility for staffing, not the Portfolio Holder.”

The amendment was lost (by 30 votes to 5 with 0 abstentions).

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, then proposed and the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder, Councillor Berry, seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the full Council held on 14 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record. It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting of 14 April be agreed as a correct record (by 30 votes to 5 with 0 abstentions)

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, then proposed and the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder, Councillor Berry, seconded that the minutes of the meeting of the full Council held on 12 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record. It was agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting of 12 May be confirmed as a correct record.

10 Declarations of Interest

None.

11 Announcements

The Mayor gave details of a number of fund-raising events that had been arranged to be held in aid of the Mayor’s charities:

- Tuesday 16 August – Prosecco afternoon tea with live music in the Mayor’s Parlour, Civic Centre - tickets £15.
- Monday 5 September – Prosecco afternoon tea in the Mayor’s Parlour (2nd event by popular demand) - tickets £15.
- Friday 9 September – Brush and tipple! An art class with a difference at the Venue, Cleveleys.
- Friday 21 October – Northern Soul live band The Casinos and fish and chip supper at the Stumble Inn, Myerscough - tickets £20.
- Saturday 19 November – pre-loved fashion show and sale by Gemma’s designer agency at Wyrebank, Garstang.
- The Mayor’s Charity Ball at Garstang Golf Club on Saturday 25 February 2023.

12 Public questions or statements

None.

13 Questions "On Notice" from councillors

None.

14 Executive reports

(a) Leader of the Council (Councillor Henderson)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor David Henderson, submitted a report.

In the absence of Councillor Henderson, the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, responded to questions from Councillor Fail about the problems of deprivation in Wyre, from Councillor Beavers about issues surrounding local homes being sold for holiday lets and from Councillor Lady D. Atkins about properties that had been left unoccupied for long periods.

The report was noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor Michael Vincent)

The Resources Portfolio Holder, Councillor Michael Vincent, submitted a report.

Cllr Vincent provided details of payments that were to be made from a discretionary scheme that would provide financial help to those on Local Council Tax Support.

The report was noted.

(c) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bridge)

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder, Councillor Simon Bridge, submitted a report.

In the absence of Councillor Bridge, Councillor Michael Vincent responded to questions and comments.

Councillor Vincent responded to a question from Councillor Fail about the lack of fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling and said that a written response would be provided. He also responded to a question from Councillor Longton on the subject of littering.

Councillor Ingham asked that his thanks be passed onto the Portfolio Holder and to the Arts and Events Development Officer, Chris Wyatt, and Gary Scott at Copse Road for their help towards the Queen's Party held at Roylen Avenue, which had raised over £1000 for Brian House.

Councillor Beavers commented that the new Changing Places facility next to the Beach Bungalows, to which Fleetwood Town Council had contributed £10,000, would encourage more people to use the facilities.

The report was noted.

- (d) Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
(Councillor Collinson)

Councillor Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, submitted a report.

The report was noted.

- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
(Councillor Berry)

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder, Councillor Berry, submitted a report.

Councillor Berry responded to questions from Councillors Fail and Longton about the recent flooding in Cleveleys. Councillor Baxter thanked Councillor Berry for his input and Senior Engineer, Paul Long, for agreeing to take up communications.

The report was noted.

- (f) Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder
(Councillor Bowen)

The Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder, Councillor Lynne Bowen, submitted a report.

Councillor Bowen thanked the Events Team for their efforts in respect of the Jubilee celebrations. Councillor Le Marinel added his thanks to Chris Wyatt, to Emma Lyons and the Communications Team and to Marianne Unwin and Daphne Courtenage of Democratic Services.

Councillor Stirzaker emphasised that the Big Picnic event in Fleetwood had been organised by Fleetwood Town Council and Cllr Bowen thanked them for doing so.

The report was noted.

15 Treasury management activity 2021/22

Councillor Michael Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder, and Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and S151 Officer, submitted a report detailing the overall position and activities in respect of Treasury Management for the financial year 2021/22.

It was agreed unanimously that the Annual report on Treasury Management Activity for the 2021/22 financial year be approved.

16 Appointment of Independent Person

Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council, and Clare James, Corporate Director Resources, submitted a report to enable an additional Independent Person to be appointed to be involved in dealing with Councillors' Code of Conduct complaints and any disciplinary procedures for statutory officers.

It was agreed (by 34 votes to zero with one abstention) that David Gregson be appointed as an Independent Person, in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

17 Periodic Report - Lead Member for Older People

Councillor Lynn Walmsley, Lead Member for Older People, presented a report detailing some of the activities she had been involved in over the previous year.

The report was noted.

18 Notices of Motion

None.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 7.44 pm.

Date of Publication: 12 July 2022

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Leader of the Council
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.

2. Lancashire District Leaders and Lancashire Leaders

- 2.1 Lancashire District Leaders and Lancashire Leaders met on the 21 July 2022 and at that meeting a number of issues were discussed including:
- 2.2 Lancashire 2050 - Leaders agreed that work should be undertaken on the issue of recruitment and retention of staff across authorities in Lancashire and opportunities to develop skilling up and training opportunities jointly including pooling/shared services especially in the HR and Legal specialisms. It was agreed that this should be taken forward through the Employment and Skills Workstream of the Lancashire 2050 governance structure and a meeting of Lancashire Chief Executives has been convened to progress this work.
- 2.3 Ukrainian/refugee housing issues - Leaders requested that a briefing note setting out the position in respect of refugees in Lancashire and further wider discussion on the housing, financial and other support issues arising from the increasing numbers settling in the county be brought back to a future meeting.
- 2.4 County Council Resolution on Warm and Welcome Public Spaces - An update on action taken so far by the County Council has been shared with Leaders and we will be developing our own plan on how to assist people who may find themselves homeless during Autumn/Winter and Cllr Berry, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety will provide Members with a detailed update when full Council meet in October.
- 2.5 Lancashire Leaders supported the continuation of Lancashire 2050.

Comments and actions included:

- The Cost of Living crisis to be featured in the priority themes and a Cost of Living Crisis Senior Officer Group has been formed to develop options to help those in most need and our representative on that Group will be Peter Mason, Head of the Contact Centre.
- Engagement of external stakeholders such as Network Rail etc. in the L2050 work was considered to be critical and needs to be factored in as part of the thematic scoping exercise.
- Leaders noted that a group was being established to look at the Bus Service Improvement plan and commented on the need to think about how this connected with the transport and infrastructure theme.
- Leaders were keen to ensure that they maintained a strong and active lead in the L2050 work as it progressed.
- Leaders discussed the need to identify and address any contradictions/clashes across the priority areas, for example, economic growth and climate emergency.
- L2050 Workshop - report to be brought to the September meeting following the workshop highlighting the key messages and issues going forwards.
- Leaders requested that a communications plan be developed to support this work and to better support conversations with Government.
- Leaders discussed the Warm Places notice of motion passed at LCC on 21 July and all Leaders were in agreement that the use of publically accessible County buildings, such as libraries, as places where people can keep warm should be supported. Mark Broadhurst, Head of Housing Services, the Housing Team and Communications Team will be working with Officers from LCC to promote and support the Warm Places scheme in Wyre.

2.6 Devolution

- Leaders commented that, whilst there was some possibility that a new incoming Prime Minister could alter the Government's approach to the levelling up agenda and funding, Lancashire's approach was 'business as usual' with a clear agenda to continue working on plans for future levelling up projects.
- Leaders noted and discussed the proposed deal for Devon County Council.
- Leaders supported the idea of engaging Finance Directors early in the process.

3. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board

- 3.1** On 8 September I attended the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board meeting and I will provide Members with a verbal update of the matters discussed at that meeting.

4. Comments and Questions

- 4.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Michael Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Resources Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Finance

2.1 The draft statement of accounts for 2021/22 was published on 29 July, just prior to the 31 July deadline. Nationally only 62% of council's achieved this deadline and Audit committee will now review the draft accounts on 27 September.

2.2 Revenue slippage has reduced significantly this year after increasing the minimum threshold from £5,000 to £10,000, and in relation to 2021/22 the value (net of reserve funding) is £1,195,710 compared to £1,815,040 in 2020/21. As the slipped expenditure still needs to be incurred, the saving is returned to balances to be spent in 2022/23.

2.3 In summary, additional income from benefits and rent allowances, interest, sales, fees and charges (mainly legal fees), Housing Benefit Administration Grants and council tax annexe grant total £431,427. Savings in employee costs, non-domestic rates, special works, maintenance and hire of tools and equipment, materials-consumables, postage, the Mayor's attendant service, bank charges, advertising, external coaching, the YMCA Subsidy and private contractors total £1,442,023. These positive variances have been used to compensate for reduced income on rents totalling £19,264 and increased expenditure on water rates, legal costs and bad debt provisions of £100,385. Other minor positive variances total £177,909. The net savings have been used to top up the Council Tax Equalisation Reserve by £1,137,498, the IT Strategy Reserve by £498,898, the Leisure Management Reserve by £250,000 and the Capital Investment Reserve by £22,800. The remaining balance on the Performance Reward Initiatives (PRI) Reserve has been transferred into the Value for Money (VFM) Reserve to top this up by £22,514, allowing the PRI Reserve to be closed.

- 2.4** When you consider that our gross expenditure on services for last year was £54m, a net saving of £1,931,710 equates to less than 3.6%.
- 2.5** Our final position as at 31 March 2022, subject to audit, shows that we have £13.3m in general balances and £22m in Earmarked Reserves.

3. Human Resources

- 3.1** In July it was reported that the 2022/23 pay award had not been agreed. The Unions had submitted a pay claim to the National Employers looking for a substantial increase with a minimum of £2,000 or the current rate of RPI, whichever is the greater, on all spinal column points. Other requests were also being considered and following a consultation with local authorities the response from the Employers in late July was to offer a £1,925 increase on all pay bands with an additional day's leave from 1 April 2023.
- 3.2** This would equate to around a 7% increase on Wyre's current payroll and although not yet accepted, it will form the basis of the updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) assumption next month, subject to any further updates. Unison are running a neutral consultation with its members on whether the offer should be accepted or rejected from 15 August to 19 September and if an agreement with the employers is reached before the MTFP update is finalised then it will be incorporated.

4. Electoral Services

- 4.1** Two by-elections have been held over the summer months and we welcome Richard Rendell, the new Conservative member for Cleveleys Park and Collette Rushforth, the new Independent member for Preesall.

5. Contact Centre

- 5.1** £1.2m (75%) of our Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) which provides business rate relief for businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic, who weren't eligible for other reliefs, has been awarded to over 250 businesses under the first tranche of support. A further tranche is to follow this month with the expectation that our full £1.6m allocation will be utilised.
- 5.2** The council tax energy rebate schemes (mandatory and discretionary) have seen a high volume of £150 payments being made since its launch earlier this year (over 39,700). In total, £5.8m (over 85%) of our £6.9m allocation has been distributed so far to households in Bands A to D and those living in Bands E to H on low income. Further details on the energy rebate schemes and CARF are available on the council's website at www.wyre.gov.uk.
- 5.3** Under the pooled Household Support Fund and Discretionary Energy Rebate scheme, further payments of £90 have been made to all pensioners on Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) (3,210) and £50 has been paid to all working age LCTS recipients (4,528). These payments are in addition to the £150 council tax energy rebate scheme

and other schemes administered by the Department for Work and Pensions, related to the cost of living crisis.

- 5.4** We are supporting Lancashire County Council (LCC) by making payments to sponsors of Ukrainian refugees with nearly £30,000 pass-ported so far to 30 sponsors. The funding for these payments will be provided by LCC in due course.

6. Asset management

- 6.1** We completed the purchase of Neptune, fish and food processing park, on 9 August 2022. The site on Fleetwood dock consists of 11 industrial units. Leases have been drafted and are with the tenants solicitor for signing. It is hoped that the new tenants will soon start fit out and take up occupation of units prior to the end of 2022.

7. Comments and questions

- 7.1** In accordance with procedure rule 10.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.5.

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio as set out below.

2. Parks and Open Spaces

- 2.1** The Bay team, Wyre Rangers and the Dynamic Dunescapes Engagement Officer have hosted a number of engagement activities on the coast. World Sand Dunes Day was celebrated with a series of walks and activities in Rossall Point Tower and along the promenade and beach. Activities included a discover moths survey, a sea watch from the tower, eggcase hunt and den building. Visitors and locals enjoyed these popular events and found out about Fleetwood's marine and dune wildlife and also about the conservation management taking place along the coast.
- 2.2** A specially carved Storytelling Chair was installed at Rossall Point Tower – this was hand carved with images of Wyre's coastal wildlife and was funded through the Lancashire Living Seas Programme. The chair can be used both in and outdoors in the storytelling area next to the Tower.
- 2.3** Dynamic Dunescapes have embarked on a programme of management of the invasive plant Japanese Rose. Contractors are onsite to apply a specific herbicide to reduce its damaging impact upon the dune's natural wildlife. This work will be on-going over the summertime and will be carefully monitored.
- 2.4** Vicarage Park, Poulton hosted a Theatre in the Park event which was well supported by local families despite the wet conditions. The actors sang songs from the musical Frozen and other popular tunes, encouraging audience participation, with the children in particular having a wonderful time.

- 2.5** Hawthorne Park in Thornton hosted a Music in the Park afternoon in wonderful sunny conditions and many people enjoyed picnicking while listening to music from a local brass band.
- 2.6** Five of Wyre's parks have again achieved the prestigious Green Flag Award. Poulton's Vicarage Park, Hawthorne Park and Wyre Estuary Country Park in Thornton, and Fleetwood's Memorial Park and The Mount were all successful. The scheme, managed by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for their management. The awards are testament to the hard work and dedication of the teams at Wyre Council, working in partnership with community groups and volunteers to make Wyre's green spaces great spaces that everyone can enjoy.
- 2.7** Wyre Council have worked with the Friends of Preesall Park to provide a footpath around the perimeter of the site to improve accessibility. The works were undertaken in May and have been jointly funded by Wyre Council, Lancashire Environment Fund, Tesco Bags for Help and the Friends of Preesall Park.

3. Waste and Recycling

- 3.1** The Green Waste subscription service for 2022 went live from 1 July. Uptake has been steady with the majority of previous customers signing up before the deadline. Social Media messages and targeted communications have been directed to those customers late in subscribing. Non-scheme bins presented for collection are being left by Veolia and explanatory stickers encouraging sign-up applied to the bins. Green waste income received exceeds the budgeted income for 2022-23.

4. Public Conveniences

- 4.1** Working with Danfo we continue to improve our public conveniences with internal renovation including the conversion to waterless urinals completed at Marine Hall, Memorial Park and Preston Street.
- 4.2** The switch over to LED lights at all units is almost complete and the provision of a cashless payment system is now available on one unit per facility, with some initial connectivity problems being investigated in rural locations. Additionally units now have a push button door locking system preventing the doors being locked in the open position, bypassing the payment mechanism.
- 4.2** Final plans are being agreed for the Changing Places facility to be located adjacent to the Fleetwood Beach Wheelchair charity base in Central Car Park. Adaptation works will start on the building late autumn and the new facility will be available to service users at the start of April 2023.

5. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Alice Collinson Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio, as set out below.

2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- 2.1 Under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund the council will receive and manage a grant allocation for three financial years of £3.9m. The council submitted an investment plan to access the funding on 1 August, this plan listed interventions across three themes; communities and place, supporting local business and people and place.
- 2.2 Priorities were identified in consultation with the Town Centre Partnership boards with assistance from the Business Growth section at Lancashire County Council; who co-ordinated a series of pitches from organisations who could deliver county-wide initiatives. The investment plan also set out how the funding and delivery of interventions would be managed by the council.
- 2.3 The investment plan is now being considered by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with the first investment plans anticipated to be approved from October 2022 onwards. It is anticipated that the interventions outlined in the investment may change during the consideration by government and also during the three years of delivery.

3. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

2. Community Safety

- 2.1 **Fleetwood - Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)** - As alcohol appears to be a contributory factor in a significant proportion of crime, Wyre Council has launched a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) in Fleetwood. Initially the partnership will highlight the risks of underage drinking in order to improve the health and well-being of local young people.
- 2.2 The aim being to improve young people’s attitude to alcohol, in recognition that they may become the alcohol consumers of the future, and if they have a better attitude towards alcohol consumption, long term it could have an impact on violent crime. During the launch week, officers from Wyre Council and the Police were out in the community, collecting residents’ views on young people’s drinking and anti-social behaviour and urged the public to voice their concerns by completing a survey. This will be used to inform the partnership going forward. Working with local retailers, the CAP aims to help them avoid making underage sales and reduce proxy sales where adults buy alcohol for under-18s. If successful it is hoped the scheme can be developed in other areas of the Borough.
- 2.3 **Domestic Homicide** - In 2020 the Council received a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) referral from the police. The partnership appointed an independent chair to undertake the review and a report was produced detailing the involvement of agencies in the case and identified recommendations for improvement. This was submitted to the home office to consider in late 2021. The Home Office then carried out quality assurance checks and have approved the report. The community safety partnership will endeavour to utilise its influence to implement the recommendations within the report. Unfortunately I am extremely sad to

report that the partnership has received a further Domestic homicide referral from the police in July 2022, which was considered and accepted by the Community Safety Partnership on the 18 August 2022. The DHR process will be followed.

2.4 Mediation Service - Unfortunately we are experiencing an increase in neighbour disputes and heightened tension between some members of the community. This is impacting on the work of both ourselves and the police who are witnessing increasingly emotional behaviours in both the complainant and the subject. In response together with Lancaster City Council and Fylde Council we have undertaken a procurement exercise to obtain the services of an independent mediation company to try and target the worst cases in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and bring disputes to a more rational conclusion. It is hoped that this will also have a positive impact on the health and well-being of the individuals involved.

3. Housing

3.1 Homes for Ukraine - In partnership with Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Fylde Council we have recently launched a Fylde Coast Homes for Ukraine Grant Scheme to enable local groups and organisations supporting Homes for Ukraine guests to bid for funding to support integration activity. Grants are available for up to £10,000 and bids need to be submitted by 30 September. Further details are available at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/ukraine-community-grant-scheme/?page=1>

3.2 Rough Sleeper Initiative - We have been successful in bidding for additional funding from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities as part of the ongoing Rough Sleeper Initiative. The Rough Sleeper Initiative helps to provide a rapid response to reports of rough sleepers and provides funding to support interventions that work to break the cycle of rough sleeping. We have been awarded £75,860 for each of the next three years up to 2024/25. This funding will provide a full time officer to engage with rough sleepers and will fund interventions such as rent in advance, rent bonds and tenancy training, as well as ensuring temporary accommodation is available for when rough sleepers need to be accommodated immediately.

3.3 Ex-Offender Housing Support - We have submitted a bid to Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities to extend a successful initiative we implemented to provide housing support for ex-offenders. In 2020/21 we were part of a successful joint bid with Fylde Council to support ex-offenders into their own private rented sector tenancies. Over £80,000 was awarded and we were able to support 25 clients into settled accommodation with all the necessary support. We have applied for a further £30,000 and if successful aim to support a further 14 clients into settled accommodation.

4. Wyre Beach Management Scheme

- 4.1** I am pleased to advise members that work on the £42m Wyre Beach Management scheme commences this month. The scheme will better protect 11,000 properties by working with natural processes to stabilise beaches. The initial works will be preparatory work for the phase 1 beach revetment works and involve setting up a site compound at Jubilee Gardens and constructing a road crossing and access widening to allow large construction plant to move rock from the compound to the beach. The council and contractor Balfour Beatty who have worked together on the Rossall and Cleveleys schemes will minimise disruption as much as possible. Public liaison and communication is critically important to keep residents and visitors aware of what is planned and to enable a quick resolution to any issues that may arise.

5. Flooding

- 5.1** Following comments at the previous full council, I have the following update to provide for members: On the morning of Monday 27 June large parts of Cleveleys were hit by a brief period of intensive rainfall. For approximately two hours from 4.30am to 6.30am over 60mm of rain fell. It had not been forecast nor had warnings been issued by the Met office. The flooding was restricted largely to Cleveleys with the rest of the Borough unaffected.
- 5.2** Drainage systems were inundated by the sheer intensity and volume of water over a comparative short period of time with the result that many roads were flooded and bow waves from traffic caused standing water to threaten homes. By noon most of the flooding had dissipated with only an area around Queens Walk and Carr Gate flooded until late afternoon. The flooding appears to have been largely restricted to the road network with very few reports of minor internal flooding to residential properties.
- 5.3** Inspection of the drainage systems after the event found them generally in good order with the lack of maintenance not the reason for the flooding and operational logs have confirmed that the UU pumping station at Anchorsholme operated as designed throughout the event.
- 5.4** Two meetings have already been held with Risk Management Authorities, Councillors, Flag members and members of the public at which the local drainage system involving five separate networks were plotted in detail on maps and various sites were visited.
- 5.5** It was agreed that a full report of the flooding event would be prepared and this has just been completed. Key actions highlighted in the Report include further work in various areas along the drainage system and expanding membership of Cleveleys Flood Action Group

6. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	15 September 2022

Executive Report: Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Active Lives and Community Engagement Update

2.1 PASTA Programme - In partnership with Healthy Heads we have been providing a Play Activities at Teatime (PASTA) programme at two local primary schools in the Rossall ward of Fleetwood. The programme is aimed at children and their families who are overweight and it has worked really well and has been very popular with local families. Attendance was really good with families saying how much they enjoyed the programme and the difference it had made to their lives. Fitbits were awarded at the end of the programme, which was a touch all the participants loved.

2.2 Wyre Weight Management - We have been working closely with our providers, Slimming World, Man v Fat and Fleetwood Town FC Community Trust on our adult weight management offer for Wyre. We currently have three programmes on offer, including a new programme called Choose to Lose with Fleetwood Town FC. Our main offer with Slimming World continues to be really successful with 318 people joining the programme since April 2022. Over 62% of people complete the programme ie attend at least 10 out of 12 sessions and the average weight loss is over 12lbs during their 12 weeks. 97% of all people who started the programme have lost 3% of their Body Mass Index (BMI), which we are delighted with. We are now looking at the retention of that weight loss at the six month point and offering incentives for people to join and exercise at Fylde Coast YMCA.

2.3 Our Man v Fat programme started in February 2022 and has so far seen over 40 men sign up and lose weight on the first 14 week football season. The club takes place on a Friday night at Poolfoot Farm, Fleetwood Town FC's excellent training facility and involves a weigh in,

healthy eating advice and a game of 5 a-side football. It is a great way of encouraging men to attend and help them to lose weight. We look forward to continuing to work with all our providers to support adults who want to lose weight in Wyre.

2.4 Holiday Activity & Food Programme - The Wyre Holiday Activity & Food Programme continues to go from strength to strength and this summer has provided 17 summer camps across five weeks. Nine different local providers including Fylde Coast YMCA, Fleetwood Town FC Community Trust, Sportscool, Fylde Coast Holiday Club and Fleetwood Amateur Boxing Club have provided the camps for children and young people aged 5-16 years. The camps, providing free holiday activities and food for children on benefits related free school meals have benefitted from local artists and nutrition specialists going in to the clubs, providing healthy snacks and arts & crafts activities. This has complimented the sporting and physical activities that take place each day such as swimming, football, dodgeball and rounders. Altogether we had just under 4000 bookings on to the camps and it has been a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves so much in the nice weather. The food for each of the camps was provided by local businesses.

3. Tourism, Visitor Services and Events

3.1 Marsh Mill -Marsh Mill Windmill was pleased to support the judges of Wyre in Bloom during their visit to the floral displays on 4 August by opening Marsh Mill Windmill and turning its iconic sails. A heritage tour was delivered especially for the judges and they also viewed the three exhibitions inside the Mill itself. The fact the sails were turning created a great talking point for the judges who were viewing and then judging the floral displays in Marsh Mill Square itself.

3.2 Tram Sunday - It was great to see Tram Sunday return to Fleetwood and see so many people in the town centre enjoying the day. We were pleased to support the promotion of this great event. We organised a range of attractions at Fleetwood Market to increase footfall and add to the event, this included an inflatable pub, family discos, a free bouncy castle, face painting and hair braiding, creative activities, character appearances including the acts from the Spare Parts Festival and street food in the outdoor market, all of which proved extremely popular.

3.3 Frozen - On Saturday 30 July, despite the traditional British weather, we hosted live outdoor theatre performances of Frozen at Jean Stansfield Park in Poulton. Families came along and enjoyed the free shows and were able to sing along and have photos taken with the characters. We are planning further family shows at other locations in October half term.

4. Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre

4.1 August was an exceptionally busy time for Wyre Theatres. In the first two weeks we hosted a nine day British Championship Competition organised by Theatre and Dance Council International, involving over 130 young competitors from across Britain. This was followed by three

nights of sold out performances by Phyllis Davies Dance School, showcasing the very best of local dance talent.

- 4.2** We then celebrated the Tenth Anniversary of the Fylde Coast Food and Drink Festival by expanding the event from one day to two days. This worked well over a very sunny weekend with around 5,000 visitors attending across the two days.
- 4.3** During the same two weeks, we also hosted four wedding ceremonies at The Mount Pavilion, as well as several regular community bookings at Thornton Little Theatre and four 'Harmony and Health' singing groups across the two Theatres. A further two weddings and a large Anniversary Party took place at Marine Hall at the end of August /beginning of September; alongside several afternoon Tea Dances and the first 'Home Show' for Highbury Morris Dancers, where they welcomed competition troupes from across the North West.
- 4.4** Thornton and Cleveleys Operatic Society return to Thornton Little Theatre at the end of September. This will be their first show back with us since before the Pandemic.
- 4.5** We are excited to share the news that The Mount Pavilion has been shortlisted for 'Wedding Venue of the Year' in the Marketing Lancashire Tourism Awards.

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Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive	Council	15 September 2022

Appointments to committees

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To enable changes to be made to the membership of committees for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

2. Outcomes

2.1 Effective arrangements to carry out the Council's non-executive decision making and advisory functions.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Councillor Rendell of the Conservative Group be appointed to the Planning Committee in place of Councillor Holden.

3.2 That Councillor Rendell of the Conservative Group be appointed to the Employment and Appeals Committee in place of Councillor Alan Vincent.

4. Background

4.1 A by-election was held on Thursday 30 June 2022 for one borough councillor for the Cleveleys Park ward, following the passing of Rita Amos. The result saw Richard Rendell elected as councillor for Cleveleys Park ward.

4.2 Changes to the membership of two committees are needed in order to take into account other councillor commitments and availability. The changes are intended to be of benefit to both the Planning Committee and Employment and Appeals Committee in terms of member attendance.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** These appointments are a straight replacement of one councillor by another from the same group and so there are no immediate implications for the political balance calculations, which will remain the same.

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Finance	There are no financial implications associated with this report.
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equality and diversity	x	climate change	x
sustainability	x	ICT	x
health and safety	x	data protection	x

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Peter Le Marinel	Council	15 September 2022

Periodic Report - Armed Forces Champion
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the current position on various issues relating to the Armed Forces Covenant and Community.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council has been a signatory of the Armed Forces Community Covenant since 25 June 2012. On 23 June 2022, Wyre Council re-signed the updated Armed Forces Covenant.
- 2.2 The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that those who serve and have served, and their families, should be treated fairly. The Covenant was enshrined in law in the 2021 Armed Forces Act and ensures that members of the Armed Forces community are not disadvantaged as a result of their service when accessing Government and commercial services. Special consideration is also appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and bereaved. The Government, local authorities, the wider public sector, charities, commercial organisations and civil society all have a role in supporting the Armed Forces community. This includes in areas such as employment, healthcare, housing, education, and financial advice.
- 2.3 Johnny Mercer MP was appointed Minister of State (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) at the Cabinet Office on 7 July 2022 with responsibility for championing veterans' interests at the heart of government. This appointment is to highlight the outstanding contribution veterans from all walks of life are already making to our economy and society, ensuring no individual who needs help is left behind after they leave service. The Strategy for our Veterans was jointly published by the UK, Scottish and Welsh Governments in November 2018.

3. Armed Forces Covenant and Community Activity in Wyre

- 3.1 I have reported previously that in January 2020, Wyre Council established an Armed Forces Covenant Network Group to drive forward the Armed Forces Covenant agenda and to engage with the Armed Forces community in Wyre. The Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 hampered regular meetings. However since the end of lockdown, the

network group has met on two occasions and has picked up the action plan from where it was paused in March 2020.

- 3.2** In August 2020 Wyre Council achieved the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme silver award after achieving bronze in 2019 in recognition for Wyre Council's commitment to ensuring that members of the Armed Forces community are not disadvantaged by their service when employing veterans and the partners of service personnel. This includes supporting Reservist employees to meet their training commitments and by continuing to help service leavers as they make their transition back into civilian life.
- 3.3** In order for the council to work towards achieving the gold award, there is a requirement to maintain the recognised silver standard and continue to meet the required criteria expected prior to applying for the gold award.
- 3.4** Currently there are Armed Forces (AF) engagement projects being run by Fleetwood, Blackpool and Fylde football clubs. These are funded by the AF Covenant Trust Fund and provide activities for the AF community. The coordinators offer a referral/signposting service to Veterans in need. A thriving and informative Facebook group for the armed forces community on the Fylde Coast has been set up and has recently exceeded 600 members.
- 3.5** Wyre is fortunate to have a Veterans outreach project worker. Funded by Lancashire County Council (LCC) via the LCC Armed Forces Champion, Cllr Alf Clempson. Dave Whitworth the project lead continues to act as an advocate and support worker for Veterans in need across the Fylde Coast.
- 3.6** Since 2018, LCC and UCLAN have jointly run an Armed Forces Covenant team to coordinate strategy and work with practitioners and projects across Lancashire. Wyre's Armed Forces Champion and support officer have regularly attended virtual meetings during lockdown to ensure Wyre maintains representation and focus around the Armed Forces Agenda.
- 3.7** On 23 May 2022, a parade to commemorate the granting of the freedom of the borough to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment was held. Residents were invited to watch the parade through Poulton-le-Fylde and line the streets to celebrate and cheer on the Regiment.
- 3.8** The Freedom of a town or city is an honour given by a local council to a military unit in recognition of their exceptional service and as a sign of mutual respect. The event was especially significant as the Regiment's Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty The Queen, celebrated her Platinum Jubilee this year.

4. Future National Strategy and Legislation

- 4.1 I have reported previously that the Armed Forces Covenant is being further incorporated into law and further information regarding the new legislation and duties delegated to Local Authorities will be included in future reports.

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