



**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, 26 January 2023** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

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

**Garry Payne**  
**Chief Executive**

### **COUNCIL AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Confirmation of minutes**

(Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 1 December 2022 and 19 January 2023 respectively.

**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 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).

- (a) Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael Vincent) (Pages 11 - 12)
- (b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor Henderson) (Pages 13 - 16)
- (c) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bridge) (Pages 17 - 18)
- (d) Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Collinson) (Pages 19 - 20)
- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) (Pages 21 - 24)
- (f) Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) (Pages 25 - 28)

**8. Localised Council Tax Support** (Pages 29 - 58)

Report of Councillor David Henderson, Resources Portfolio Holder and Clare James, Corporate Director Resources.

**9. Wyre Local Plan Partial Update** (Pages 59 - 110)

Report of Councillor Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities.

**10. Appointment to Committee** (Pages 111 - 112)

Report of Councillor Michael Vincent, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive.

**11. Periodic report - Lead Member for Children and Young People** (Pages 113 - 116)

Report of Councillor Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Children and Young People.

**12. Periodic report - Planning Committee**

(Pages 117 -  
120)

Report of Councillor Paul Moon, Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**13. Notices of Motion**

None.

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## Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 1 December 2022 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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### **Council members present:**

Councillors Robinson, Catterall, Armstrong, Lady D Atkins, Sir R Atkins, Ballard, Baxter, Berry, Bowen, Bridge, Cartridge, Collinson, P Ellison, Fail, George, Henderson, Holden, Ibison, Ingham, Kay, Leech, Longton, McKay, Minto, Orme, Rendell, Rushforth, Stirzaker, Swales, S Turner, A Vincent, M Vincent, D Walmsley, L Walmsley, Webster and Williams

### **Apologies for absence:**

Councillors I Amos, Beavers, C Birch, E Ellison, Fairbanks, Gerrard, Le Marinel, Moon, Raynor, Smith, A Turner and Matthew Vincent

### **Officers present:**

Garry Payne, Chief Executive  
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources and Section 151 Officer  
Peter Foulsham, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager  
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance and Business Support  
Jane Collier, Human Resources Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Marianne Unwin, Democratic Services Officer  
Debra Thornton, Senior Electoral Services Officer  
Bethan McDonogh, Senior Communications Officer  
Steffi Hudson, Web, Intranet & Internal Communications Officer  
Amy Collier, Corporate Apprentice

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

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### **42 Confirmation of minutes**

The Mayor pointed out that Minute 31 should have stated that a Christmas Concert would take place on Monday 12 December at 2pm, and not as recorded.

Subject to that amendment, it was agreed unanimously by those who attended, that the minutes of the full Council meeting held on 27 October 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **43 Declarations of Interest**

Rebecca Huddleston, the prospective Chief Executive, declared a significant interest in agenda item 11 (Appointment of a Chief Executive).

#### **44 Announcements**

The Mayor reminded members that tickets for the Christmas Concert on 12 December and the Mayoral Ball in February were still on sale.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Swales for organising a service of remembrance in Thornton for loved ones lost due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Councillor Henderson, on behalf of Councillor Le Marinel, informed councillors about the Older People's Festive Fayre, which was to take place at the Vicarage Community Centre in Poulton from 1.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 7 December.

#### **45 Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

Councillor David Henderson proposed and Councillor Lesley McKay seconded, that Councillor Michael Vincent be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Henderson summarised some of his achievements during his five years as Leader, referring specifically to the way in which Wyre Council had been represented at the Lancashire Leaders' and District Leaders' meetings, the way in which the council had responded positively to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the way in which officers had always supported him for which he was grateful. He added that Councillor Michael Vincent had been an excellent Deputy Leader, before making his proposal.

There were no other nominations for Leader of the Council.

**It was agreed**, (30 votes in favour, with 5 abstentions) that Councillor Michael Vincent be appointed as Leader of the Council until the Council elections in May 2023.

#### **46 Cabinet membership**

Councillor Michael Vincent, Leader of the Council, submitted a report to inform the Council of the membership of the Cabinet and the appointment of a Deputy Leader.

The following appointments to the Cabinet with effect from 1 December 2022 were noted:

Councillor Berry	Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Councillor Bridge	Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder
Councillor Bowen	Leisure, Health and Community Engagement

Councillor Collinson	Portfolio Holder Planning Policy and Economic Development
Councillor Henderson	Portfolio Holder Resources Portfolio Holder

It was further noted that Councillor Roger Berry be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.

**47 Appointments to committees**

The prospective Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent and the Chief Executive, Garry Payne, submitted a report to enable changes to be made to the membership of committees for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The recommendations were **agreed** unanimously.

**48 Public questions or statements**

None.

**49 Questions "On Notice" from councillors**

None.

**50 Executive reports**

(a) Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council submitted a report.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, responded to a question from Cllr Fail regarding the Council's priorities.

The report was noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder

The Resources Portfolio Holder submitted a report, which was presented by Councillor Michael Vincent, Leader of the Council.

The report was noted.

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

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

Councillor Simon Bridge responded to a comment from Councillor May Stirzaker about the lowering of kerbs in Fleetwood to facilitate

accessibility.

The report was noted.

(d) Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder submitted a report.

Councillor Alice Collinson commented about the success of the recent Wyre Business Awards, then responded to a question from Councillor Rob Fail regarding job creation.

The report was noted.

(e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder submitted a report.

Councillor Roger Berry responded to a question from Councillor Lady Atkins about flooding in Garstang, which he said he would refer to the next meeting of the Wyre Flood Forum.

Councillor Sir Robert Atkins posed a question about support for people during the current cost of living crisis.

Councillor Berry responded to a question from Councillor Paul Longton about the condition of housing in Wyre. A letter had already been sent in response to one received from the Minister. Appropriate enforcement action would be taken if necessary.

Councillor Rob Fail asked about an accident involving a volunteer during a recent beach clean exercise. Councillor Berry expressed concern for the victim of the accident before confirming that it happened on a revetment, access to the beach usually being by way of steps that were fully maintained.

The report was noted.

(f) Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

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

Councillor Lynne Bowen commented that a number of recently held events had all been very well attended. She also congratulated the Cemeteries Team who were, this evening, attending the Finals of a national event.

Councillor Rob Fail asked a question about food hygiene ratings.



Councillor Bowen agreed to send a further letter to the Minister to support the proposal that it should be mandatory that ratings be displayed.

The report was noted.

(g) Cabinet Member questions and comments

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael Vincent, referred to comments previously made by the Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder regarding job creation, and confirmed that Hillhouse was owned by NPL and not the Council.

Councillor Vincent also supported the proposal to write again to the Minister regarding food hygiene ratings.

**51 Appointment of Chief Executive**

Rebecca Huddleston, prospective Chief Executive, left the Council Chamber for this item.

The Leader of the Council and the Senior Appointments Committee submitted a report.

Councillor Michael Vincent proposed, and Councillor Henderson seconded that Rebecca Huddleston be appointed as Wyre Council's Chief Executive with effect from 1 April 2023.

The recommendation was **agreed** unanimously.

Rebecca Huddleston re-joined the meeting.

**52 Notices of Motion**

None.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 7.58 pm.

**Date of Publication:** 12 December 2022

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Report of	To	Date
Councillor Michael Vincent, Leader of the Council	Council	26 January 2023

**Executive Report: Leader of the Council**

**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 17 November 2022 and discussions continued on Lancashire 2050.

**2.2** As I reported in my previous report to full Council Lancashire 2050 has now been launched.

**2.3** I will continue to work with Lancashire Leaders to ensure the Lancashire 2050 strategic framework is developed in a meaningful and positive way that benefits not just Wyre but the whole of Lancashire and when the framework is at the detailed stage I will bring a report to full Council for your consideration.

**3. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board**

**3.1** The meeting of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board was held on 8 December 2022 and Cllr Henderson attended on my behalf. Wendy Dodds, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor at BP gave a presentation on behalf of the Offshore Windfarm Consortium.

**3.2** Tony Doyle, Head of IT - Blackpool Council gave an update on the Innovation Catalyst and the vision to deliver a new kind of digital eco system that is sustainable leading to significant economic growth and social prosperity to the area.

**3.3** An overview of progress made of developing digital infrastructure along the Fylde Coast and the associated international fibre connectivity was given. In brief, the report highlighted work undertaken by a team of researchers from Lancaster University and a sustainability consultancy; the impact of current Data Centres/Net Zero Data Centres on carbon footprint; digital growth and trends in ICT; details of the Innovation Catalyst (funded by Community Renewal Fund) and links to the Symposium session held on 15 September.

In addition, an overview of existing investments in the area was highlighted.

#### **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.



Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Resources Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

<b>Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder</b>
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## 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 As a result of the delayed Autumn Statement, notification from Central Government of the 2023/24 financial settlement did not arrive by their 6 December target deadline and no technical consultation was published in advance. This means that the timescales are extremely tight again for producing the council's annual budget. It is highly likely that the budget for 2023/24 will be based on provisional data. The Chancellor's Autumn Budget indicated that Shire Districts would be allowed to raise council tax by 2.99% (£6.42) or £5 on a Band D property, whichever is highest, without triggering a referendum.
- 2.2 It is still the intention that an updated forecast showing our projected spending levels and the recommended council tax for 2023/24 will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on 15 February. Inevitably, some information will be based on forecast assumptions but if for instance, details are confirmed around the pay award for 2023/24 and future years these will replace the estimates.

## 3. Governance and Business Support

- 3.1 The Chief Executives pay award of £1,925 has now been agreed in line with staff and chief officers pay increase. The aim for the 2023/24 pay award is for discussions between the national employers and unions to commence earlier, in the hope of reaching an agreement closer to 1 April than in previous years.
- 3.2 Aspiring leaders training was launched on 17 January to our new and upcoming managers. The programme consists of four modules; leading through change, resilience for managers, coaching skills and engaging leadership. To date 24 officers have been selected to take part in the training, which will run for three months ending on 23 March 2023.

- 3.3** The passing of the Elections Bill brings about considerable changes for those delivering, participating and campaigning in elections in the UK. With the May 2023 elections fast approaching, the focus of the council has now turned to implementation, and ensuring that the council has time to understand and prepare for the new measures. A new burdens grant totalling £54,950 (£19,628 in 2022/23 and £35,322 in 2023/24) has been allocated to Wyre to meet the main costs of implementing the Act. As Wyre has scheduled polls in May 2023, the grant also includes additional funding for local elector engagement. The grant is a specific revenue grant for the 2022/23 to 2023/2024 financial years only and is not ring-fenced.

#### **4. Contact Centre**

- 4.1** A six week consultation regarding proposed changes to the Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme has now closed. Though the number of responses to the consultation was low (67 responders), 61.2% (41) of those who responded supported the key proposal to remove the requirement for Wyre council tax payers claiming LCTS to pay at least 8.5% of the council tax charge themselves. If this proposed change is subsequently agreed, it will mean that those on the lowest incomes will not have to contribute to their council tax payments, thus easing the ever increasing financial pressure on them emanating from the cost of living crisis. This proposal and another to adopt the same methodology as used by the DWP to calculate the LCTS entitlement of self-employed LCTS claimants are to be considered in a separate item on the agenda.
- 4.2** The Council Tax Energy Rebate scheme closed on 30 November 2022. In total 40,268 payments of £150 were made under the scheme to council tax payers with homes in council tax bands A to D. At the point the scheme closed and despite numerous requests to do so, 2,444 council tax payers had still not contacted the council to claim their payment. In order to ensure that this money wasn't 'lost', £150 was credited to these payer's council tax accounts. Compliance Officers are now in the process of contacting these residents in order to ensure that those who have failed to make contact are entitled to receive the £150 payment.
- 4.3** The Discretionary Energy Rebate scheme also closed on 30 November 2022. The council received £266,100 from the Government to fund this scheme. Initially £28,350 of this funding was used to award 189 LCTS claimants with homes in council tax bands E to H a payment of £150. A further £180,000 was used to help fund payments of £90 to pension-age LCTS claimants and £50 to working-age LCTS claimants (Household Support Funding was also used to top-up these payments). At the point the scheme closed, after allowing for ad-hoc applications for assistance made via an online application on the council website, the remaining £48,600 balance of the funding was used to make 324 payments of £150 to residents who receive an exemption from paying council tax due to severe mental impairment, student status or being aged under 18.

**4.4** The council has also received £430k from a third tranche of Household Support (HSF) funding. This funding is being allocated between now and 31 March 2023 in line with the Government's guidance:

- £40,000 is to be paid to local Food Banks. The first payments of £10,000 to The Pantry in Fleetwood and £7,000 to HelpPKE in Preesall and Knott End have already been made. It is intended that further payments will be made in the new year.
- £25,000 has been set aside for the "warm spaces" initiative.
- £25,000 has been set aside to support Domestic Violence Support.
- A payment of £200 has been made (in the form of a supermarket voucher – the cheapest and easiest way to distribute funding) to 396 Wyre residents whose council tax band has been reduced by one as a result of having had to have disabled adaptations made to their home.
- A payment of up to £200 is to be made to 253 residents who receive a 25% council tax discount as their partner or other household members over the age of 18 are disregarded for council tax purposes owing to severe mental impairment, leaving them as the only adult counted as occupying their home.
- A payment of up to £200 is to be made to 118 residents who receive a 25% council tax discount as their partner or other household members over the age of 18 are disregarded for council tax purposes owing to their full-time student status, leaving them as the only adult counted as occupying their home.
- Compliance officers are to visit Houses in Multiple Occupation (including Supported Accommodation) in the borough to complete applications for a payment of up to £200 for residents who have to pay or contribute to their own gas and electricity bills, but did not receive either a £150 payment from the Energy Rebate Fund, or a payment from previous rounds of HSF funding.

**4.5** An online application is to be placed on the council website inviting applications from households who do not claim social benefits, but whose incomes are such that they are struggling with the cost of living crisis. With the exception of the £150 Energy rebate payments in respect of homes in council tax bands A to D, these households haven't received any other cost of living payments from either the council, or the DWP.

**4.6** The Government recently announced the introduction of two schemes: The Energy Bill Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSSAF) and the Alternative Energy Support Scheme (AESS) aimed at providing financial support to those who don't pay their bills directly to gas or electricity companies, or don't use traditional mains gas or electricity to power their homes. They also announced that both schemes would be administered

in part by councils. To date the council has received very limited information as to what will be required with regard to these schemes. However, we have been informed that applications for payments under the EBSSAF will be made via the GOV.uk website and that only successful applications will be passed to the council for confirmation of residency and payment. From the information provided to date it is likely that problems will arise with regard to people residing in holiday homes on holiday caravan sites as they are living on the sites illegally and are not registered for council tax, and also some residents of care homes as we have no records relating to the occupants of these establishments. Guidance is expected before Christmas which it is hoped will provide some clarification.

## **5. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Simon Bridge, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

## 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 Wyre Council has committed to planting 25,000 trees by 2025 as part of the pledge to tackle climate change. Prior to this season 9,624 trees have been planted with a further 5,418 trees expected to be planted by April this year. This climate focussed tree planting initiative is playing a vital role in mitigating climate change, protecting the environment and enhancing biodiversity.
- 2.2 In addition, ceremonies were held across the Borough in memory and in honour of Her late Majesty The Queen, with the planting of seven large English Oak trees to mark the seven decades of the Platinum Jubilee.
- 2.3 The final year of the 'Artist and Scientist in Residence' project at the Mount Pavilion in Fleetwood has been launched. This will see a series of exciting workshops and events delivered from the venue over the next 12 months as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant awarded in 2018. This project will continue the revival of the Mount Pavilion and Gardens, giving the community an understanding of the history and significance of the site and its importance in the context of Fleetwood's heritage townscape.

### 3. Public Conveniences

- 3.1 Danfo UK limited maintain the council's public conveniences and are subscribed to the British Toilet Association (BTA) Toilet Hygiene Grading system. This involves a survey of 10% of all the Danfo toilet units across the country, covering as many survey areas as possible to obtain a representative selection. In the most recent round of surveying, the BTA senior surveyor and management inspected and graded a total of 47 randomly selected sites and have awarded Danfo an overall

Excellent grading of Five Stars for their continued dedication to achieving the highest levels of cleanliness and hygiene controls in all their UK based publicly accessible toilet units.

#### **4. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

## 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 The council's investment plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) has been approved by government and the allocation of £3.9 million over the next three years confirmed. Following receipt of the first year's funding allocation (which needs to be spent by 31 March 2023), officers will be working to finalise the first year of the programme with more details on the projects to be announced soon.

### 3. Fylde Coast Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment

- 3.1 To support the emerging Local Plan Full Review, a new up to date evidence base is required. Consultants Arc4 have been commissioned to prepare a new Fylde Coast Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment. This is a joint commission between the Fylde Coast Authorities of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Council. The commission will be completed during 2023 and will identify the need for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople accommodation through setting appropriate targets for new provision.

### 4. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

**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 In partnership with Lancashire Police we hired the services of a company using a drug detection dog to visit licensed premises within Wyre over the weekends of 2 and 9 December 2022.
- 2.2 The vast majority of the licensed premises reported that it was a positive experience which helped them manage the ongoing threat of drug related crime. The plan is that this will be repeated at various times during the course of this year.
- 2.3 In the last quarter it has been reported that there has been an increase in possession of offensive weapons crime. This in part is due to the police undertaking searches relating to the misuse of drugs and during the searches weapons have been seized.
- 2.4 At the same time during the knife awareness week (14 to 20 November) the police undertook test purchasing in shops, builder’s merchants, and corner shops. Even when the premises passed, the businesses were then visited to advise that the test had been undertaken, which ensures they are aware that selling such items to underage children is not tolerated.
- 2.5 Where failures were identified there was no malice intended, and the next time the business was tested it passed. The knife bin located on London Street continues to be well used and has seen machetes, lock knives and kitchen knives handed in, removing them from circulation, which can only be regarded as a positive step.
- 2.6 Following a spike in burglaries the police launched operation Top Defender, which was aimed at hot spot areas involving PCSO’s

revisiting recent victims and the surrounding neighbourhood to provide safeguarding advice and cadets have also been delivering leaflets in the wider surrounding areas providing valuable information. The police have also been requesting CCTV footage in these areas to help identify those responsible. The impact of this work in the last two months has seen a reduction in the number of burglaries taking place.

- 2.7** At the Police and Crime Panel Meeting on 5 December 2022, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) mentioned how the increased uptake in policing numbers had strengthened the neighbourhood policing teams. In addition, it had enabled the extension of the proactive capability of the Force particularly in recent operations in the fight against organised crime, dealing with burglaries and robbery, the ability to give support to victims and increased road traffic policing which in many cases was indicating a linkage of untaxed, unlicensed and no MOT vehicles to serious and organised crime.
- 2.8** The next day I attended, along with our Chief Executive, a conference organised by the PCC to tackle violence against women and girls, which shared current best practice and I pledged Wyre Council's support in assisting the development of a countywide strategy to deal with the issues.

### **3. Housing**

#### **3.1 Homes for Ukraine Community Grant Scheme**

The second panel to assess applications to the Fylde Coast Homes for Ukraine Community Grant Scheme met on 20 December 2022 to assess submissions from local community organisations supporting the integration of resettled Ukrainian guests onto the Fylde Coast.

- 3.2** There were just two bids for this funding round, both were from Wyre and both were successful. One was from the Garstang Ukraine Support Group supported by the Garstang Free Methodist Church, who were awarded eight thousand pounds and the second a further bid from the Ukrainian Community Hub at Rossall School, who were awarded ten thousand pounds. The support that both of these hubs are providing to those fleeing the war in Ukraine is invaluable in supporting our Ukrainian guests to settle into our community.

- 3.3** Support to be funded will include initiatives supporting the provision of legal and administrative advice on visas, employment, education, financial and other practical aspects of settling within the UK, additional support for children struggling with English and maths, English lessons for adults and a host of activities for Ukrainian children and support meetings for adults.

#### **3.4 Care and Repair – Health and Housing Coordination role**

Wyre Care and Repair has been funded by Lancashire County Council Adult Social Care under new Place Based Partnership arrangements to deliver a new health and housing coordination function. This service is being funded for an initial period of 18 months to work closely with the Intermediate Care Allocation Team and local hospital discharge teams to facilitate the timely hospital discharge of people who no longer need an acute hospital bed.

**3.5** The service started in December and has already seen the Care and Repair Team supporting faster discharges, helping to avoid unnecessary admissions and improving outcomes for patients.

**3.6 Warm Spaces**

A network of warm spaces has been established across Wyre. We have worked closely with Lancashire County Council and Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) partners to establish this network and have helped many of these spaces to get established providing banners and communications support. In particular we have funded Fylde Coast YMCA to deliver a warm space at the Lofthouse Building in Fleetwood that provides a tea time warm space with a hot meal.

**3.7** This warm space operates on Tuesdays and Fridays between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. It has been great to see community partners, local churches and libraries coming together to support those that need extra support to keep warm this winter.

**3.8 Affordable Warmth Fund Interventions**

Once again Care and Repair and the private sector housing team are supporting the delivery of affordable warmth interventions in the homes of vulnerable and low income residents. During the cold spell before Christmas a number of boiler repairs and replacements were supported in the homes of residents with acute health conditions where there was no heating.

**3.9 Homelessness Grant Top Up - Support for homelessness pressures this winter**

In December Government announced additional funding of £50 million that will be made available to all local housing authorities in England in 2022/23 through a top-up to the Homelessness Prevention Grant. This additional funding will be awarded to help prevent vulnerable households from becoming homeless and manage local homelessness pressures. We have been awarded an additional £41,695. This will be used to maximise upstream homelessness prevention to stop vulnerable households from becoming homeless, as well as helping to meet temporary accommodation costs where necessary.

**4. Wyre Beach Management Scheme**

**4.1** The installation of site offices and enablement works are now underway, the widening of the access ramp is complete and the strengthening of the road and protection of services is nearing completion. The Phase 1 contract has been signed and the works are due to commence early in March 23.

**4.2** As reported at the previous meeting inflation has raised the cost of the overall scheme beyond current approvals. An application for additional funding has been made and will be considered by the Environment Agency Large Project Review Group in January.

## **5. Emergency Response**

- 5.1** The Engineering and Transport teams have been busy over the winter period ensuring the safety of our communities during the cold weather. The team gritted our car parks and public areas throughout the extended cold weather prior to Christmas including a number of council officers supporting Lancashire County Council through the gritting of footpaths in the urban centres.

## **6. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

**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. Environmental Health**

**2.1 Avian Flu** - Britain is in the throes of its largest ever outbreak of Avian Flu. There are ongoing fears about poultry and egg shortages hitting both businesses and domestic consumers with over four million birds already being culled in the UK and nearly 260 confirmed cases in England alone since the start of the outbreak. The responsibility for dealing with the outbreak in Lancashire is largely falling to colleagues at Lancashire County Council, veterinarians and the various relevant government departments, such as DEFRA, the animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and the Food Standard Agency (FSA). In October the whole country was declared an Avian influenza Prevention Zone, with strict biosecurity. This has included mandating that all poultry and domestic birds be kept indoors, cleaning and disinfecting protocols and that personnel movements be restricted to essential purposes. The agencies listed previously are primarily responsible for identifying, establishing and enforcing the 3km protection zones and 10km surveillance zones around infected premises and ensuring all poultry is then humanely culled.

**2.2** Our Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) have important secondary roles and one that may increase if (or when) the crisis deepens. Fortunately at present there are very few direct food safety issues with regards to avian flu and its transmission through eggs and meat. If good kitchen hygiene is practised, and eggs are handled correctly and meats cooked properly, it is low risk. There is no evidence to suggest that avian flu can be transmitted to humans through consumption of contaminated products. However what it may bring is a shortage of eggs and poultry, and so EHOs are looking at:-

- Date coding, and if people are using eggs past their best.
- Looking for the potential of food being the subject of crime and fraud.
- Identifying where businesses are getting their eggs, if they can't get them through their normal route.
- Ensuring that businesses are reading and understanding storage instructions.

### **3. Tourism and Events**

- 3.1** The tourist information point in Garstang has moved over to Garstang Library. We are working with Lancashire County Council to install leaflet racking and an interactive digital screen. Staff or a volunteer from the council will be at the library on Tuesdays from 11am – 3pm as we lead up to Garstang Walking Festival to answer queries and help with event bookings.
- 3.2** The 2023 Wyre Great Outdoors Programme of activities is now available for residents and visitors to pick up from council and community venues; event information is also available on the updated 'what's on' section of the council website and the Discover Wyre website. A new online booking system will also be used for the first time. The Great Outdoors programme features over 650 different activities from short walks, rides, beach cleans, conservation days, gardening demonstrations, health and wellbeing and environmental education initiatives.
- 3.3** On 7 December 2022, the council hosted its first Older Person's Fayre at Poulton Community Hall. The event was a great success and was attended by around 150 of our more senior residents who enjoyed music and dancing, flower arranging, bridge playing and talking to local community groups as well as teams from across the council. The feedback was excellent and visitors were grateful for the opportunity to socialise and find out what's available in the local area.
- 3.4** Following the success of the free performances of Twitchy Witch at Halloween we have once again booked the production company for February half-term. This time they will be performing a World of Roald Dahl at St Michael's Village Hall on 16 February and Pilling Village Hall on 17 February. Tickets are available at [www.discoverwyre.co.uk](http://www.discoverwyre.co.uk)

### **4. Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre**

- 4.1** Hundreds of happy visitors came to see Santa at the Mount Pavilion in November and December, with lots of fabulous feedback about the experience. Chris Allen Garages sponsored the Grotto this year.
- 4.2** A new theatres brochure is currently being prepared to promote the programme of events taking place at our Theatres in 2023. This year's programme will feature some international artistes visiting for the first time, alongside returning favourites. As ever, it will also showcase local and emerging talent in the shows produced by our regular community hirers.

- 4.3** The Mount Pavilion is a finalist for Wedding Venue of the Year in the Lancashire Tourism Awards. The winner will be announced at Blackpool Conference and Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 7 February.
- 4.4** There has been a review of the opening hours of the theatres and in order to help reduce running costs, the theatres will now be closed on Mondays. The box office will be open 10am-4pm, Tuesday – Friday, and one hour before each show at evenings and weekends. Bookings can also be made online at [www.wyretheatres.co.uk](http://www.wyretheatres.co.uk).

## **5. Active Lives and Community Engagement**

- 5.1 Holiday Activity and Food Programme:** We worked with six different holiday club providers this Christmas to provide ten holiday activity and food club offers for children and young people aged 5-16, most being on benefits related free school meals. The clubs took place at venues including leisure centres, community centres and schools and provided a free hot meal as part of their offer each day and wherever possible each child received a Christmas present. Activities on offer included boxing, swimming, ten pin bowling and dodgeball as well as arts and crafts and workshops trying different healthy foods. A special activity this year was a pantomime which was very well received.
- 5.2 New Health and Wellbeing Activities:** Utilising covid recovery funding we have been able to fund a number of new health and wellbeing activities. These included two new beginners exercise classes in the Cleveleys and Fleetwood areas, two new arts and health programmes at Market House Studios in Fleetwood as well as support for LPM Dance to provide two dance sessions for people with long term conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and a class for people with Learning Disabilities in Fleetwood. These classes, as well as helping people to socialise, have led to improvements in mental health and physical activity levels.
- 5.3 Leisure Centre and swimming pool visits:** the monthly average number of total visits to our leisure centres and swimming pools this financial year currently stands at over 55,000 visits per month. These numbers indicate a strong appetite for members to keep active and we are currently promoting and encouraging new memberships after the Christmas excesses.

## **6. Comments and questions**

- 6.1** 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:	Meeting	Date
Councillor David Henderson, Resources Portfolio Holder and Clare James, Corporate Director Resources	Council	26 January 2023

<b>Localised Council Tax Support Scheme</b>
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## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To confirm the proposed changes to the current Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme for the 2023/24 financial year.

## 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Compliance with the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and specifically its provisions for the abolition of Council Tax benefit and replacement with new localised schemes (from 1 April 2013).
- 2.2 A working-age LCTS Scheme that remains fit for purpose and administratively streamlined as the rollout of Universal Credit Full Service (UCFS) continues.
- 2.3 A working-age LCTS scheme that provides better support to those on the lowest incomes during the current economic climate and reduces barriers to seeking employment.

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the following changes to the LCTS scheme proposed in this report be agreed:
  - Removal of the 8.5% minimum contribution requirement from working-age LCTS claimants.
  - A Minimum Income Floor (MIF) is introduced in order to calculate self-employed income to establish LCTS entitlement.

## 4. Background

- 4.1 As part of the 2012 Welfare Reform Act the national Council Tax Benefit (CTB) scheme was abolished and in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 2012 local authorities were required to introduce Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) schemes from April 2013.

- 4.2** Support for Council Tax is offered as reductions within the Council Tax system with claimants of state pension credit age receiving a discount of up to 100% depending on their circumstances, thereby ensuring that they experience no reduction in support as a direct result of the reform.
- 4.3** Localisation provided local authorities with the flexibility to design LCTS schemes for working age claimants taking into account the needs of vulnerable groups and the importance of supporting work incentives. Following a consultation exercise, the Council agreed at their meeting of 29 November 2012 to adopt a scheme that mirrored the outgoing CTB scheme with one main difference. Under the new LCTS scheme working age claimants previously entitled to 100% CTB would have to meet a minimum 8.5% of their council tax liability from 1 April 2013. This change allowed the council to qualify for transitional grant for one year.
- 4.4** After consultation in 2018, the original scheme was simplified for 2019/20, with the introduction of:
- A “flat” rate of non-dependent deduction of £5 per week per non-dependent, to replace tiered non-dependent deductions based on non-dependent income;
  - An income “cushion” of £10 per week “up or down” in order to minimise the number of changes to claimants’ LCTS awards, and;
  - The discontinuation of the Second Adult Rebate Scheme.
- 4.5** An equality impact assessment was completed prior to the amended scheme being introduced.
- 4.6** The amended scheme was agreed by full Council on 17 January 2019 and this was reconfirmed as the 2020/21 scheme on 9 January 2020. The scheme for 2021/22 was agreed on 12 November 2020 and again remained unchanged as was the case for 2022/23 (agreed 28 October 2021). However, a minor change to the 2022/23 scheme was agreed by full Council on 10 March 2022 to allow for the disregard of the £150 Energy Bill Rebate payments when calculating entitlement to council tax support. This consistency has been beneficial. However the 2022/23 scheme’s report indicated that a more comprehensive review would be carried out for the 2023/24 scheme.
- 4.7** As such, Cabinet agreed at their meeting on 19 October 2022 to a six week consultation being run on changes to the scheme which primarily included the removal of the minimum contribution of 8.5% towards council tax for working age claimants.
- 4.8** On 23 December 2022 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) wrote to local authorities to announce a new Council Tax Support Fund (CTSF) as part of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24. The fund is provisionally allocating £235,954 to Wyre in order to provide support for the most vulnerable households in the borough.

**4.9** The government expects local authorities to use the majority of this funding to reduce bills for current working age and pension age LCTS claimants by up to £25. Councils may use their remaining allocation as they see fit to support vulnerable households with council tax bills. It is the government's intention that any assistance provided from the CTSF will not affect the eligibility of recipients to other benefits.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

**5.1** The current working-age LCTS scheme includes a requirement that claimants contribute a minimum of 8.5% towards the cost of their council tax. For example, a single adult living in a property banded in council tax band B in Thornton-Cleveleys and entitled to receive maximum LCTS (91.5% discount), would still be required to pay £101.29 of their 2022/23 council tax. Those on the lowest incomes are already struggling to meet the increasing costs of living, such as rising household energy bills. Removal of the 8.5% minimum contribution requirement from working-age LCTS claimants would relieve some of the increasing pressure on their finances at a relatively low cost to the council.

**5.2** As at 31 October 2022, the council had awarded a total of £9,326,908 in LCTS payments for 2022/23. As at the same date, there were 5,132 working-age LCTS claims in payment. An 8.5% reduction is applied to the amount of LCTS these claimants receive. Pension-age LCTS claimants (3,797 as at 31 October 2022) do not have any reductions applied (they are protected) as their entitlement is determined by the regulations in the national scheme.

**5.3** Based on the current LCTS caseload, it is estimated that removal of the 8.5% minimum contribution requirement from working-age LCTS claimants would cost the council between £55,000 and £65,000 per year in additional LCTS payments. The cost to other preceptors will also increase as each bears a proportion of the council tax bill with Wyre's element being around 11% each year.

**5.4** It is important to note that the LCTS caseload has decreased since the scheme came into force. On 1 April 2014 10,388 claims were in payment, comprising of 5,541 working-age claims and 4,847 pension-age claims. On 31 October 2022 the caseload stood at 8,929 (5,132 working-age claims and 3,797 pension-age claims), a reduction of 1,459 cases (409 working-age and 1,050 pension-age).

**5.5** During the same period the number of households the council collects council tax from has increased substantially. On 1 April 2014 there were 50,906 properties listed on the council tax database. As at 31 October 2022 that number had increased by 3,715 to 54,621, with a further 1,808 properties registered on the database, but not yet banded by the Valuation Office Agency, as they are either still under construction or represent planning applications that haven't commenced (and some may never be built).

- 5.6** The removal of the 8.5% minimum contribution should impact positively on council tax collection rates and the council tax collection process. For a number of reasons the collection of unpaid council tax has become increasingly problematic, particularly in respect of outstanding debt owed by those in receipt of both Universal Credit (UC) and LCTS. Once the council have obtained a Liability Order through the courts, these debts are normally collected by applying for an attachment to the debtor's UC.
- 5.7** Unfortunately, a number of other debts, including those owed by the debtor to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in respect of other overpaid benefits, are also collected via an attachment to the debtor's UC account. A maximum of two debts can be collected by an attachment to a UC payment at any one time which severely limits the council's ability to recover this debt as we are often lower down in the debt hierarchy.
- 5.8** As council tax is low in the list of priority debts for an attachment to UC, the council's applications for attachments to UC are frequently rejected, deferred or ended before the outstanding debt has been collected, with the end result being that an increasing number of council tax debtors who also claim UC have multiple years' council tax debts that the council tax compliance team cannot collect.
- 5.9** Even on the occasions when requests for attachments to UC are successful, the rate at which the debts are subsequently collected (by monthly deduction) is insufficient to clear the amount outstanding before the next year's council tax debt is due. To summarise, a significant number of Wyre Council tax payers in receipt of both UC and LCTS are falling further and further behind with their council tax and there are very limited viable recovery actions available to the council to collect the debt. As at 28 November 2022, 850 working-age LCTS claimants had multiple years outstanding summonsed council tax debt and during the financial year to date 1,445 have been summonsed for non-payment. Amending the scheme to remove the minimum contribution of 8.5% will help to draw a line under this and prevent it continuing in future years.
- 5.10** Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1A to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the authority to consider whether for each financial year the scheme is to be revised or replaced. The authority must make any revision to its scheme, or any replacement scheme, no later than 11 March in the financial year preceding that for which the revision or replacement scheme is to have effect. Where this is the case then the procedural requirements in paragraph 3 of that schedule will apply, namely that the authority must:
- Consult any major precepting authority;
  - Publish a draft scheme; and
  - Consult such other persons as it considers are likely to have an interest in the operation of the scheme.
- 5.11** A consultation was undertaken regarding the removal of the 8.5% minimum payment requirement and two other changes detailed later in this report. The consultation period was for six weeks from 29 October to



1 December 2022. A copy of the results of the consultation is attached at Appendix 1. Of the 67 responses received, 41 (61.2%) responders either agreed or strongly agreed with the proposal to remove the 8.5% minimum contribution, while 14 (20.9%) disagreed or strongly disagreed.

- 5.12** While removal of the required 8.5% minimum contribution would help those with the lowest incomes meet the increasing costs of living, it is important to ensure that this additional support is not being given to those who are better able to support themselves financially. With this in mind, consideration has been given to the qualifying capital limit for LCTS claimants, which currently stands at £16,000. This is the maximum amount of money in the form of cash, savings, stocks and shares that the claimant can hold before they cannot qualify for LCTS.
- 5.13** Of the 66 responses to the proposal in the consultation to reduce the capital limit from £16,000, 29 responders (43.9%) agreed or strongly agreed that it should be reduced, with the same number disagreeing, or strongly disagreeing. In part, this proposal was put forward to allow that the qualifying capital limit used in the LCTS scheme could be adjusted to mirror the figure used in the calculation of entitlement to UC. As the DWP have elected not to change the UC qualifying capital limit, it is proposed not to change the qualifying capital limit for the working-age LCTS scheme at the current time. This will ensure consistency and remove any confusion arising for UC claimants who also claim LCTS.
- 5.14** Under the rules governing the operation of the current working-age LCTS scheme, in order to determine the income of an LCTS claimant when the claimant is also in receipt of an award of UC, the authority must use the calculation or estimate of the income of the applicant, made by the Secretary of State, for the purpose of determining the award of UC.
- 5.15** In order to calculate self-employed income the DWP use a mechanism called the Minimum Income Floor (MIF). This means that if a person is in gainful self-employment and their earned income (i.e. their profit from self-employment along with any employed earnings) amounts to less than their individual earnings threshold (the MIF), they are treated as having earned income equal to the MIF.
- 5.16** It is proposed that going forward the MIF amount will be used when calculating the entitlement of self-employed LCTS applicants, who do not also claim UC. The assessment of the MIF would mirror UC and would be the equivalent to the national minimum wage (depending on age) for each hour that the claimant is expected to work. For most people that will be 35 hours a week. However a lesser number of hours will be used if the person meets certain requirements (for example is a Carer, foster parent, responsible for a child under the age of 13, or has a physical or mental impairment). From that amount a standard deduction will be applied to reflect income tax and national insurance.
- 5.17** As at 28 November 2022, there were 108 self-employed LCTS claimants, five of whom were also in receipt of UC. It is anticipated that the number of self-employed LCTS claimants also in receipt of UC will increase as other legacy benefits currently in payment via the DWP are phased out.

- 5.18** In adopting the above proposal the council would ensure that a more realistic income figure would be used to calculate self-employed entitlement to LCTS, regardless of whether or not the applicant is also in receipt of UC.
- 5.19** Of the 64 responses to the proposal in the consultation to introduce a MIF, 30 (46.9%) agreed or strongly agreed with this proposal, while a further 20 (31.3%) neither agreed or disagreed and 6 (9.4%) didn't know.
- 5.20** In making the two changes proposed in this report, the council will ensure that financial support through the LCTS scheme is better targeted to those on the lowest incomes, while at the same time ensuring that the processes associated with the administration of the scheme and the collection of council tax debt become less resource intensive.
- 5.21** As part of the consultation process Lancashire County Council (LCC), Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire Combined Fire Authority were all contacted and advised of the proposed changes. Copies of the responses to the proposals from LCC and Fire are attached at Appendix 2 and 3.
- 5.22** An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed in respect of the changes proposed in this report. As the removal of the 8.5% deduction to LCTS entitlement will be removed from every working-age LCTS claim it impacts equally and positively on every protected group. It will also restore the equilibrium lost between working-age and pension-age LCTS claimants when the LCTS scheme was introduced in 2013, as pension-age claimants on the lowest incomes don't have a minimum amount to pay.
- 5.23** As regards the self-employed, by using a standard method to calculate LCTS entitlement, the council will ensure that all applicants will be treated in the same way, regardless of whether the claimant is in receipt of UC or not. In addition, provisions will be in place to ensure that the circumstances of individual applicants with special circumstances, such as being carers, foster parents, or those with mental and physical disabilities, are taken into account.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	<p>The council was previously reimbursed by the DWP for expenditure in relation to correctly awarded CTB but as part of the welfare reforms, expenditure on Localised Council Tax Support was reduced by 10%. The Local Government Finance Settlement included £8,077,777 for Council Tax Support in 2013/14 and of this, £963,119 was retained by Wyre.</p> <p>The Government claim that the total level of localised council tax support funding remained unchanged in cash</p>

	<p>terms in 2014/15 although there has been no separately identifiable amount for localised council tax support at local authority level since it was subsumed within the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Baseline Funding. It is also worth remembering that the Council suffered a reduction in grant funding of £1.022m or 13.6% in 2014/15 and stopped receiving RSG between 2019/20 and 2021/22.</p> <p>The 2023/24 budgets are not yet known but by inflating the updated 2022/23 anticipated expenditure on LCTS of £9,326,908 by 4.01%, Wyre’s average council tax increase in 2022/23, this indicates that the estimated cost of the scheme for 2023/24 would be approximately £9,700,917.</p> <p>Applying these indicative start-up funding allocation of £8,077,777 leaves an unfunded gap of approximately £1,623,140 to be met by each precepting body as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="544 806 1434 1075"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">%</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wyre</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">168,807</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish/Town Councils*</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">17,855</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Combined Fire Authority</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.7</td> <td style="text-align: right;">60,056</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Police and Crime Commissioner</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11.5</td> <td style="text-align: right;">186,661</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LCC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">73.3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,189,761</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">1,623,140</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*This is an average cost and will not necessarily be incurred by individual Parish/Town Councils.</p> <p>Taking into account the proposed removal of the 8.5% minimum contribution to council tax for working-age LCTS claimants, an additional cost of up to £65,000 is forecast to fall on the council. The impact of the change to self-employed LCTS claimants may offset this but this is not possible to quantify.</p> <p>As such, the Council Tax Base has been calculated for 2023/24 based on the removal of the 8.5% contribution. This has reduced the tax base compared to the Medium Term Financial Plan forecast in October, therefore worsening the forecast, but it is considered to be more realistic. The impact of the changes is in line with the additional cost outlined in this report and the effect is compounded and ongoing.</p>		%	£	Wyre	10.4	168,807	Parish/Town Councils*	1.1	17,855	Combined Fire Authority	3.7	60,056	Police and Crime Commissioner	11.5	186,661	LCC	73.3	1,189,761			1,623,140
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**Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There

are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	✓
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

### **Processing Personal Data**

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
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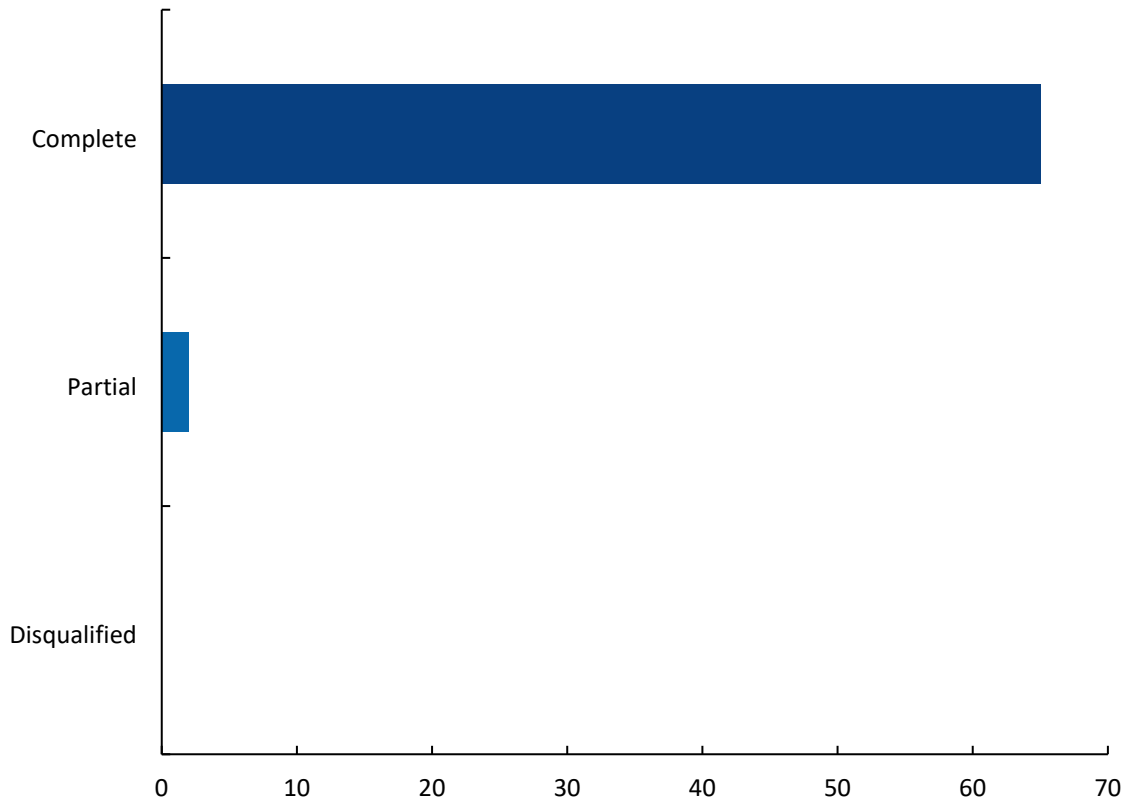
### **List of appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Summary of Consultation Results
- Appendix 2 – LCC Response
- Appendix 3 – Fire Authority Response

# **Report for Proposed changes to the Wyre Localised Council Tax Support Scheme for 2023/24**

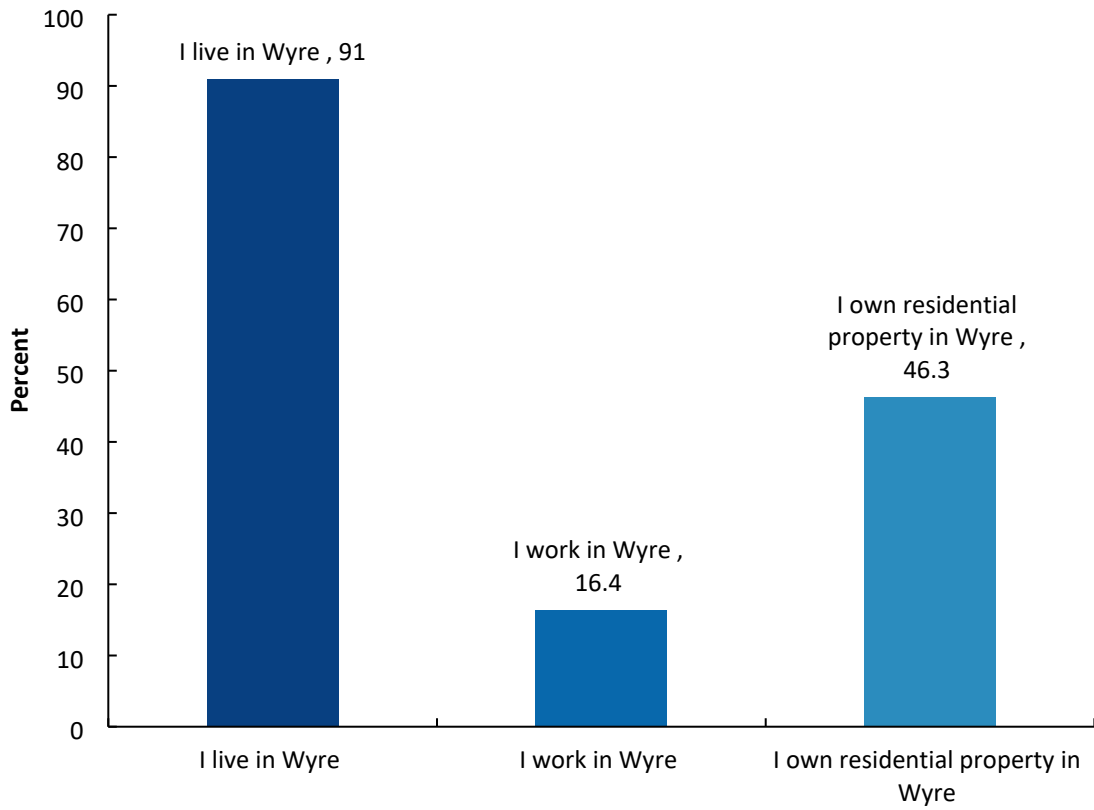
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## Response Statistics



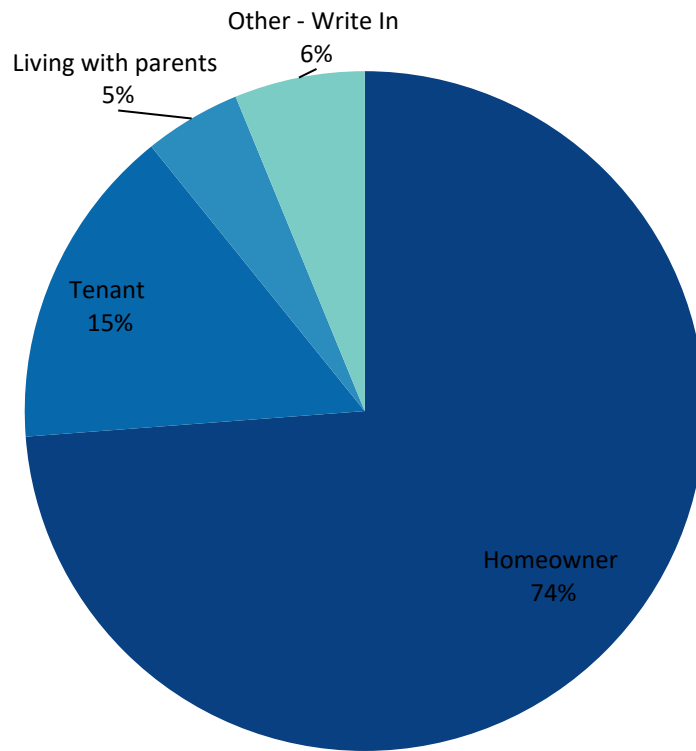
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Complete	65	97
Partial	2	3
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	67	

1. Please tick all the boxes that apply to you.



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Wyre	91.0%	61
I work in Wyre	16.4%	11
I own residential property in Wyre	46.3%	31

2. Assuming that you are a resident of the borough, are you a:



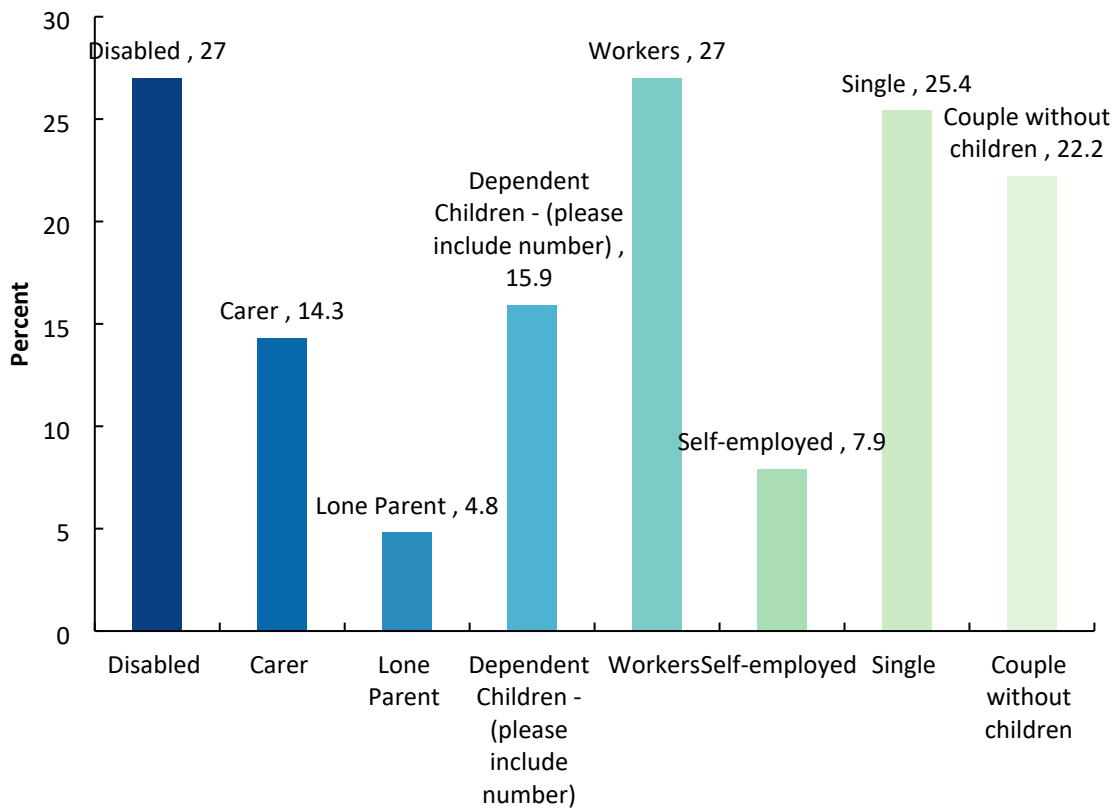
Value	Percent	Count
Homeowner	73.8%	48
Tenant	15.4%	10
Living with parents	4.6%	3
Other - Write In	6.2%	4
	Totals	65

Other - Write In	Count
Living with son	1



Partner	1
Private Rent	1
Totals	3

### 3. Which of the descriptions below best describes your circumstances?

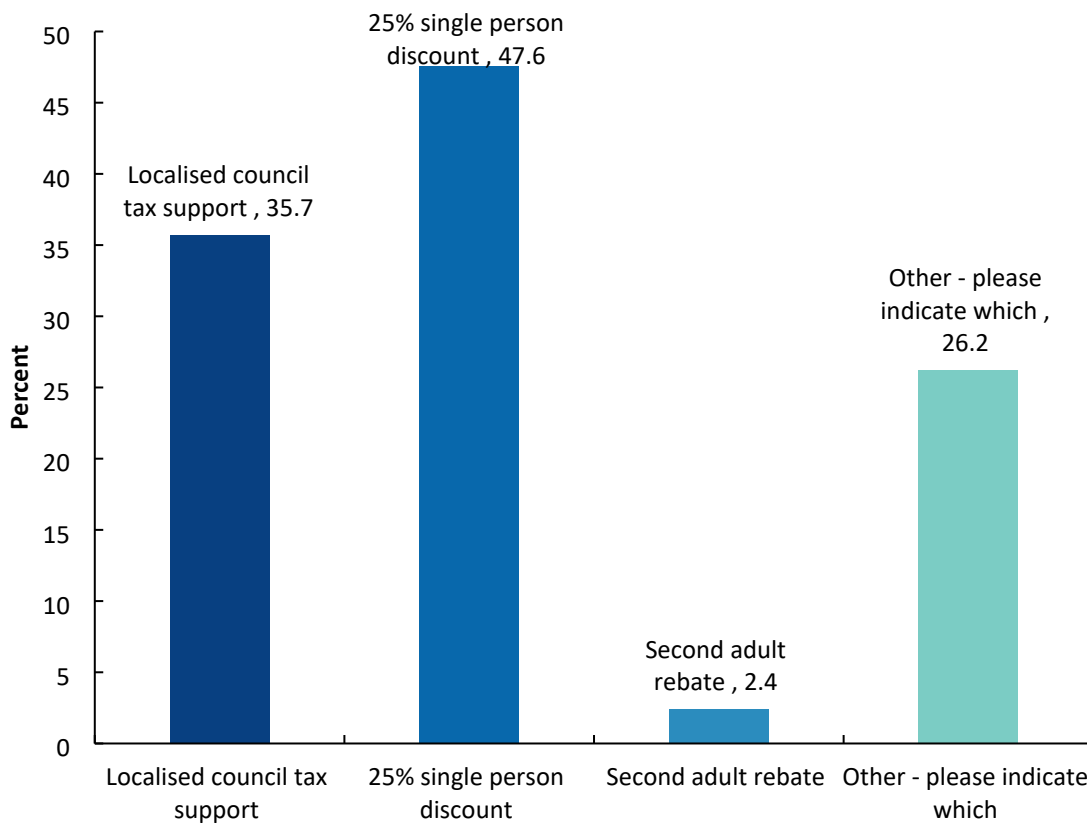


Value	Percent	Count
Disabled	27.0%	17
Carer	14.3%	9
Lone Parent	4.8%	3
Dependent Children - (please include number)	15.9%	10
Workers	27.0%	17
Self-employed	7.9%	5
Single	25.4%	16

Couple without children	22.2%	14
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Dependent Children - (please include number)	Count
1	6
2	3
0	1
Totals	10

**4. Do you claim any of the following council tax discounts/exemptions (please tick all that apply)?**

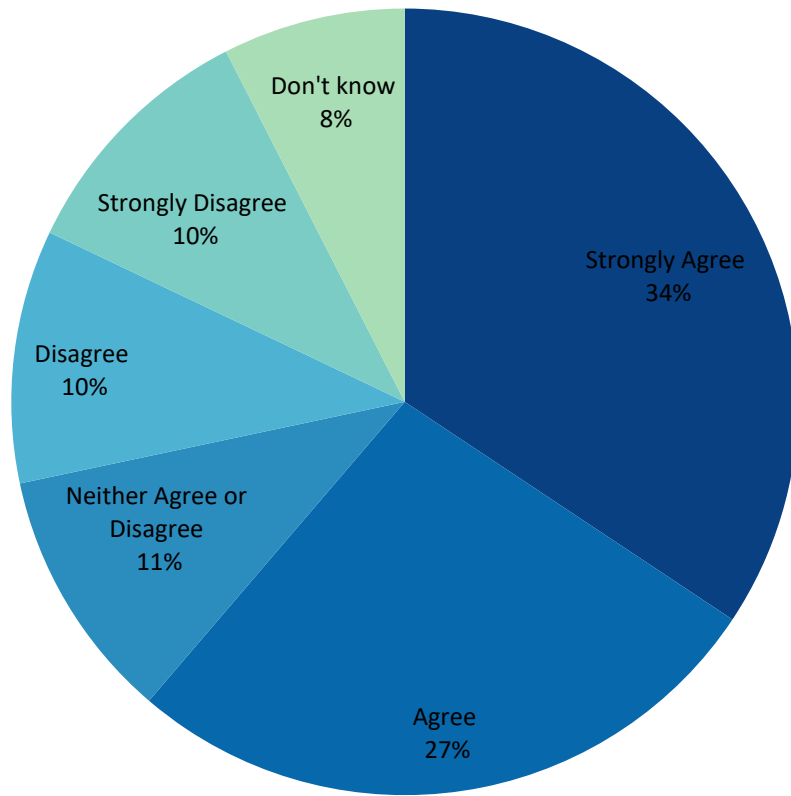


Value	Percent	Count
Localised council tax support	35.7%	15
25% single person discount	47.6%	20
Second adult rebate	2.4%	1
Other - please indicate which	26.2%	11

Other - please indicate which	Count
None	5

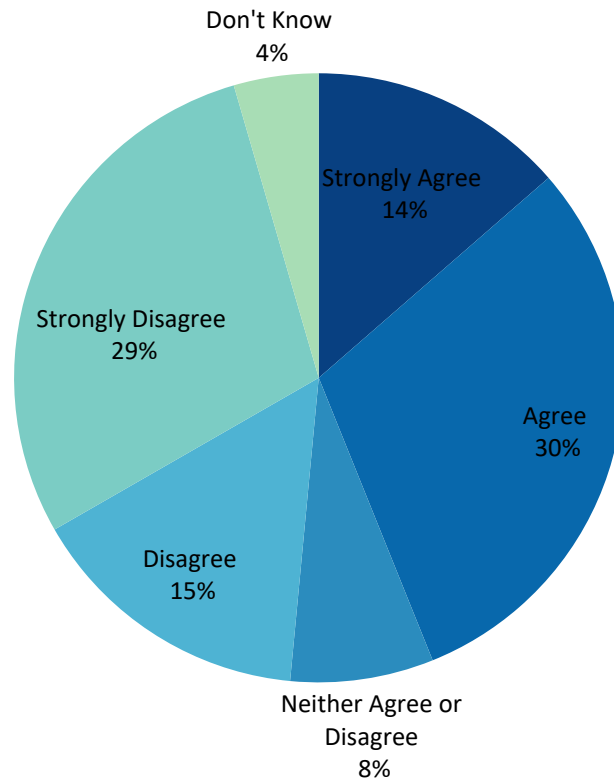
Disabled rebate	1
Disabled reduction.	1
Don't know	1
NONE OF THE ABOVE	1
Nothing	1
Single pensioner discount	1
Totals	11

**5. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 8.5% minimum contribution requirement?**



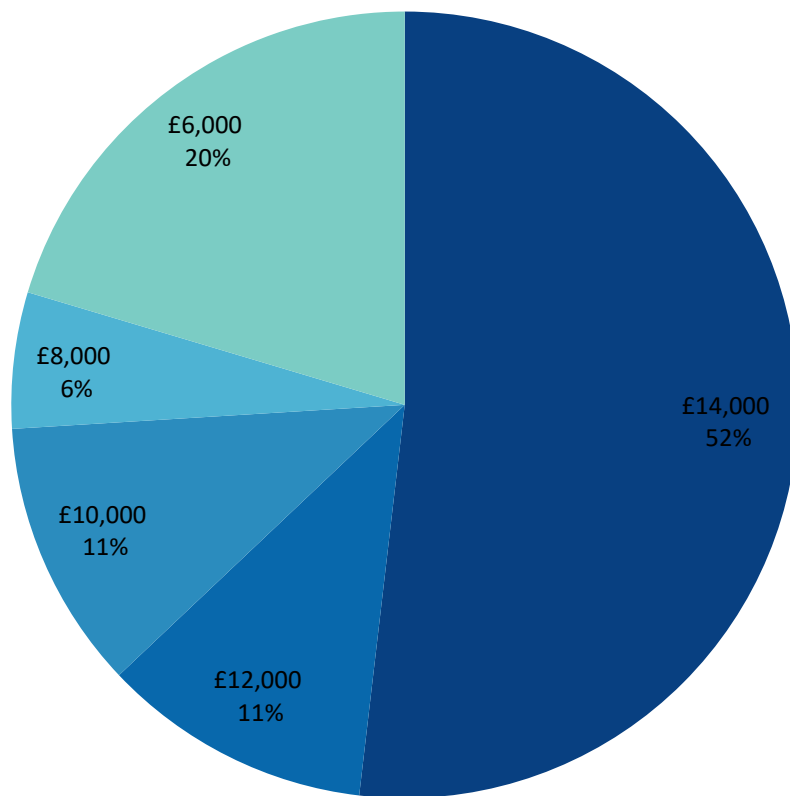
Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	34.3%	23
Agree	26.9%	18
Neither Agree or Disagree	10.4%	7
Disagree	10.4%	7
Strongly Disagree	10.4%	7
Don't know	7.5%	5
	Totals	67

**6. How strongly do you agree/disagree with the proposal to reduce the upper capital limit?**



Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	13.6%	9
Agree	30.3%	20
Neither Agree or Disagree	7.6%	5
Disagree	15.2%	10
Strongly Disagree	28.8%	19
Don't Know	4.5%	3
	Totals	66

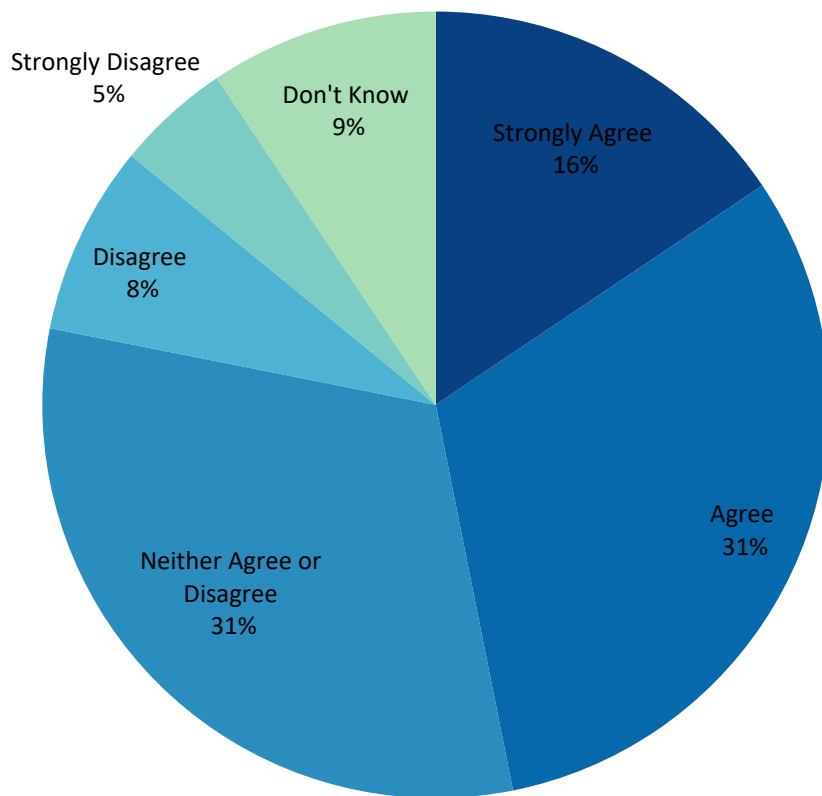
7. If the upper capital limit were to be reduced, what level do you think it should be reduced to?



Value	Percent	Count
£14,000	51.9%	28
£12,000	11.1%	6
£10,000	11.1%	6
£8,000	5.6%	3
£6,000	20.4%	11
Totals		54



**8. How strongly do you support the proposal to use a minimum self-employed income in order to calculate entitlement to LCTS?**



Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	15.6%	10
Agree	31.3%	20
Neither Agree or Disagree	31.3%	20
Disagree	7.8%	5
Strongly Disagree	4.7%	3
Don't Know	9.4%	6
	Totals	64

**9. Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding our proposed changes to the LCTS scheme?**

ResponseID	Response
5	No help for disabled people who do not have adapted property. Life is a struggle
10	Everyone should pay something, people not working sometimes use more services than those working and not claiming. Plus some families on UC have £2-3K a month coming in. The cap shouldn't be moved, keep it as £16K
14	Looks like the self employed will be penalised.
15	I am the only person working in the household my husband is disabled and unable to work. We both have disabilities, will the new LCTS scheme help us.
19	It doesn't pay to save. If I spent every penny I earned and drank away my wages, I'd be in a better place to receive LCT. As it is prior to being laid off this month, I've scrimped and saved every penny for the hard times ahead. As a result I can pay my Council tax at full rate with little chance of getting a job of any value at 60 years of age.
22	#1. Polling via Internet. Many residents are house bound and don't have access to Libraries etc #2. Since there is no desire to have existing services cut or abolished [Pruning maybe] Particularly policing. The current budget has to be retained. These proposals will make a deficit. That suggested,

	<p>can only be maintained by Increasing taxation of such as those in the Top band and Incomes of over £40k pa.</p>
23	<p>Regardless of how much a working family earn everyone if affected by the cost of living crisis, by reducing what the lower earners are paying does this mean everyone outside of this bracket are going to be forced to pay more. My family own a business and have paid a colossal amount in business rates for many years watching other businesses that are way more profitable paying nothing. If every business in the Wyre paid rates other businesses that pay now would pay less and this could help them stay afloat. Things need to change otherwise we are going to end up with even more derelict buildings</p>
27	<p>People living on Universal Credit and other such benefits qualify across the board for all sorts of things where anyone struggling on the edge of the limit has no help at all and struggles with everything and gets no help. It does not weigh in favour of getting people out to work or looking after their own homes. Anyone who tries has no help</p>
28	<p>The savings threshold has been £16000 for many years now. It should not be lowered even further, as it has never been adjusted over time to reflect the rising cost of living over the years, it no longer reflects a fair amount of what a household claiming the allowance might be allowed to keep as a cushion for emergencies.</p>
35	<p>No</p>

37	It should cover people on DLA and EESA
52	<p>Removing the 8.5% deduction, which is age discriminatory, would be no bad thing, but limiting the number of people who can claim support due to lower savings thresholds is perverse in a cost of living crisis, where people need savings to help pay for energy costs and (no doubt) vastly increased council tax bills next year. If anything, savings thresholds should be increased to take into account their loss of value due to inflation. Any reduction in savings allowances would be completely regressive and unacceptable.</p>
54	<p>People on Universal Credit are allowed £16,000 savings; how will Wyre's proposed change affect this? By disqualifying some UC claimants? Or by allowing them to have higher savings than someone not claiming UC, which would be discriminatory? £16,000 is a nationally recognised figure across many benefits that Wyre should not be seeking to change.</p>
59	<p>For self employed claimants use their self-assessment tax returns. These are always completed as it is a requirement and it is an accurate account of their income. The questionnaire is not sufficient proof. Plenty of contractors outside IR35 make more than £4,000 a week working less than 35 hours</p>
60	<p>What effect would this have on the income the Council has available? What do other councils do to ease lower income claimant problems?</p>

61	Make it as easy as possible for people with additional needs to be able to take part in the consultation.
63	We have not claimed LCTS Scheme and don't know whether it comes through automatically. Regards
66	No
70	N/A
71	N/A
72	N/A
73	N/A
74	N/A
75	Just to say found first para (re LCTA 8%) too complicated. You are close to this. Can any future surveys be tested on Joe public please. Simpler language - Bullet points - Easier to read. I had to ask someone to explain the workings of the reduction to make sure I understood what is being said - example good. Thank you.
76	Anything that makes it simpler would be great.
77	None
78	LCTS not clear had to reread several times. No options for retired people or people not on benefits their views MUST be taken into account.

79	None
80	N/A

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Dear Mr Mason

### **Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation 2023/24**

Thank you for your email of 14th November 2022 informing Lancashire County Council of your consultation regarding the proposals that Wyre Council intends to adopt in its future Council Tax Support scheme. We very much welcome the opportunity to provide our views on the proposals.

### **Removal of the requirement for working age LCTS claimants to pay a minimum of 8.5% of their council tax**

We understand the reasons for Wyre Council proposing the option to remove the 8.5% minimum payment for LCTS claimants. As an authority we will always promote attempts to support the residents of Lancashire.

We take on board the predicament the Council faces when balancing the need to collect debt against the cost of debt collection.

However, as a major preceptor facing financial pressures any potential loss of revenue to the County Council would be difficult to support and the proposed option is not cost neutral.

As the major preceptor, a forecast loss of £303,986 in 2023/24 is a significant loss at a time when resources are limited.

Whilst this consultation only relates to Wyre Council, I am sure you will appreciate that should this proposal be replicated across all districts the sum of losses to Lancashire County Council would be several million pounds.

As a preceptor we include and rely on increases in tax base to support our budget proposals. We appreciate your forecast increase in tax base may well offset some of the cost of the LCTS proposals but this would still result in an overall loss of income to Lancashire County Council. We would welcome any update confirming this position over the coming days

Any additional cost or loss of income to the County Council has the potential to result in the need for further savings which potentially could impact on services for the most vulnerable residents whom we are all supporting, the proposal could therefore be counterintuitive.

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**A reduction in the amount of capital a claimant can hold before being disqualified from claiming LCTS**

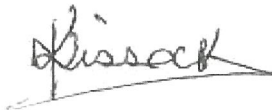
We appreciate the proposal to reduce the minimum amount of capital held by LCTS claimants may also go some way to offset the proposed removal of the 8.5% minimum LCTS payment.

**The introduction of a minimum income floor for self-employed working-age LCTS claimants**

We fully support any measure to simplify the scheme and remove / reduce the administrative burden associated with the calculation of LCTS entitlement for the self-employed.

We thank you for the opportunity to take part in the consultation and are happy to discuss our response with you further should you wish.

Yours sincerely



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Peter the increase in taxbase is already built into our future budgets, and would happen regardless of this decision so we can't really take that into consideration. In terms of impact on collection rates, we understand the point, and you are obviously right that this will be very difficult debt to collect, and if this policy was accepted the level of bad debt would inevitably reduce, but again it is hard for us to base a decision on the ease of debt collection. We find it impossible to support a scheme change that will reduce our overall precept, at a time when inflation/pay awards are having a huge impact on our cost basis and hence our ability to balance the budget.

Having said that we understand Wyre's position and accept that this is ultimately a local decision.

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Hi Keith,

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Report of:	Meeting	Date
Cllr Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder and Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities	Council	26 January 2023

<b>Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

**1.1** To present to Council the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) (the “Local Plan Partial Update”) and to ask Members to adopt the Local Plan Partial Update.

**2. Outcomes**

**2.1** To adopt the Local Plan Partial Update in accordance with Policy LPR1 in the current adopted Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031), the Local Development Scheme and Local Plan Regulations.

**3. Recommendations**

**3.1** That the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) be adopted.

**3.2** That powers be delegated to the Head of Planning and Regeneration to make minor editorial amendments and corrections to the Local Plan Partial Update prior to publication.

**4. Background**

**4.1** The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) was adopted in February 2019. It included Policy LPR1 that committed the council to undertake an early partial review of the adopted Local Plan to address the housing shortfall against the identified housing need. The scope of the partial review is narrowly focused and principally directs itself to matters relating to the borough’s housing need. The council has also considered conformity with the latest National Planning Policy Framework and responded accordingly with limited wording revisions to ensure issues of conformity

are addressed but it does not involve a review of all policies. A review of all policies will be the role of the Local Plan Full Review currently underway rather than this partial review.

- 4.2** In February 2020, the council undertook a six week public consultation on the scope of the partial review. The consultation responses were considered alongside subsequent evidence and supporting documents, to prepare a 'Publication' draft that underwent a six week public consultation in November 2021.
- 4.3** The Local Plan Partial Update was submitted to the Secretary of State on 25 April 2022 and was accompanied by a schedule of minor amendments. Inspector Mark Dakeyne was appointed to conduct the examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the Local Plan Partial Update, including compliance with the Duty to Co-operate and report back to the council.
- 4.4** As part of the examination the Inspector held public hearing sessions during September 2022. In October 2022, the council published a schedule of Main Modifications to the Local Plan Partial Update for a six week public consultation. The representations were sent to the Inspector in November 2022. The council received the Inspector's Final Report on 21 December 2022.
- 4.5** While the local planning authority is not legally required to adopt its local plan following examination, the government makes clear in its planning practice guidance that the plan "will have been through a significant process locally to engage communities and other interests in discussions about the future of the area, and it is to be expected that the authority will proceed quickly with adopting a plan that has been found sound".

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** Local Authorities are required by legislation to prepare and adopt a local plan to set the local planning policy framework for their district. National Planning Policy reiterates the 'plan led' nature of the planning system and emphasises the importance for Local Planning Authorities to have an adopted up to date plan in place. The current Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) was adopted in 2019. It included Policy LPR1 that committed the council to undertake an early partial review of the Local Plan to address the housing shortfall against the identified housing need.
- 5.2** Failure to have an adopted up to date local plan in place limits the council's ability to influence the quantum, location and quality of development in its area. The Government have made clear that they expect council's to have an up to date local plan in place and are considering intervention in respect of those councils that do not.
- 5.3** The Inspector concluded in his Final Report that the Local Plan Partial Update is legally compliant and can be made sound by making a number

of changes (Main Modifications) which he recommends in his report. The Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector are broadly in line with those published for consultation. In his Final Report the Inspector includes an explanation of the changes. The most impactful change is the revision to the boroughs housing need figure to accord with the latest National Planning Policy Framework. This results in a revised local housing need figure of 296 dwellings per annum (dpa) between 2019 and 2031. This is a reduction on the backdated requirement of 479 dpa between 2011 and 2019.

- 5.4** A local plan can only be adopted if all of the Inspector's recommendations are accepted and the requisite modifications made.
- 5.5** The Local Plan Partial Update is an important corporate document, covering the whole of the borough, looking ahead to 2031. It will provide the statutory planning policy framework in the borough for all matters apart from minerals and waste. It will provide the basis for determining planning applications and as such will guide and manage development in the borough for the period up to 2031. Once adopted, it will fully replace the current adopted Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031). The adopted Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan remains part of the development plan for Wyre.
- 5.6** Minor modifications are changes which can be made at any time by the council up to adoption. They are changes which do not affect the substance of the plan e.g. typographical corrections, factual updating or minor wording changes to aid understanding/clarity. A schedule of minor modifications ('Additional' Modifications) was published in October 2022. The Inspector has considered that these do not go to the soundness of the Wyre Local Plan Partial Update.
- 5.7** The appended Local Plan Partial Update incorporates the Inspector's recommended main modifications and other minor modifications.
- 5.8** A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) addendum covering climate issues was submitted alongside the Local Plan Partial Update and has been part of the examination into the soundness of the Plan. An Equalities and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) was carried out on the 'Publication' draft Local Plan Partial Review to ensure compliance with Public Sector Equality Duty created under the Equality Act 2010 and was submitted to the Inspector in April 2022. Owing to the scale and nature of the main modification, it has not been necessary for further technical assessments to be carried out.
- 5.9** Once adopted, the council is required to undertake notification and publicity in accordance with legislation. The Local Plan Partial Update is to be printed and made available to purchase in accordance with standard charges. The document will also be made available on the council's website.

- 5.10** As the Local Plan Partial Update is finalised for publication Members are requested to delegate powers to the Head of Planning and Regeneration to make such minor editorial changes as may be necessary before the document is published and printed.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	<p>Expenditure on the preparation of the Local Plan Partial Update between 2020/21 and 2022/23 (as at 10/11/22) (excluding internal costs such as staff time) totals £60,152. Subject to any legal challenge, further commitments for the partial update are expected to be in the region of £15,000. The budget for work on the partial update and the full review in 2022/23 totals £163,500 (3591/42612). Once all current commitments for 2022/23 have been deducted for the partial update (£15,000) and for the full review (£43,000), the residual is expected to be in the region of £105,500. The partial review has delayed commissioning work on the full review, which will ramp up quickly in the new year and expenditure will increase. The residual budget is still needed to meet future commitments for the full review.</p>
Legal	<p>A local plan has to be prepared in accordance with procedures required by The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Council can only adopt the local plan with the main modifications recommended by the Inspector and cannot make any main modifications of its own or reject any made by the Inspector. If adopted, the Wyre Local Plan Partial Update becomes part of the development plan, and, in accordance with section 38 of the 2004 Act, planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. There is a 6 week period following adoption during which this decision can be challenged in the High Court.</p>

**Other risks/implications: checklist**

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risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x

equality and diversity	✓
sustainability	✓
health and safety	x

climate change	✓
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
Sustainability Appraisal of the Wyre Local Plan Partial Update	November 2021	<a href="http://www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1400/s_dpr03-sustainability-appraisal-november-2021-">www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1400/s_dpr03-sustainability-appraisal-november-2021-</a>
Equalities and Health Impact Assessment	November 2021	<a href="http://www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1402/s_dpr05-equalities-and-health-impact-assessment-november-2021-">www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1402/s_dpr05-equalities-and-health-impact-assessment-november-2021-</a>
Schedule of Proposed Additional (Minor) Modifications	October 2022	<a href="http://www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1535/wlp-incorp-partial-update-of-2022-schedule-of-am-oct-22-">www.wyre.gov.uk/downloads/file/1535/wlp-incorp-partial-update-of-2022-schedule-of-am-oct-22-</a>

### List of appendices

Appendix 1: Adoption draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)

Appendix 2: Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) Inspector's Report and Schedule of Main Modifications

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## **Report to Wyre Council**

**by Mark Dakeyne BA (Hons) MRTPI**

an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Date: 21 December 2022

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Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

Section 20

## **Report on the Examination of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022**

The Plan was submitted for examination on 25 April 2022

The examination hearings were held on 27 and 28 September 2022

File Ref: PINS/U2370/429/7

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## Abbreviations used in this report

Dpa	Dwellings per annum
FLP	Fylde Local Plan
Framework	National Planning Policy Framework
MM	Main Modification
OAHN	Objectively Assessed Housing Needs
PPG	Planning practice guidance
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment
UCO	Use Classes Order
The Plan	The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022
WLP	Wyre Local Plan

## Non-Technical Summary

This report concludes that the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022 [the Plan] provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the District, provided that a number of main modifications [MMs] are made to it. Wyre Council has specifically requested that I recommend any MMs necessary to enable the Plan to be adopted.

Following the hearings, the Council prepared a schedule of the proposed MMs. The MMs were subject to public consultation over a six-week period between 12 October and 23 November 2022. In some cases I have amended their detailed wording. I have recommended their inclusion in the Plan after considering all the representations made in response to consultation on them.

The Main Modifications can be summarised as follows:

- Clarifying the relationship between the Wyre and Fylde Local Plans in terms of housing needs and requirements;
- Amending the housing requirement between 2011 and 2019 to reflect the Objectively Assessed Housing Need for that period;
- Updating housing completions and commitments;
- Clarifying the application of policy relating to First Homes; and
- Modifying policies to reflect changes to the Use Classes Order

## Introduction

1. This report contains my assessment of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022 [the Plan] in terms of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). It considers first whether the Plan's preparation has complied with the duty to co-operate. It then considers whether the Plan is compliant with the legal requirements and whether it is sound. The National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (paragraph 35) [the Framework] makes it clear that in order to be sound, a local plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.
2. The starting point for the examination is the assumption that the local planning authority has submitted what it considers to be a sound plan. The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022, submitted in April 2022, is the basis for my examination. It is the same document that was published for consultation in November 2021.

## Main Modifications

3. In accordance with section 20(7C) of the 2004 Act, the Council requested that I should recommend any main modifications [MMs] necessary to rectify matters that make the Plan unsound and thus incapable of being adopted. My report explains why the recommended MMs are necessary. The MMs are referenced in bold in the report in the form **MM1**, **MM2** etc, and are set out in full in the Appendix.
4. Following the examination hearings, the Council prepared a schedule of proposed MMs. The MM schedule was subject to public consultation for six weeks between 12 October and 23 November 2022. I have taken account of the consultation responses in coming to my conclusions in this report and in this light I have made some amendments to the detailed wording of the MMs. None of the amendments significantly alters the content of the MMs as published for consultation or undermines the participatory processes that have been undertaken.

## Policies Map

5. The Council must maintain an adopted policies map which illustrates geographically the application of the policies in the adopted development plan. When submitting a local plan for examination, the Council is required to provide a submission policies map showing the changes to the adopted policies map that would result from the proposals in the submitted local plan. In this case, the Plan does not result in any changes to the adopted policies map and therefore no submission policies map has been provided.

## Context of the Plan and its title

6. Wyre sits at the northern end of the Fylde peninsula. Wyre, Blackpool, and Fylde are the three local planning authorities making up the peninsula. Despite some connectivity with the eastern neighbours of Preston and Lancaster, the peninsula forms a distinct housing market area and also has a high degree of economic self-containment.
7. This Plan is a partial update of the Wyre Local Plan [WLP], adopted in 2019. The WLP did not meet Wyre's full Objectively Assessed Housing Needs [OAHN], setting a requirement of 9,200 dwellings or 460 dwellings per annum [dpa] against an OAHN of 9,580 dwellings or 479 dpa, a shortfall of 380 dwellings. The main justification for a lower requirement was highways capacity.
8. However, the WLP included Policy LPR1 which required that the Council bring forward a partial update of the WLP with the objective of meeting the full OAHN. The Council has progressed and submitted this partial update in accordance with the timetable of early 2022 as set by Policy LPR1.
9. In bringing forward this Plan, the Council has also taken the opportunity to update some other policies to reflect revised national policy and regulations. In particular, Policies HP3 and HP4 are proposed to be modified to take into account the Government's Entry-Level and First Homes policies. There are also references to the changes to the Use Classes Order [UCO] and, in particular, to the creation of the new Use Class E which encompasses a number of town centre uses and B1 business use.
10. Having regard to all the evidence and the representations submitted I consider there is no need for me to examine in detail most of the unchanged aspects of the WLP. The Plan, once adopted, in combination with the remaining unchanged policies and supporting text of the WLP and the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, will constitute the development plan for Wyre. The Council is also undertaking a full review of the WLP with the Local Development Scheme of April 2022 indicating that preparation of a full update will take place in 2022/23 with the objective of submitting the Plan for examination in 2023.
11. The terminology within the Framework and Planning Practice Guidance [PPG] refers to the need to review policies in local plans to assess whether they need updating. Therefore, there is a distinction between review and update. In addition, in view of the focused nature of the 'update' to the WLP, the title of the consolidated Plan should be the Wyre Local Plan 2011-2031 (incorporating partial update of 2022). **MM01 to MM09, MM11 to MM13, MM20, and MM46** are necessary to reflect this terminology for clarity and to ensure consistency with national policy. I have also used the same terminology in this report.

## Public Sector Equality Duty

12. I have had due regard to the aims expressed in S149(1) of the Equality Act 2010.

## Assessment of Duty to Co-operate

13. Section 20(5)(c) of the 2004 Act requires that I consider whether the Council complied with any duty imposed on it by section 33A in respect of the Plan's preparation.
14. The Council has produced a Duty to Co-operate Statement of Compliance which sets out the background to the Partial Update, the pertinent strategic matters, and an overview of the engagement and cooperation that has taken place and continues to be undertaken. A Statement of Common Ground on strategic matters, included within the Compliance Statement, has been signed by Wyre Council, Lancashire County Council as the upper tier and local highway authority, National Highways, and the neighbouring local planning authorities of Blackpool, Fylde, Preston, Lancaster, and Ribble Valley.
15. There is common ground on Wyre's approach to how it has calculated its housing need. Furthermore, it has been established that there are currently no housing or other needs from neighbouring areas that Wyre needs to meet. It is also agreed with relevant highway authorities (Lancashire, National Highways and Blackpool) that there is no need to revisit transport and highways evidence to support the Partial Update. However, it is acknowledged that the forthcoming full review of the WLP will require further transport and highway assessments.
16. There is a relationship between the WLP and the Fylde Local Plan [FLP] which merits explanation in the context of the Duty to Co-operate. The FLP was adopted in 2018. At that time whether Wyre would have any unmet housing need was unknown. As a result the FLP included an early review trigger to allow consideration of any unmet housing need from Wyre. As explained above the adopted WLP which followed a year later had unmet needs and its own review policy. But the timing of the examination and adoption of the Partial Review of the FLP (2020/21) meant that it had to provide for Wyre's unmet need of 380 dwellings within its housing requirement.
17. However, provided that I find the Partial Update's approach to housing needs and requirement to be sound, Wyre would now be able to accommodate all of its housing needs for the Plan period of 2011-2031. Therefore, despite the provisions of the updated FLP, there would no longer be any unmet housing need. As to how Wyre's previous unmet need should be accounted for in the respective local plans is a matter which affects the housing requirement rather

than being fundamental to the duty to co-operate. I return to this later when I consider the housing requirement issue.

18. I am satisfied that where necessary the Council has engaged constructively, actively and on an on-going basis in the preparation of the Plan and that the duty to co-operate has therefore been met.
19. Although set out in supporting documentation, the Plan does not explain how this issue of unmet housing needs has evolved. **MM14** inserts explanation into the Plan for clarity, to support compliance with the duty to co-operate and to demonstrate that the Plan has been positively prepared. **MM10** is a consequential amendment removing a short reference to the duty to co-operate from elsewhere in the Plan.

## **Assessment of Other Aspects of Legal Compliance**

20. The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme.
21. Consultation on the Plan and the MMs was carried out in compliance with the Council's recently updated Statement of Community Involvement and the regulations.
22. The Council carried out a sustainability appraisal [SA] of the Plan, prepared a report of the findings of the appraisal, and published the report along with the plan and other submission documents under regulation 19. The SA assesses the effects of the housing requirement figure contained in the Plan. The development strategy contained in the WLP is not changing as a result of this Partial Update. The SA which accompanied the WLP assessed alternative housing need figures and strategies.
23. The Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report of November 2021 sets out why an Appropriate Assessment is not necessary.
24. The MMs do not require further SA or Habitat Regulations screening as the impact of the housing requirement now proposed has been assessed in earlier iterations. Other MMs do not impact on key sustainability issues/objectives or the Habitat Regulations process as they do not change the substance of policies.
25. The WLP contains strategic policies which, for a large part, will be unchanged by this partial update. The development plan, taken as a whole, includes policies to address the strategic priorities for the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area.



26. The WLP includes policies relating to sustainable design, travel and flood risk which will remain. The development plan, taken as a whole, comprising the WLP together with this partial update, includes policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.
27. The Plan complies with all other relevant legal requirements, including in the 2004 Act (as amended) and the 2012 Regulations.

## **Assessment of Soundness**

### **Main Issues**

28. Taking account of all the representations, the written evidence and the discussions that took place at the examination hearings, I have identified two main issues upon which the soundness of this plan depends. This report deals with these main issues. It does not respond to every point or issue raised by representors. Nor does it refer to every policy, policy criterion or allocation in the Plan.

### **Issue 1 – are the revisions to the housing need and requirement positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy?**

#### **Housing need**

29. The WLP was examined under the 2012 Framework. A series of Strategic Housing Market Assessments [SHMA] between 2014 and 2017 provided the evidence base to support an OAHN of 9,580 dwellings. As discussed above, the WLP did not meet the OAHN, setting a requirement of 9,200 dwellings or 460 dpa, a shortfall of 380 dwellings.
30. Policy LPR1 required that the Council bring forward a 'partial review' of the WLP with the objective of meeting the full OAHN. Specific matters to be addressed included an update of OAHN.
31. The 2019 Framework (and subsequently the current 2021 version) introduced and retained the use of the standard method set out in the PPG for conducting local housing needs assessments and informing strategic policies. In updating its OAHN in accordance with Policy LPR1, the Council has established a revised local housing need figure of 296 dpa using the standard method. The Framework points to the use of the standard method unless exceptional circumstances justify an alternative approach which also reflects current and future demographic trends. The use of the standard method as a means of identifying the minimum annual housing need figure from 2019 is justified and

consistent with national policy. It is acknowledged that the PPG refers specifically to the need to review strategic policies early in circumstances where a housing requirement is significantly below the standard method, not above it. Whilst these circumstances do not apply in Wyre, the provisions of Policy LPR1 required the Council to review its housing needs early. But then in reviewing those needs, national policy has an expectation that the standard method should be used.

32. The PPG identifies circumstances when it may be appropriate to plan for a higher housing need figure above that produced by the standard method. Wyre is not subject to any growth strategies such as housing deals. There are no strategic infrastructure improvements driving a need for an increase in homes locally. As discussed above, there is no unmet need from neighbouring authorities.
33. The SHMA referred to above did assess need as significantly greater than the standard method. However, these were produced at least 5 years ago and cannot be considered to be recent. Moreover, the standard method now takes precedence.
34. Levels of housing delivery in the last few years have been significantly above the standard method figure<sup>1</sup>. However, spikes in recent delivery are a reflection of the adoption of the WLP in 2019 and allocations coming on stream. High rates of delivery are anticipated to continue until 2028/29 but then tail off. Delivery from the start of the Plan period is more modest at an average of about 385 dpa. Whilst a factor to be taken into account, housing delivery does not justify an uplift on the standard method in this particular instance.
35. The PPG also points to the possibility of an increase in the total housing figures in the Plan where it could help deliver the required number of affordable homes. The 2017 SHMA showed an annual need of 134 affordable units in the period up to 2022 rising to 189 dpa thereafter. Affordable housing need has not been revisited as part of the Partial Update or this examination. But figures produced by the Council<sup>2</sup> show that affordable housing delivery has increased since 2019. Moreover, projections indicate that affordable housing completions will continue to exceed the assessed need until 2026-27. Therefore, in the short to medium term, affordable housing delivery will remain healthy. Based on the evidence before me, there is no need to increase the total housing figure to deliver the required number of affordable homes.

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<sup>1</sup> Delivery at an average of around 518 dpa for the five year period 2017/18 to 2021/22

<sup>2</sup> Document EL5.002

36. The formula set out in the PPG identifies the minimum number of homes expected to be planned for, in a way which addresses projected household growth and historic under-supply.
37. The reduction in the housing need figure will not materially affect the strategy set out in the WLP. The majority of allocations already have planning permission. The Plan does not propose deleting any allocations. Therefore, the spatial strategy and distribution of development will not change. Moreover, the up to date position indicates that there is more than enough housing supply to ensure delivery as envisaged by the WLP requirement (see below). Indeed the figures also show that there would be sufficient supply to meet an OAHN of 479 dpa over the whole of the Plan period and also provide a five-year supply based on 479 dpa, applying a 5% buffer and using the Sedgefield method for dealing with the shortfall<sup>3</sup>. In these respects and pending the full review of the WLP, the use of the standard method will not materially reduce housing supply.
38. Factors such as the Covid 19 pandemic have led to economic uncertainty and a slowdown in the take up of employment land. However, the employment strategy and allocations, including that at Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, which supported economic growth remain unaltered by the partial update. As housing delivery is unlikely to tail off in the short to medium term, given the supply position, the reduced housing figure in the partial update would not constrain jobs or economic growth or lead to any inconsistency between housing and employment growth facilitated by the Plan. There will be an opportunity to comprehensively consider both strands of the strategy in the full review of the WLP to maintain synergy and take into account changing economic circumstances.
39. In the context of this Partial Update and based on the evidence before me, there is no justification for an increase in the housing need figure over and above that derived from the standard method. The Inspector who examined the Partial Review of the FLP found the same approach in the neighbouring local planning authority to be sound some 14 months ago. Whilst other local planning authorities, such as those who are progressing a review of the Central Lancashire Core Strategy, may seek an uplift on the standard method figure, factors vary from authority to authority and the approach adopted by Wyre represents an appropriate strategy.
40. However, the full review of the WLP will provide an opportunity to undertake an assessment of the factors referred to in the PPG, including affordable housing need, to indicate whether a higher housing need figure should be planned for longer-term. **MM03** and **MM14** signpost this requirement to ensure that the Plan is positively prepared and consistent with national policy. There is no need for

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<sup>3</sup> See EL5.003

the MMs to be more specific in terms of the factors, given the reference to national policy and guidance.

## Housing requirement and supply

41. The Council has applied the figure of 296 dpa from 2019 when the standard method was introduced into national policy. In terms of the period up to 2019, the submitted Plan requires 460 dpa, reflecting the constrained housing figure from the WLP.
42. Policy LPR1 requires that the partial update meets the full OAHN. Based on the assessments relevant to the period 2011 to 2019 that would have been 479 dpa. Moreover, as referred to above, the overall housing supply position is healthy. Therefore, to ensure that the Plan is positively prepared and consistent with national policy, a backdated requirement of 479 dpa should be built into Policies SP1 and HP1. As a result the total housing requirement would be 7,384 dwellings. The changes to Policies SP1 and HP1, their reasoned justifications, the context for site allocations in Section 9 and Monitoring Indicators would be secured by **MM15 to MM18, MM20, MM21, MM26, MM34 and MM45**.
43. As indicated above, with the use of the standard method Wyre has no unmet housing needs and headroom in its supply. Fylde is in a similar position. As strategic policies should provide for objectively assessed housing needs wherever possible, the previous unmet need for Wyre should be subsumed into its housing requirement. However, that need is no longer 380 dwellings because of the introduction of the standard method from 2019. It effectively comprises 152 dwellings which has already been largely met by completions early in the Plan period with any residual need to be met in the next year or two having regard to the trajectory. Whilst the FLP has effectively also catered for these needs, it does not result in any supply issues and there will be the opportunity to avoid double counting when the FLP is next reviewed.
44. The Plan was submitted before the up to date housing supply position at 31 March 2022 was known. During the examination the Council has provided the figures, including completions and commitments up to 31 March, and adjusted the windfall allowance. In order to be effective, **MM22, MM23 and MM47** update the housing supply position, including the relevant tables. In addition, so that the Plan is consistent with national policy, references to the use of a Housing Implementation Strategy to demonstrate how a five-year supply will be maintained are outdated and should be changed to a Housing Monitoring Report through **MM02, MM24, MM25 and MM44**.

## Conclusion

45. Subject to the MMs identified above the revisions to the housing need and requirement are positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

## Issue 2 – are the other policies in their updated form effective and consistent with national policy?

### Affordable housing

46. The Council proposes changes to Policies HP3 and HP4 of the WLP to take into account the Government's Entry-Level Exceptions and First Homes policies contained within the Framework and PPG. In terms of First Homes neither policy, nor their explanation, refers to how they will be applied taking into account the contents of the PPG.
47. For effectiveness and to ensure consistency with national policy, the explanation to the policies should make it clear that the minimum discount of 30% and price cap of £250,000 will be applied pending the full review of the WLP. This would be secured by **MM27**.

### Use Classes Order

48. The introductory chapter of the submitted Plan makes reference to changes to the UCO and, in particular, to the creation of the new Use Class E which encompasses a number of town centre uses and B1 business use. However, the Plan does not propose any changes to policy.
49. A number of employment, town centre and allocation policies refer to the B1 business and A1 shops use classes. For effectiveness Policies SP4, EP1, EP2, EP3, SA2, SA3, SA4, SA5 and SA7 should be amended so that they refer to Use Class E(g) rather than B1. Likewise Policy EP6 should be amended to refer to Use Class E(a) rather than A1 and Policy EP7 should be amended to refer to Use Class E(a), (b) and (c) and sui generis use rather than A. These changes would be achieved by **MM19, MM28 to MM30, MM32, MM33, and MM35 to MM43**.
50. There are also likely to be implications for Government policy on ensuring the vitality of town centres, and the Plan's employment and town centre policies, arising from the inclusion of employment and other uses within Class E. Therefore, for effectiveness and to ensure consistency with national policy, a reference to the possible use of conditions to restrict town centre uses on applications on employment allocations and in existing employment areas is necessary (**MM31**).

## **Other policies**

51. The Plan also updates Policy SP4 to reflect the provisions of paragraph 80 of the 2021 Framework relating to the subdivision of existing residential buildings; the explanation to Policy SP6 (viability) to reflect paragraph 58 of the 2021 Framework and the requirement to make viability assessments publicly available; Policy EP5 to remove the requirement for office developments outside town centres to require an impact assessment in view of the contents of paragraph 90 of the Framework; and the explanation to Policy CDMP3 to reflect the references to design guides and codes in paragraphs 128 and 129 of the Framework. These updates are consistent with national policy.
52. The full review of the WLP will consider how to respond to more wide ranging issues such as climate change and biodiversity net gain, having regard to evidence, statute, regulations, and Government policy at that time.

## **Conclusion**

53. Subject to the MMs identified above, the other policies in their updated form are effective and consistent with national policy.

## **Overall Conclusion and Recommendation**

54. The Plan has a number of deficiencies in respect of soundness for the reasons set out above, which mean that I recommend non-adoption of it as submitted, in accordance with Section 20(7A) of the 2004 Act. These deficiencies have been explained in the main issues set out above.
55. The Council has requested that I recommend MMs to make the Plan sound and capable of adoption. I conclude that the duty to cooperate has been met and that with the recommended main modifications set out in the Appendix the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) incorporating Partial Update of 2022 satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound.

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This report is accompanied by an Appendix containing the Main Modifications.

## **Appendix to Inspector's Report**

### **Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)**

#### **Schedule of Main Modifications**

**December 2022**

##### **Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications**

The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) was submitted for examination in April 2022. Hearings took place on the 27 and 28 September 2022. During the examination, including the hearing sessions, the Planning Inspector has identified a number of Main Modifications (MM) that are necessary to make the Plan sound. The reason for these MMs are set out in the Inspector's Report.

The schedule of MM are listed in the order they appear in the adopted Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) and should be read alongside the Schedule of Revisions to the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (Submission Document SDPR01).

Additions to text are shown as underlined. Deletions of text are shown as ~~striketrough~~.

## Schedule of Main Modifications Proposed to the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)

Mod Ref	Part of Plan	Modification
MM/01	Title of the Plan and headers	Amend title and headers to read:  Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011-2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> )
MM/02	Contents	Amend contents page to read:  1.2 Preparation of the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011-2031) ( <u>incorporation partial update of 2022</u> )  10.3 <del>Housing Implementation Strategy (HIS)</del> <u>Housing Monitoring Report (HMR)</u>
MM/03	Chapter 1: Introduction  ¶1.1.1-1.1.5 and new ¶1.1.6	Amend paragraph 1.1.1-1.1.5 and insert new paragraph 1.1.6 to read:  1.1.1 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> ) is the key planning policy document which will shape Wyre for the period up to 2031. It provides a positive approach to planning in Wyre which makes provision towards meeting employment and housing needs within challenging environmental and infrastructure constraints.  1.1.2 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> ), sets out the strategic framework to guide growth, detailed policies to manage development, and land allocations for housing and employment developments. The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> ) replaces the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031). The Council will prepare supplementary planning documents where needed in order to provide supplementary guidance on the application of the policies in the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> ).  1.1.3 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) ( <u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u> ) forms part of the Development Plan for Wyre together with the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan <sup>1</sup> . Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that decisions made by local planning authorities on planning applications must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In Wyre, Wyre Borough Council is the local



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		<p>planning authority except for matters relating to minerals and waste which are the responsibility of Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>1.1.4 Neighbourhood Plans also form part of the Development Plan once adopted. At present there are no neighbourhood plans covering any part of Wyre. Three neighbourhood plan areas have been designated relating to the settlements of Barton, Dolphinholme and Garstang. It is the intention of the relevant Parish/Town Council's to prepare neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>1.1.5 The Local Plan has a start date of 2011 as this was the base date for the evidence base underpinning the preparation of the Plan.</p> <p><u>1.1.6 The Council commenced work on a Local Plan Full Review in January 2022. The Full Review will be supported by a new evidence base and will reconsider whether circumstances justify planning for a higher housing need figure than the standard method indicates, in accordance with national policy and guidance.</u></p>
MM/04	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Sub-heading 1.2</p>	<p>Amend sub-heading 1.2 to read:</p> <p>1.2 Preparation of the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011-2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u></p>
MM/05	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.2.1 The Wyre Local Plan (2011 - 2031) was adopted on 28 February 2019. Policy LPR1 sets out three clear criteria which form the scope of the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> of that Local Plan. The specific matters to be addressed by the review include the following:</p>

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MM/06	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.2 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.2 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.2.2 Policy LPR1 is unequivocal, it is a focused partial <u>review update</u> and as such alteration to the plan period is not a part of that partial <u>review update</u>. Accordingly, this partial <u>review update</u> has considered the housing need and requirement within the plan period of the Wyre Local Plan (2011 - 2031). It has consequently incorporated alterations to relevant policies, to its supporting text and the monitoring chapter, including performance monitoring framework.</p>
MM/07	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.4 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.4 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.2.4 The Council will carry out a separate full review of the Local Plan to meet the requirements of Regulation 10A. This will result in a replacement Local Plan which will supersede this Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 - 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u>. The full review will be prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme (LDS).</p>
MM/08	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.6 and 1.2.7</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.6 and 1.2.7 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.2.6 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 - 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u> is supported by the LPR1 background paper (2021) and contains the Council's local housing need assessment, prepared to accord with revised national planning policy. This concludes the housing need</p>

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	(proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))	<p>figure for Wyre is 296 net dwellings per annum. It also sets out that the council does not consider it appropriate or justified to plan for a higher housing need figure than the standard method indicates. The housing need figure is therefore capable of being the housing requirement figure for Wyre. The housing requirement figure for the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) (<u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u>) is therefore 296 net dwellings per annum. The total housing requirement for the Plan Period is therefore a minimum of <del>7,232</del> <u>7,384</u> net dwellings. This consists of <del>460</del> <u>479</u> net dwellings between 2011 and 2018/2019; and 296 net dwellings between 2019/2020 and 2031.</p> <p>1.2.7 Due to the focused scope of this partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u>, please note that reference to housing Objectively Assessed Need (OAN or OAHN) throughout the document was correct at the time the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) was adopted in 2019. Due to the update to guidance, policy review and proposed revisions to Policy HP1, in most instances, reference to Objectively Assessed Need should be read as housing requirement.</p>
MM/09	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.9 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.9 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.2.9 As part of the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> and to accord with the Duty to Cooperate, Wyre Council has engaged with the three Highway Authorities: National Highways, Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council. The authorities have agreed with Wyre Councils conclusion, that there is no longer a need to review highway evidence as the net housing requirement of 296 dwelling per annum will be met in full and no revisions to the existing housing land supply set out in the adopted Local <del>plan</del> <u>Plan</u> is <del>proposed</del> <u>are required</u>. It is therefore the case that a review of the highway and transport evidence is no longer necessary to enable the Council to meet its housing requirement in full. The Council will therefore not be presenting new highway and transport evidence as part of the partial review and any reference within the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> reflects the position when the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) was adopted.</p>
MM/10	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.10A</p>	<p>Delete paragraph 1.2.10A (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)):</p>

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	(proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))	<del>1.2.10 A Duty to Cooperate Statement set's out Wyre's co-operation with various organisations in preparing the partial review. The Statement shows that Wyre has complied with the duty to cooperate.</del>										
MM/11	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.11 (now 1.2.10) and Figure 1.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.11 (now 1.2.10) and figure 1.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p><del>1.2.11</del> 1.2.10 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u> replaces in full the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031). As set out in figure 1.1, the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> has amended <del>six</del> <u>20</u> policies and deleted one policy contained in the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031). The amendments undertaken accord with the requirements of Policy LPR1 and the scope of the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> in regards to an update of the Objectively Assessed Housing Need (Local Housing Requirement) and to ensure conformity with the NPPF 2021. The amendments have also sought to provide clarity in relation to the revisions to the Use Classes Order that came into effect on 1 September 2020 (see section 1.5 below).</p> <p><b>Figure 1.1: Policies Superseded and Deleted by the Partial Review <u>Update</u></b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="595 995 1697 1422"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="595 995 1111 1139">Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031)</th> <th data-bbox="1111 995 1697 1139">Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1139 1111 1209">SP1 Development Strategy</td> <td data-bbox="1111 1139 1697 1209">SP1 Development Strategy</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1209 1111 1279">SP4 Countryside Areas</td> <td data-bbox="1111 1209 1697 1279">SP4 Countryside Areas</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1279 1111 1350">HP1 Housing Land Supply</td> <td data-bbox="1111 1279 1697 1350">HP1 Housing Requirement and Supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1350 1111 1422">HP3 Affordable Housing</td> <td data-bbox="1111 1350 1697 1422">HP3 Affordable Housing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031)	Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u>	SP1 Development Strategy	SP1 Development Strategy	SP4 Countryside Areas	SP4 Countryside Areas	HP1 Housing Land Supply	HP1 Housing Requirement and Supply	HP3 Affordable Housing	HP3 Affordable Housing
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		HP4 Rural Exceptions	HP4 Exception Sites
		<u>EP1 Employment Land Supply</u>	<u>EP1 Employment Land Supply</u>
		<u>EP2 Existing Employment Areas</u>	<u>EP2 Existing Employment Areas</u>
		<u>EP3 Existing Employment Sites</u>	<u>EP3 Existing Employment Sites</u>
		EP5 Main Town Centre Uses	EP5 Main Town Centre Uses
		<u>EP6 Development in Defined Primary and Secondary Frontages</u>	<u>EP6 Development in Defined Primary and Secondary Frontages</u>
		<u>EP7 Local Convenience Stores</u>	<u>EP7 Local Convenience Stores</u>
		<u>SA2 Employment Development</u>	<u>SA2 Employment Development</u>
		<u>SA2/1 Carrfield Works, Park Lane, Preesall Hill</u>	<u>SA2/1 Carrfield Works, Park Lane, Preesall Hill</u>
		<u>SA2/2 Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall</u>	<u>SA2/2 Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall</u>
		<u>SA2/3 South of Goose Lane, Catterall</u>	<u>SA2/3 South of Goose Lane, Catterall</u>
		<u>SA3 Mixed Use Development</u>	<u>SA3 Mixed Use Development</u>
		<u>SA3/2 Joe Lane, Catterall</u>	<u>SA3/2 Joe Lane, Catterall</u>
		<u>SA4 Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, Thornton</u>	<u>SA4 Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, Thornton</u>

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		<u>SA5 Port of Fleetwood, Fleetwood</u>	<u>SA5 Port of Fleetwood, Fleetwood</u>
		<u>SA7 Brockholes Industrial Estate Extension, Catterall</u>	<u>SA7 Brockholes Industrial Estate Extension, Catterall</u>
		LPR1 Wyre Local Plan Review	
MM/12	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶1.2.12 and 1.2.13 (now 1.2.11 and 1.2.12) (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.2.12 and 1.2.13 (now 1.2.11 and 1.2.12) (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p><del>1.2.12</del> 1.2.11 The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u> is supported by a revised housing trajectory at 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2022</u> monitoring base date.</p> <p><del>1.2.13</del> 1.2.12 Hereafter, any references to the Local Plan are in reference to this Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) <u>(incorporating partial update of 2022)</u>, unless otherwise stated.</p>	
MM/13	<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>Proposed new ¶ 1.3.5 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 1.3.5 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>1.3.5 The Local Plan comprises both a written document (the ‘Written Statement’) and a Policy Map (The Adopted Policies Map 2019). The <del>Partial Review</del> <u>Update</u> has made no change to the adopted Local Plan Policies Map that was prepared for the previous Local Plan adopted in 2019, therefore it remains up to date for the <del>Partial Review</del> <u>Update</u>.</p>	

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MM/14	Chapter 1: Introduction  Sub-heading 1.4	<p>Amend section 1.4 to read:</p> <p><b>1.4 The ‘Duty to Co-operate’</b></p> <p>1.4.1 The duty to cooperate was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities to engage constructively and actively, and to address strategic cross-boundary matters in preparing Local Plans. The duty to co-operate is not a duty to agree but rather to engage in a meaningful and substantive way in respect of cross border issues.</p> <p>1.4.2 Wyre has actively and constructively engaged with all adjoining districts and other organisations and partners such as the <u>Integrated Care Partnership (formerly Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs))</u>, Lancashire County Council, <u>National Highways (formerly Highways England)</u> and the Environment Agency, throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. This has included co-operation on key strategic and cross boundary matters, the preparation of joint evidence and studies where appropriate.</p> <p>1.4.3 On the Fylde Coast, Blackpool Council, Lancashire County Council, Fylde Council and Wyre Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding governing co-operation on strategic matters. Meetings are held at officer and Member level to discuss strategic matters. A number of joint studies have been commissioned to inform the respective Local Plans of the three district councils. The co-operation between the four authorities is long standing and ongoing. The Council has also engaged with the other three adjoining local authorities – Lancaster City Council, Preston City Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council.</p> <p><del>1.4.4 Wyre has requested assistance from all adjoining authorities in meeting housing need arising in Wyre. No local authority has offered any assistance at present in accommodating the unmet housing need or any part of it. Fylde Borough Council has indicated that it will consider the matter when it reviews the adopted Fylde Local Plan. Lancaster City Council has asked Wyre for assistance in meeting Lancaster’s housing needs but in view of Wyre’s inability to meet its own housing needs has not offered any assistance to Lancaster.</del></p>

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		<p><u>1.4.4 During the preparation of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031), Wyre Council wrote to Fylde Council in May 2016 under the duty to co-operate to request that they assist Wyre Council in meeting its full objectively assessed housing need. Although at the time Fylde Council were unable to assist, the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 as adopted in October 2018 included a commitment to undertake an early partial review of the Plan (whether partial or full) to examine the issue of unmet need in Wyre, in the circumstances of such a need arising.</u></p> <p><u>1.4.5 The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) was adopted in February 2019 and identified the objectively assessed need (OAN) for housing to be 479 net dwellings per annum, equating to 9,580 net dwellings over the plan period 2011-2031. The Local Plan delivered 9,200 dwellings (Policy SP1) or 460 dwellings per annum within the plan period. Therefore, at the point of adoption there was an unmet need of 380 net dwellings.</u></p> <p><u>1.4.6 The Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) included Policy LPR1 which required the early partial update of the adopted plan. Policy LPR1 set out that the update would be a partial update only, with the objective of updating and meeting in full the OAN for housing. The partial update commenced in December 2019.</u></p> <p><u>1.4.7 The establishment of the unmet need through the adoption of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) also triggered the review mechanism in the Fylde Local Plan to 2032. The Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (Incorporating Partial Review) was adopted in December 2021 and identifies a minimum housing requirement of 7,275 new homes. This is sufficient to meet the identified housing needs in Fylde and accommodated Wyre's unmet housing need of 380 dwellings, the equivalent to 30 dwellings per annum for the period 2019-2032, as part of its housing requirement, prior to the Partial Update of the Wyre Local Plan.</u></p> <p><u>1.4.8 As required by Policy LPR1, Wyre Council has considered the OAN for housing and in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, determining the minimum number of homes needed requires a housing needs assessment undertaken in accordance with the standard method. This gives a housing need figure of 7,384 dwellings over the plan period 2011-2031. Between 2011/2012 and 2018/2019, the housing requirement is 479 dwellings per annum; between 2019/20 and 2030/31, the housing requirement is 296 dwellings per annum, based upon the standard method.</u></p>



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		<p><u>Wyre Council can meet its housing needs in full through the Partial Update and there is no unmet need in Wyre that falls to be considered by neighbouring local authorities. There is no longer any unmet housing need arising in Wyre that requires the 380 dwellings to be provided by the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (incorporating Partial Review). When next updating its local plan, Fylde will need to take into account that Wyre can now meet its housing needs. Wyre has not been asked by any adjoining authority to consider accepting any unmet need.</u></p> <p><u>1.4.9 The Council commenced work on a Local Plan Full Review in January 2022. The Full Review will be supported by a new evidence base and will reconsider whether circumstances justify planning for a higher housing need than the standard method indicates, in accordance with national policy and guidance.</u></p> <p><del>4.4.5 1.4.10 The Duty to Cooperate Statement sets out Wyre’s co-operation with various organisations in preparing the Local Plan. The Statement shows that Wyre has complied with the duty to cooperate. Wyre is committed to cooperating with adjoining local authorities and other organisations in resolving issues and delivering the Local Plan.</del></p> <p><del>1.4.6 Following the hearing sessions in May and June 2018, the Council proposed modifications to the Local Plan which brought the Local Plan housing land supply closer to the identified housing OAN. However due to the outstanding shortfall and the existing position that no adjoining authority is able to assist Wyre in meeting unmet needs, the Local Plan includes a review mechanism in Policy LPR1 which commits the Council to an early partial review commencing in 2019 with submission of the review for examination by early 2022.</del></p>

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MM/15	Chapter 4: Local Plan Strategy  ¶ 4.1.6	Amend paragraph 4.1.6 to read:  4.1.6 Based on the housing evidence the <del>Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAHN)</del> <u>housing requirement</u> is identified as, <del>an annual figure of 296 dwellings or 7,232</del> <u>7,384</u> dwellings over the Local Plan period 2011-2031. <u>Between 2011/2012 and 2018/2019, the housing requirement is 460 479 dwellings per annum based on national policy for assessments of Objectively Assessed Housing Needs relevant for that period and between 2019/2020 and 2030/2031, the housing requirement is 296 dwellings per annum, based upon the standard method for assessing local housing need introduced into national policy in 2019.</u> On the basis of the employment evidence the Objectively Assessed Employment Need (OAEN), is identified as 43 hectares of employment land for B-class uses.
MM/16	Chapter 4: Local Plan Strategy  Proposed new footnote 15 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))	Delete new footnote 15 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)):  <del>Between 2011/2012 and 2018/2019, the housing requirement was 460 479 dwellings per annum and between 2019/2020 and 2030/2031, the housing requirement is 296 dwellings per annum, based upon the standard method.</del>
MM/17	Chapter 4: Local Plan Strategy  ¶ 4.1.18	Amend paragraph 4.1.18 to read:  4.1.18 The table in Appendix E shows the proposed <b>total</b> residential development in each settlement and new employment allocations. The Local Plan seeks to deliver a minimum of <del>7,232</del> <u>7,384</u> dwellings within the Local Plan period 2011 – 2031 compared to an assessed supply of <del>9,423</del> <u>9,585</u> dwellings – a margin of difference of <del>2,191</del> <u>2,201</u> dwellings.

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MM/18	Chapter 5: Strategic Policies  Policy SP1 Development Strategy	Amend Policy SP1 (3) (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) to read:  3. Within the period 2011 to 2031, the Local Plan will deliver a minimum <del>7,232</del> <u>7,384</u> dwellings and 43 hectares of employment land.
MM/19	Chapter 5: Strategic Policies  Policy SP4 Countryside Areas	Amend Policy SP4 (4) (1) to read:  4. The conversion of existing buildings will be permitted where it meets the requirements of the Core Development Management Policies and it is demonstrated that the following order of priority has been considered:  1) Employment (use class <del>B</del> <u>B1</u> (now part of class <u>E(g)</u> , B2 and B8) uses appropriate to the rural area;
MM/20	Chapter 7: Housing  Proposed new ¶ 7.1.2 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))	Amend paragraph 7.1.2 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:  7.1.2 In accordance with the partial <del>review</del> <u>update</u> , an update of the objectively assessed housing need has been undertaken. This concludes the housing need figure for Wyre is <u>as follows: Between 2011/2012 and 2018/2019, the housing requirement is 479 460 dwellings per annum; between 2019/2020 and 2030/2031, the housing requirement is 296 dwellings per annum, based upon the standard method. 296 net dwellings per annum. The housing requirement figure for the Wyre Local Plan Partial Review (2011—2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022) is therefore 296 net dwellings per annum. The total housing requirement for the Plan Period is therefore 7,232 7,384 net dwellings.</u>
MM/21	Chapter 7: Housing	Delete proposed footnote 38 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)):

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MM/22	Chapter 7: Housing  ¶ 7.2.2	<p>Amend paragraph 7.2.2 to read:</p> <p>7.2.2 The Local Plan housing land supply is made up from completions since the start of plan period i.e. between 1 April 2011 and 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2022</u> non-allocated sites with planning permission as at 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2022</u>, allocated sites under policies SA1, SA3 and SA4 and a windfall allowance to take effect from <del>2024/25</del> <u>2025/26</u>. The table below shows the housing land position as at 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2022</u> –</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="629 890 1659 1396"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="629 890 703 943"></th> <th data-bbox="703 890 1323 943"></th> <th data-bbox="1323 890 1659 943">Number of Dwellings</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="629 943 703 1034">a.</td> <td data-bbox="703 943 1323 1034">Completions <del>1 April 2011 – 31 March 2024</del> <u>1 April 2011 – 31 March 2022</u></td> <td data-bbox="1323 943 1659 1034">3,490 <u>4,239</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="629 1034 703 1125">b.</td> <td data-bbox="703 1034 1323 1125">Large sites with planning permission at <del>31 March 2024</del> <u>31 March 2022</u></td> <td data-bbox="1323 1034 1659 1125">762 <u>691</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="629 1125 703 1216">c.</td> <td data-bbox="703 1125 1323 1216">Small sites with planning permission (discounted by 10%)</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1125 1659 1216">363 <u>295</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="629 1216 703 1307">d.</td> <td data-bbox="703 1216 1323 1307">Allocated sites (Policies SA1, SA3 &amp; SA4) with planning permission</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1216 1659 1307">2,573 <u>3,068</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="629 1307 703 1396">e.</td> <td data-bbox="703 1307 1323 1396">Allocated sites (Policies SA1, SA3 &amp; SA4) without planning permission</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1307 1659 1396">1,885 <u>992</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Number of Dwellings	a.	Completions <del>1 April 2011 – 31 March 2024</del> <u>1 April 2011 – 31 March 2022</u>	3,490 <u>4,239</u>	b.	Large sites with planning permission at <del>31 March 2024</del> <u>31 March 2022</u>	762 <u>691</u>	c.	Small sites with planning permission (discounted by 10%)	363 <u>295</u>	d.	Allocated sites (Policies SA1, SA3 & SA4) with planning permission	2,573 <u>3,068</u>	e.	Allocated sites (Policies SA1, SA3 & SA4) without planning permission	1,885 <u>992</u>
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MM/23	Housing  ¶7.2.3	Amend paragraph 7.2.3 to read:  7.2.3 The Local Plan makes an allowance for windfall sites of less than 25 dwellings. Evidence of completions on non-allocated sites shows that an allowance of 50 dwellings per annum is justified. The windfall allowance will take effect from 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2025</u> so as to avoid double counting with reference to sites with planning permission as at 31 March <del>2024</del> <u>2022</u> .						
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MM/25	Chapter 7: Housing  ¶ 7.2.8 (now ¶7.2.6 proposed as part	Amend paragraph 7.2.8 (now paragraph 7.2.6 proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))) to read:						

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MM/26	Chapter 7: Housing  Amend new policy HP1 Housing Land Supply (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))	Amend new Policy HP1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:  <div data-bbox="600 600 1783 1062" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>HP1 Housing Requirement and Supply</b></p> <p>There is a minimum housing requirement of <u>479</u> <del>460</del> net additional dwellings per annum between 2011 and 2019.</p> <p>There is a minimum housing requirement of 296 net additional dwellings per annum between 2019 and 2031.</p> <p>Between 2011 and 2031, the Local Plan will deliver a minimum of <u>7,384</u> <del>7,232</del> net additional dwellings, of which, 5,192 will be on allocated sites in policies SA1, SA3 and SA4.</p> </div>
MM/27	Chapter 7: Housing  New paragraph after ¶7.4.2	Insert new paragraph after 7.4.2 to read:  <u>7.4.3 For First Homes, the nationally set criteria in the Planning Practice Guidance will apply in relation to market discount and price cap until this has been considered through the preparation of a new evidence base for the Local Plan Full Review.</u>

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MM/28	<p>Chapter 8: Economy</p> <p>Policy EP1 Employment Land Supply</p>	<p>Amend Policy EP1 to read:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>EP1 Employment Land Supply</b></p> <p>During the period 2011 – 2031 provision will be made for a minimum of 43 ha of employment land for <u>use class B1 (now part of class E(g)), B2 and B8 B-class use.</u></p> <p>Land totalling 32.9 hectares will be allocated for <u>use class B1 (now part of class E(g), B2 and B8 B-class uses</u> as set out below, separated into the three distinct sub-markets:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Sub-market area</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Hectares</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wyre Peninsula</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A6 Corridor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rural Areas</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>32.89</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Sub-market area	Hectares	Wyre Peninsula	20.5	A6 Corridor	10.05	Rural Areas	2.34	<b>Total</b>	<b>32.89</b>
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MM/29	<p>Chapter 8: Economy</p> <p>Policy EP2 Existing Employment Areas</p>	<p>Amend Policy EP2 to read:</p>										

### EP2 Existing Employment Areas

1. Within the main Existing Employment Areas as defined on the adopted Policies Map, planning permission will be granted for development in Use Classes ~~use class~~ use class B1 (now part of class E(g)), B2 and B8.
2. Where the Employment Area is located within countryside areas outside defined settlement boundaries, proposed development must be of a scale and nature appropriate to the countryside location.
3. Planning permission will also be granted for an appropriate range of supporting uses, including cafes / canteens, crèches, and gyms provided that:
  - a) The scale of such uses, and their location and arrangement within the employment area, means that they will primarily serve those employed in that area; and
  - b) There would not be a significant or unacceptable reduction on the type, quality or quantity of employment land supply.
4. Proposals which are not directly supported by 1, 2 or 3 above will only be granted planning permission where it is clearly demonstrated that:
  - a) The development is of a scale that is required to secure the development of a wider site which safeguards or provides B1 (now part of class E(g)), B2 and B8 uses; or
  - b) It is for a commercial use as a car, bathroom, kitchen or conservatory showroom; and
  - c) There would not be an unacceptable reduction on the type, quality or quantity of employment land supply; and
  - d) The development will not prejudice the long term operation of the area for employment purposes.



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MM/30	Chapter 8: Economy  Policy EP3 Existing Employment Sites	Amend Policy EP3 (1) to read:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>EP3 Existing Employment Sites</b></p> <p>1. The redevelopment for other uses of a site that is or last was in B1 <u>(now part of class E(g))</u>, B2 or B8 use outside defined employment areas will only be permitted if:</p> <p>a) (i) It is demonstrated that the site is not capable of a mixed use which would include an element of B1 <u>(now part of class E(g))</u>, B2 or B8 uses within the life of the Local Plan; or            (ii) It is for a commercial use such as a car, bathroom, kitchen or conservatory, showroom; and</p> <p>b) (i) There would not be an unacceptable reduction on the type, quality or quantity of employment land supply; or            (ii) The current B1 <u>(now part of class E(g))</u>, B2 or B8 use is incompatible with surrounding uses and causes an unacceptable level of disturbance and loss of amenity for these uses; or            (iii) The community or regeneration benefits of the development outweigh the potential loss of an employment site.</p> </div>
MM/31	Chapter 8: Economy  New ¶8.5.3	Insert new paragraph 8.5.3 to read:  <u>8.5.3 The Council will consider the use of conditions when granting planning permission for Class E (g) Uses on allocated employment sites (Policy EP1) and existing employment areas (Policy EP2) to restrict town centre uses in order to avoid significant adverse impacts on town centres.</u>
MM/32	Chapter 8: Economy  Policy EP6 Development in	Amend Policy EP6 Development in Defined Primary and Secondary Frontages to read:

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MM/33	<p>Chapter 8: Economy</p> <p>Policy EP7 Local Convenience Stores</p>	<p>Amend Policy EP7 (1) (b) to read:</p> <div data-bbox="600 288 1742 491" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 5px;"> <p>b) There are no available existing units in class A <u>(now part of class E(a)(b)(c) and Sui Generis)</u> use within reasonable walking distance, typically 500 metres of the proposal, which would be capable of accommodating the development and serving an area currently not being served;</p> </div>
MM/34	<p>Chapter 9: Site Allocations</p> <p>Proposed new ¶9.2.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p>Amend paragraph 9.2.1 (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>9.2.1 The Local Plan ensures that sufficient deliverable land is available for a minimum <u>7,384</u> <del>7,232</del> net dwellings to meet the full housing requirement for the period 2011-2031.</p>

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MM/35	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Policy SA2 Employment Development	Amend Policy SA2 Employment Development to read:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>SA2 Employment Development</b></p> <p>The following sites, shown on the adopted Policies Map, are allocated for employment development (Use Classes B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8) within the Plan period, subject to the Key Development Considerations set out below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="633 539 1749 839"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site Ref</th> <th>Site</th> <th>Hectares</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SA2/1</td> <td>Carrfield Works, Preesall Hill</td> <td>0.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SA2/2</td> <td>Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall</td> <td>3.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SA2/3</td> <td>South of Goose Lane, Catterall</td> <td>1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>4.76</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Site Ref	Site	Hectares	SA2/1	Carrfield Works, Preesall Hill	0.34	SA2/2	Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall	3.42	SA2/3	South of Goose Lane, Catterall	1.00	<b>Total</b>		<b>4.76</b>
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MM/36	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Site SA2/1 – Carrfield Works, Park Lane, Preesall Hill	Amend Site Allocation SA2/1 to read:  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Use Class:</b> B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8 Employment</p> </div>															
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MM/38	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Site SA2/3 – South of Goose Lane, Catterall	Amend Site Allocation SA2/3 to read:  <table border="1" data-bbox="595 371 1771 443"> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 371 891 443"><b>Use Class:</b></td> <td data-bbox="891 371 1771 443">B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8 Employment</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Use Class:</b>	B1 ( <u>now part of class E(g)</u> ), B2 and B8 Employment
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MM/40	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Policy SA3/2 Joe Lane, Catterall	Amend Site Allocation SA3/2 Key Development Consideration (2) to read:  <table border="1" data-bbox="595 1034 1765 1225"> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1034 1765 1225"> <p>2. The development must include a local centre to include a convenience store of not more than 500sqm (gross). Gross floor space within A - class uses (<u>now part of class E(a)(b)(c) and Sui Generis</u>) at the local centre should not exceed 1500 m<sup>2</sup> and each individual unit should not exceed 500m<sup>2</sup> (gross).</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>2. The development must include a local centre to include a convenience store of not more than 500sqm (gross). Gross floor space within A - class uses (<u>now part of class E(a)(b)(c) and Sui Generis</u>) at the local centre should not exceed 1500 m<sup>2</sup> and each individual unit should not exceed 500m<sup>2</sup> (gross).</p>	
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MM/41	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Policy SA4 Hillhouse	Amend Policy SA4 Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone, Thornton to read:		

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	Technology Enterprise Zone, Thornton	<p><b>Site Description</b></p> <p>The site is the former ICI chemical production facility located adjacent to the Wyre Estuary in Thornton. The site contains a range of existing businesses and extensive parcels of vacant land.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="645 448 1749 635"> <tr> <td data-bbox="645 448 931 520">Site Area:</td> <td data-bbox="931 448 1749 520">137.75 Hectares</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="645 520 931 635">Site Delivery:</td> <td data-bbox="931 520 1749 635">The site is expected to be fully developed within the Plan period</td> </tr> </table> <p>Hillhouse Technology EZ is a sub regionally significant employment area on the Fylde Coast which will also contribute to local employment needs. It has the potential to accommodate a diverse range of businesses, in particular within the chemical and advance manufacturing and energy sectors.</p> <p>This site is to be brought forward in line with a masterplan for the Enterprise Zone to be produced covering the whole of the designated Area. The masterplan must be agreed by the Council prior to the granting of planning permission for any part of the site.</p> <p>The site must deliver 250 dwellings and at least 13 hectares of employment development within use classes B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8. Other complementary commercial uses including an element of small convenience A1 retail store of not more than 400 sq.m. to support the residential and employment development would be acceptable.</p>	Site Area:	137.75 Hectares	Site Delivery:	The site is expected to be fully developed within the Plan period
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MM/42	Chapter 9: Site Allocations  Policy SA5 Port of Fleetwood	Amend Policy SA5 to read:				

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		<p data-bbox="622 236 869 272"><b>Site Description</b></p> <p data-bbox="622 300 1688 416">The site is the former Ro-Ro ferry terminal located at the mouth of the River Wyre and retains its Port designation. The site is previously developed and consists of hard standing.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="622 435 1756 662"> <tr> <td data-bbox="622 435 913 507"><b>Site Area:</b></td> <td data-bbox="913 435 1756 507">7.6 Hectares</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="622 507 913 662"><b>Site Delivery:</b></td> <td data-bbox="913 507 1756 662">It is expected that the Port Related operations will resume on the site within the plan period and the site will be fully delivered.</td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="622 683 1765 863">The Port of Fleetwood as shown on the adopted Policies Map is safeguarded for port related development. Other employment development within use class B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8 will be permitted where it is demonstrated that the development would benefit from the specific port location and it will not prejudice the long term operation of the Port.</p> <p data-bbox="622 882 1765 954">The site must deliver at least 7 hectares of port related / development within use class B1 (<u>now part of class E(g)</u>), B2 and B8.</p> <p data-bbox="622 973 1765 1045">Other non-retail commercial and residential development will be supported where it is demonstrated that it will not prejudice the long term operation of the Port.</p>	<b>Site Area:</b>	7.6 Hectares	<b>Site Delivery:</b>	It is expected that the Port Related operations will resume on the site within the plan period and the site will be fully delivered.
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MM/45	Chapter 10: Monitoring the Local Plan	Amend PMI9 to read:						



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	<p>Table 10.1 Local Plan Performance Monitoring Indicators (PMI)</p> <p>Sub heading 10.3 ¶ 10.3.1-10.3.2 (now new ¶10.3.1 proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022))</p>	<p><b>PM 19</b></p>	<p>Housing Trajectory:            a) completions in previous years (since 2011)            b) completions in reporting year            c) extant planning permission from current year (up to 2031)            d) managed delivery target</p>	<p>Meet local minimum target of providing 7,384 <del>7,232</del> net new homes 2011-2031 (<del>479</del> 460 per annum between 2011 and 2018/19; and 296 per annum between 2019/20 and 2031)</p>	<p>1</p>		<p>1</p>		<p>Wyre Council</p>	
<p>MM/46</p>	<p>Appendix A: Housing and Employment Growth</p>	<p>Amend Appendix A (proposed as part of the Publication draft Wyre Local Plan (2011-2031) (incorporating partial update of 2022)) to read:</p> <p>The Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) (<u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u>) has amended six <u>20</u> policies and deleted one policy from the Wyre Local Plan 2011 – 2031.</p> <p>The current policies in the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) that will be superseded by the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) (<u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u>) are set out below. <del>All other policies remain unchanged.</del></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="595 1187 1794 1385"> <tr> <td data-bbox="595 1187 1182 1385"> <p><b>Relevant Policies of the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) which are to be superseded by the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031)</b></p> </td> <td data-bbox="1182 1187 1794 1385"> <p><b>Relevant Policies of the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) (<u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u>) which will superseded the Policies in the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031)</b></p> </td> </tr> </table>							<p><b>Relevant Policies of the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031) which are to be superseded by the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031)</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Policies of the Wyre Local Plan <del>Partial Review</del> (2011 – 2031) (<u>incorporating partial update of 2022</u>) which will superseded the Policies in the Wyre Local Plan (2011 – 2031)</b></p>
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		SP1 Development Strategy	SP1 Development Strategy
		SP4 Countryside Areas	SP4 Countryside Areas
		HP1 Housing Land Supply	HP1 Housing Requirement and Supply
		HP3 Affordable Housing	HP3 Affordable Housing
		HP4 Rural Exceptions	HP4 Exception Sites
		<u>EP1 Employment Land Supply</u>	<u>EP1 Employment Land Supply</u>
		<u>EP2 Existing Employment Areas</u>	<u>EP2 Existing Employment Areas</u>
		<u>EP3 Existing Employment Sites</u>	<u>EP3 Existing Employment Sites</u>
		EP5 Main Town Centre Uses	EP5 Main Town Centre Uses
		<u>EP6 Development in Defined Primary and Secondary Frontages</u>	<u>EP6 Development in Defined Primary and Secondary Frontages</u>
		<u>EP7 Local Convenience Stores</u>	<u>EP7 Local Convenience Stores</u>
		<u>SA2 Employment Development</u>	<u>SA2 Employment Development</u>
		<u>SA2/1 Carrfield Works, Park Lane, Preesall Hill</u>	<u>SA2/1 Carrfield Works, Park Lane, Preesall Hill</u>
		<u>SA2/2 Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall</u>	<u>SA2/2 Riverside Industrial Park Extension, Catterall</u>
		<u>SA2/3 South of Goose Lane, Catterall</u>	<u>SA2/3 South of Goose Lane, Catterall</u>
		<u>SA3 Mixed Use Development</u>	<u>SA3 Mixed Use Development</u>
		<u>SA3/2 Joe Lane, Catterall</u>	<u>SA3/2 Joe Lane, Catterall</u>
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		Catterall	417 <u>437</u>	4 <u>5</u>	<del>425</del> <u>156</u>	0	<del>543</del> <u>598</u>	<del>6.2</del> <u>6.4</u>	5.37	0
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		Cleveleys	64 <u>180</u>	13 <u>5</u>	<del>220</del> <u>249</u>	<del>80</del> <u>0</u>	<del>377</del> <u>434</u>	<del>4.3</del> <u>4.6</u>	0	0
		Dolphinholme (Lower)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Fleetwood	454 <u>462</u>	<del>38</del> <u>21</u>	<del>150</del> <u>83</u>	145	<del>796</del> <u>711</u>	<del>9.0</del> <u>7.6</u>	4.32	3.18
		Forton	44 <u>58</u>	4 <u>3</u>	<del>0</del> <u>195</u>	<del>340</del> <u>115</u>	<del>355</del> <u>371</u>	4.0	0	1.00
		Garstang	468 <u>310</u>	<del>9</del> <u>14</u>	<del>529</del> <u>484</u>	<del>330</del> <u>260</u>	<del>4,036</del> <u>1,068</u>	<del>11.8</del> <u>11.4</u>	4.68	0
		Great Eccleston	44 <u>219</u>	13 <u>4</u>	<del>205</del> <u>426</u>	<del>385</del> <u>99</u>	<del>617</del> <u>748</u>	<del>7.0</del> <u>8.0</u>	0	1.00
		Hambleton	94 <u>121</u>	10 <u>4</u>	<del>184</del> <u>201</u>	0	<del>288</del> <u>326</u>	<del>3.3</del> <u>3.5</u>	0	0
		Hollins Lane	10 <u>119</u>	11 <u>2</u>	<del>96</del> <u>9</u>	0	<del>117</del> <u>130</u>	<del>1.3</del> <u>1.4</u>	0	0
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		Knott End/ Preesall	48 <u>54</u>	14 <u>11</u>	<del>116</del> <u>112</u>	0	<del>178</del> <u>177</u>	<del>2.0</del> <u>1.9</u>	0	0
		Normoss	2 <u>11</u>	0	0	0	<del>2</del> <u>11</u>	<del>0.02</del> <u>0.1</u>	0	0
		Pilling	45 <u>109</u>	8 <u>0</u>	<del>73</del> <u>16</u>	0	<del>126</del> <u>125</u>	<del>1.4</del> <u>1.3</u>	0	0
		Poulton-le-Fylde	275 <u>696</u>	<del>36</del> <u>34</u>	<del>949</del> <u>815</u>	<del>300</del> <u>31</u>	<del>4,560</del> <u>1,576</u>	<del>17.7</del> <u>16.8</u>	0	0
		Preesall Hill	6 <u>13</u>	7 <u>9</u>	0	0	<del>13</del> <u>22</u>	<del>-0.1</del> <u>0.2</u>	0	0
		Scorton	4 <u>4</u>	<del>3</del> <u>1</u>	0	0	<del>4</del> <u>5</u>	<del>0.04</del> <u>0.05</u>	0	0
		Stalmine	23 <u>121</u>	<del>34</del> <u>17</u>	<del>77</del> <u>74</u>	<del>103</del> <u>25</u>	<del>234</del> <u>237</u>	<del>2.7</del> <u>2.5</u>	0	0

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		St Michaels	47 <u>20</u>	8 <u>6</u>	0	0	<del>25</del> <u>26</u>	0.3	0	0
		Thornton	457 <u>616</u>	44 <u>2</u>	<del>436</del> <u>757</u>	646 <u>317</u>	<del>4,550</del> <u>1,692</u>	<del>17.6</del> <u>18.1</u>	0	13.00
		Other	446 <u>297</u>	234 <u>172</u>	74 <u>39</u>	0	<del>424</del> <u>508</u>	<del>4.8</del> <u>5.4</u>	0.34	0
		<b>Total</b>	<del>2,041</del> <u>4,239</u>	<del>473</del> <u>328</u>	<del>3,959</del> <u>3,803</u> <sup>54</sup>	<del>2,329</del> <sup>54</sup> <u>992</u>	<del>8,802</del> <u>9,362</u>	100	14.71	18.18
		<p><sup>50</sup> Planning permissions include those subject to a s106. Some sites are allocated in the Local Plan.</p> <p><sup>51</sup> New Allocations' include land that does not have planning permission.</p> <p><sup>52</sup> The '<b>Total</b>' includes development which is expected to be delivered beyond 2031. As shown in the March <del>2018</del> <u>2022</u> Housing Trajectory, only <del>8,745</del> <u>9,318</u> dwellings from <del>8,802</del> <u>9,362</u> are expected to be delivered within the Local Plan period to 2031.</p> <p><sup>53</sup> Planning permissions include those subject to a s106.</p> <p><del><sup>54</sup> as shown in the housing Trajectory, only 2,289 dwellings from the 2,329 are expected to be delivered within the Local Plan period to 2031.</del></p> <p><sup>54</sup> As shown in the Housing Trajectory, only 3,759 dwellings from the 3,803 are expected to be delivered within the Local Plan period to 2031.</p>								

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Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Michael Vincent, Leader of the Council and Garry Payne, Chief Executive	Council	26 January 2023

<b>Appointment to committee</b>
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**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. Recommendation**

- 3.1 That Councillor Howard Ballard of the Conservative Group be appointed to the Licensing Committee to fill the current vacancy.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 The change is intended to ensure that the membership of the Licensing Committee comprises of 14 members, as per Part 2 Article 9 (1).
- 4.2 The change will also be of benefit to the Licensing Committee in terms of broadening its skills and experience.

**5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1 This appointment is to fill a vacancy on the committee so there are no immediate implications for the political balance calculations, which will remain the same.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	There are no financial implications associated with this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **Other risks/implications: checklist**

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community safety	<b>x</b>
equality and diversity	<b>x</b>
sustainability	<b>x</b>
health and safety	<b>x</b>

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	<b>x</b>
climate change	<b>x</b>
ICT	<b>x</b>
data protection	<b>x</b>

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Report of:	Meeting	Date
Cllr Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Children and Young People	Council	26 January 2023

**Lead Member Report: Children and Young People**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To update the Council on some of the activities I have been involved in over the last year as Lead Member for Children and Young People.

**2. Summary of Activity**

2.1 A summary of activity is included relating to the following issues:

- Dentistry survey
- Recruitment of new Youth Mayor
- Raising awareness of cleaner streets.
- Remembrance service and Annual Christmas service
- The Prince’s Trust

**3. Questions and Comments**

3.1 I will respond to any questions or comments on the contents of my report or on any other issues relating to young people in Wyre.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	None arising directly from this report
Legal	None arising directly from this report

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sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
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Appendix 1 – Periodic Update Summary

## Periodic Update Summary

### **Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update – January 2023**

I have been involved with a wide range of activities across the children and young people's agenda since my last report in January 2022.

The following, highlights key areas of work that have taken place:

#### **Dentistry Survey**

URPotential conducted a dentistry survey at a Family Fun Day held at the Marine Hall. The purpose of the survey was to see how many children have access to a dentist. This information has been shared with health colleagues to inform any future work on the recruitment of NHS dentists.

#### **Youth Mayor**

I supported the recruitment of a new youth mayor, Hannah Mullin in May 2022 following the gap in provision during Covid. This is a vital role for the young people of Wyre to be represented. I also continue to link in with LCC's Wyre Youth Council and the Member of the Youth Parliament on topics that affect young people. This included interviewing care leavers on their pathway into adult life.

#### **Cleaner Streets**

Together with Northfold primary school we talked to Cleveleys Park residents on the issue of dog fouling and how this blights our streets. The children spoke with dog walkers and passers-by to remind them how important it is to clean up after their pets.

#### **Remembrance Service**

Annual remembrance service was held in Cleveleys town centre which included attendance from both Northfold and Manor Beach primary school pupils. Also attending were students from the McKee Army provision. The service provided the pupils and the community the opportunity to pay their respects to our armed forces and those who have sadly lost their lives with some of the pupils making poppies for the event.

#### **Christmas Tree Service**

Annual Christmas tree service took place with the local community of Cleveleys including the local schools.

#### **The Prince's Trust**

I continue to support The Prince's Trust by signposting young people and care leavers into this fantastic scheme. I recently attended the presentation at Fleetwood Conservative Club which was an amazing afternoon listening to how well the attendees have progressed.

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Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Paul Moon, Chairman of the Planning Committee	Council	26 January 2023

<b>Planning Committee: Periodic Report</b>
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**1. Purpose of Report**

**1.1** To enable myself as the Chairman of the Planning Committee to inform the Council of the current position on issues being dealt with by the Planning Committee.

**2. Applications Determined by the Planning Committee**

**2.1** Whilst most planning applications are decided under delegated powers, applications of more strategic or local significance or which are likely to be controversial are brought to the Planning Committee for a decision. In addition, those which have been subject to a request to go before the committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution are also determined by the committee. Over the year from 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022, approximately 98% of all applications have been decided under delegated powers.

**2.2** Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, a total of 1,295 applications of all types were received (of which 38 were defined as 'major' developments). 96 applications were withdrawn or returned. For the same period the previous year 1,444 applications of all types were submitted (47 of which were 'major' developments).

**2.3** Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022 there have been 10 meetings of the Planning Committee which in total have considered 24 applications. Of those 24 applications, 18 (75%) were subject to a member request under the provisions of the Council's Constitution, although it is considered that some of these could have been brought to the Committee in any event owing to their strategic nature or by reason of their planning history. Of all applications determined by the Planning Committee, one was granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and 5 were refused contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

### 3. Appeals

3.1 Between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022, a total of 33 appeals were decided. Of those 33, 9 appeals (27%) were allowed and 24 appeals were dismissed. The Government monitors the performance of local planning authorities across a number of measures, in relation to appeals, the proportion of decisions on applications that are subsequently overturned at appeal should be no higher than 10% over a two year period.

### 4. Other Matters for Information

4.1 Throughout 2022 there have been considerable staffing changes within the Development Management Service. There has been a new Head of Service, a new Development Manager and other changes bringing planning enforcement matters under the same management as development management. Looking forward there will be a number of key documents reviewed including the Scheme of Delegation around the 'call-in' procedure and the 'Local Code of Good Practice for Councillors and Officers Involved in the Planning Process' as well as a considerable training programme commencing after May 2023.

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