



**Wyre Borough Council**  
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**Please ask for : Roy Saunders**  
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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Wyre Borough Council to be held at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde on **Thursday, 15 June 2017** commencing at 7.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

**COUNCIL AGENDA**

**1. Prayers**

The Mayor will invite Rev Gary Lewis to say prayers.

**2. Apologies for absence**

**3. Confirmation of minutes**

(Pages 1 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 6 April 2017 and 11 May 2017.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest from any Member or Officer on any item on this agenda.

All Members are asked to submit any declarations in writing by 9.30am on Wednesday 14 June, 2017 if possible.

**5. 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.

**6. Public questions or statements** (Pages 15 - 16)

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

Any questions or statements received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday 9 June 2017 will be published and circulated separately.

**7. Questions "On Notice" from councillors** (Pages 17 - 18)

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

Any questions received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday 9 June 2017 will be published and circulated separately.

**8. Executive reports**

To receive reports from the Leader and 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 Gibson) (Pages 19 - 22)
- (b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) (Pages 23 - 24)
- (c) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Henderson) (Pages 25 - 26)
- (d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) (Pages 27 - 30)
- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) (Pages 31 - 34)
- (f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) (Pages 35 - 38)
- (g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor V Taylor) (Pages 39 - 42)

**9. Planning Committee Periodic Report** (Pages 43 - 46)

Report of the chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Greenhough), attached

**10. Treasury Management Activity 2016/17** (Pages 47 - 52)

Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Head of Finance, attached

**11. Notices of Motion**

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted under Procedure Rule 14 by Councillors B Stephenson, Beavers, E Anderton and Barrowclough:

*“This Council considers it is vitally important that the Planning Committee remains free from Party Whips.”*

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## Council Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde on Thursday 6 April 2017.

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### Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Lees

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor E Anderton

Councillor I Amos

Councillor R Amos

Councillor M Anderton

Councillor Lady Atkins

Councillor Ballard

Councillor Balmain

Councillor Barrowclough

Councillor Beavers

Councillor Berry

Councillor B Birch MBE

Councillor C Birch

Councillor Bowen

Councillor Catterall

Councillor Collinson

Councillor I Duffy

Councillor R Duffy

Councillor Fail

Councillor Gibson

Councillor Greenhough

Councillor Henderson

Councillor Ibison

Councillor Ingham

Councillor Jones

Councillor Kay

Councillor Moon

Councillor Murphy

Councillor Orme

Councillor Ormrod

Councillor Pimbley

Councillor Robinson

Councillor Shewan

Councillor B Stephenson

Councillor E Stephenson

Councillor V Taylor

Councillor A Turner

Councillor A Vincent

Councillor Matthew Vincent

Councillor Michael Vincent

Councillor Walmsley

Councillor Wilson.

**Apologies:** Councillors Bridge, Hodgkinson, Holden, McKay, Smith and S Turner.

### Officers present:

Garry Payne (Chief Executive)

Mark Billington (Service Director People and Places)

Mark Broadhurst (Service Director Health and Wellbeing)

Rosie Green (Policy and Engagement Manager)

Roy Saunders (Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)

Duncan Jowitt (Democratic Services Officer).

**Also present:** Aldermen Bannister and McCann and 4 members of the public.

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Before the meeting commenced, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Councillor Ted Taylor, who had died at the end of March.

**COU.66**    **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

**COU.67**    **Declarations of Interest**

None.

**COU.68**    **Announcements**

1.    The Mayor said that he was pleased to report that the Mayor's Ball on 24 March had been a great success. He thanked all those who had attended and all those who had provided help and support in organising the event and on the night.
  
2.    The Mayor said that the concert held at the Little Theatre on 10 March had also been very successful, with over £1,300 was raised for the Mayor's charities. He thanked the Blackpool Mail Voice Choir for performing and NPL Estates for their sponsorship of the event.

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for her efforts in helping to organise the concert and also for her support throughout the year.

3.    The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) announced that Wyre Council, Balfour Beatty and the Environment Agency had jointly received a Bronze Award at the recent Considerate Constructors Scheme awards ceremony, for the new sea defences works at Rossall.

**COU.69**    **Public Questions, Statements or Petitions**

None.

**COU.70**    **Questions "on notice" from Councillors**

None.

**COU.71**    **Executive Reports**

(a)    Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) submitted a report.

Councillor Gibson responded to comments and questions from Councillors R Duffy, Fail, B Stephenson and Michael Vincent on the format, content and style of the minutes of Council meetings.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) submitted a report.

There were no comments or questions to Councillor A Vincent.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

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

The Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Henderson) submitted a report.

Cllr Henderson commented, when introducing his report, on a number of recent successful prosecutions for fly-tipping and littering.

He also responded to comments and questions from Councillors Lady Atkins, Beavers and Pimbley about various reports of fly tipping and the responses made by the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) submitted a report.

There were no comments or questions to Councillor Murphy.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

The Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) submitted a report.

Cllr Berry said, when introducing his report, that a second tranche of funding to support community-led housing projects had been received and officers were currently evaluating how to maximise the benefits to be obtained from that funding.

Councillor Berry responded to questions and comments from:

- Councillor R Duffy about the gender balance of the Council's domestic abuse champions;
- Councillor Lady Atkins about the Council's communications with the Environment Agency regarding actions to improve the protection of local communities from flooding;
- Councillor B Stephenson about the provision of a CCTV monitoring service to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder Report

The Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) submitted a report.

Councillor Bowen said that she would speak to the Service Director People and Places and arrange for a written response to be sent to Councillor Barrowclough explaining what contingency arrangements had been put in place for the future maintenance of Fleetwood skate bowl, now that the company which had installed the facility had gone out of business.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor V Taylor) submitted a report.

Councillor Taylor thanked the officers, elected members, partners and stakeholders who had taken part in the Local Government Association (LGA) 'Healthier Wyre' Peer challenge referred to in paragraph 3 of her report. She said that the initial feedback from the LGA had been very positive.

There were no comments or questions to Councillor Taylor.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(h) Comments and questions from Cabinet members

The Resources Portfolio Holder commented on:

- questions asked to the Leader of the Council about the reference made in the minutes of the last meeting about the Chief Executive's statement about a letter he had instructed the Senior Solicitor to send to the Blackpool Gazette;
- a decision of the High Court in Manchester to allow an appeal against a decision made by the Council's Licensing Committee;
- funding for CCTV surveillance.

The Leader responded to a question from the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder on discussions with Lancashire County Council about the future funding of the Fleetwood to Knott-End ferry.

**COU.72 Resignation of Councillor Reeves**

The Chief Executive reported that Natalie reeves had formally resigned as a councillor on 23 March 2017. The by-election to fill the consequential vacancy for Bourne Ward would take place on Thursday 4 May 2017 (the same day as the Lancashire County Council elections).



He said that the requirement for the allocation of places on non-executive committees to reflect the overall political balance of the Council, as specified in section 15 of the Local Government Act 1989, was unaffected by her resignation. However, following consultation with the Leader of the Labour Group the vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would remain unfilled for the one remaining meeting in the municipal year. A report on the appointment of members to all committees for 2017/18, taking account of the by-election result, would be submitted to the annual Council meeting to be held on 11 May 2017.

**RESOLVED** that the position be noted.

**COU.73 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Periodic Report**

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Michael Vincent) submitted a report summarising the work undertaken by the Committee since the previous periodic report had been submitted. He said, when introducing his report, that Natalie Reeves had been an enthusiastic and diligent member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. She had been instrumental in setting up the Domestic Violence Task Group and had been a very effective Chairman of it. He said her contribution to the Committee would be missed.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**COU.74 Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2017/18**

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) and the Head of Contact Centre submitted a report.

**RESOLVED** (unanimously): that the Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2017/18, as considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 March 2017 and, as set out in the appendices to the report, be approved.

**COU.75 Exploring different delivery models for public services in Wyre**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on possible options for different delivery models for the future public service delivery in Wyre.

**RESOLVED** (30 votes to 10):

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the Council's officers be authorised to start discussions with key partners, including Blackpool Council, Fylde Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire, Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and the four local Clinical Commissioning Groups (Fylde and Wyre, Blackpool, Greater Preston and Morecambe Bay) on the proposed Fylde Coast collaborative

model of service delivery, as set out in paragraph 5.2.5 of the report.

3. That the development and the principles of a Multispeciality Community Provider model for Fylde and Wyre be supported.  
(Note: Cllr Henderson left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

**COU.76 Public speaking at Planning Committee meetings and “call-in” of planning applications to the Planning Committee**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on proposed changes to the Constitution relating to the “call-in” of Planning applications to the Planning Committee and arrangements for public speaking at Planning Committee meetings.

Councillor Fail proposed an amendment, seconded by Cllr Shewan, that a decision on the recommendations in the report be deferred until a more comprehensive review of the trial arrangements, including public consultation, had been carried out, but the amendment was lost (27 votes to 10, with 1 abstention).

**RESOLVED** (27 votes to 10 with 1 abstention):

1. That the Scheme of Delegation in Part 7.02 of the Council’s Constitution be amended as described in Section 6 of the report.
2. That the revised Local Code of Good Practice for Councillors and Officers Involved in the Planning Process, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, including the changes to section 9 – ‘Public Speaking at Planning committee Meetings’, be approved and included in Part 5.06 of the Constitution, in place of the existing Code.
3. That the revised procedures be implemented from the first meeting of the Planning committee in the 2017/18 Council Year, now scheduled for 7 June 2017.
4. That, prior to implementation, information explaining the new procedures be made widely available, via the Council’s website and directly to new applicants, objectors, agents, Parish and Town Councils and the media.

**COU.77 Notices of Motion**

None received.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.25pm.

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## Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 11 May 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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### **Councillors present:**

The Mayor, Councillor Alice Collinson and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Robinson

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton, Howard Ballard, Tom I Balmain, Michael Barrowclough, Lorraine Beavers, Roger Berry, Barry Birch, Colette Birch, Lynne Bowen, Simon Bridge, Sue Catterall, Ian Duffy, Ruth Duffy, Emma Ellison, Rob Fail, Peter Gibson, Ron Greenhough, David Henderson, John Hodgkinson, Graham Holden, John Ibison, Tom Ingham, Kerry Jones, Andrea Kay, Terry Lees, Lesley McKay, Paul Moon, Pete Murphy, Phil Orme, Patsy Ormrod, Sue Pimbley, Ron Shewan, Christine Smith, Brian Stephenson, Evelyn Stephenson, Vivien Taylor, Ann Turner, Shaun Turner, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson

**Apologies:** Councillors Atkins and A Vincent

### **Officers present:**

Garry Payne, Chief Executive  
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation  
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing  
Mark Billington, Service Director People and Places  
Joanne Billington, Head of Governance  
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager  
Andrea Mullin, Electoral and Civic Services Officer  
Hayley McGuffie, Engagement Team

### **Also present:**

Aldermen David Bannister, Roger Brooks, Tom Ibison, Norman Irish, Gordon McCann, and Jean Mutch; County Councillors Clarke, Clempson and Shedwick; the Mayor's Chaplain for 2016/17 (Reverend Dunn); the Mayor's Chaplain for 2017/18 (Reverend Lewis); Inspector Jon Smith Lancashire Constabulary; the Youth Mayor (Jessica Basquill); Mr and Mrs Hendry and guests of the Mayor and the retiring Mayor.

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**COU1 Mayor's Charity 2016/17**

The Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) referred briefly to the highlights of his year of office and thanked family members, Councillors and officers who had supported him.

He presented payments of £4,824 each to representatives of the Mayor's Charities for 2016/17, SSAFA Lancashire and NSPCC Blackpool Wyre and Fylde.

Ms Janette Drew from NSPCC Blackpool Wyre and Fylde and Mr Frank McKnight from SSAFA Lancashire each thanked the Mayor for 2016/17 for choosing their organisations as his charities and also thanked all those who had contributed donations throughout the year. They explained how the money presented to them would be spent by their respective organisations to benefit children and former servicemen and women in Wyre.

**COU2 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**COU3 Presentation of the HMS Sheraton Trophy**

The Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) presented the HMS Sheraton Trophy to Izzy Hendry, an eleven year old pupil at St Wulstan's and St Edmunds Catholic Primary School. He said that Izzy was very talented at many sports including football, tag rugby, cross country running, swimming, dancing, kwik-cricket and athletics. However, what made her achievements remarkable was that she had cystic fibrosis. Despite having to take lots of medication every day and to undergo frequent medical procedures, her determination, desire to take part, lust for life and infectious personality were truly inspirational. She was a very deserving winner of the Trophy.

**COU4 Election of Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year**

Councillor Lees invited nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor Bowen and seconded by Councillor S Turner and

**RESOLVED**, that Councillor Alice Collinson be elected to the office of Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

The outgoing Mayor for 2016/17 (Councillor Lees) retired from the Chair which was then taken by Councillor Collinson, who signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

As Mayor of the Borough, Cllr Collinson thanked the Council for electing her as mayor. She said it would be an honour and a privilege to serve the

Borough in that role. She also thanked her husband, daughter and other family members for their support.

The Mayor announced that her charities for 2017/18 would be the North West Air Ambulance Service and Marie Curie Nurses.

#### **COU5 Retiring Mayor**

Councillor R Duffy proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor. She also referred to the unstinting support provided to the retiring Mayor by the retiring Deputy Mayor, Councillor Emma Anderton, and her Consort, Dan Henshaw.

**RESOLVED** that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor Lees for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Borough during his term of office as Mayor.

#### **COU6 Election of Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year**

The Mayor invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Councillor V Taylor and seconded by Councillor Catterall and

**RESOLVED**, that Councillor Julie Robinson be appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Wyre for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Councillor Robinson thanked the Council and then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

#### **COU7 Mayor's Communications**

The Chief Executive said that a number of cards had been received from well-wishers congratulating Councillor Collinson on her appointment as Mayor and he read out a few of the messages.

The Mayor (Councillor Collinson) welcomed Councillor Emma Ellison to her first Council meeting, following her election as a Member for Bourne Ward at the by election held on 4 May.

The Mayor also announced that the Chief Executive has been informed that Councillor Ruth Duffy had stood down as Leader of the Opposition and that Councillor Lorraine Beavers has been elected to that role by the Labour Group Members. She wished Councillor Beavers well in that new role.

#### **COU8 Appointments to Committees, Panel and Groups 2017/18**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on appointments to Committees, Panels and Groups for the 2017/18 Council Year.

The Mayor (Councillor Collinson) said that an amended version of Appendix 1 of the report, including the nominations of the Labour Group, had been published and copies had been circulated to all Councillors.

Cllr Gibson when presenting the report referred to the position set out in paragraph 4.3 and said that, following the by-election to fill the vacant Bourne Ward seat on 4 May, he proposed that the Conservative Group's entitlement under the political balance rules to a single additional seat overall be filled by the appointment of Cllr Ellison to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, leaving the Labour Group with three places on that Committee instead of four (as reflected in the updated version of Appendix 1).

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Murphy.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That Members be appointed to Committees, Panels and Groups for 2017/18 as listed in the Appendix to these minutes.
- (2) That Councillor Berry be appointed as the Wyre Council representative on the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel for 2017/18.
- (3) That, if confirmation was received that an additional Conservative representative from a District Council was required on the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire for 2017/18, Councillor Gibson be nominated to fill that position.

### **COU9 Appointments to Outside Bodies**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson) and the Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report on vacancies on four of the outside bodies to which the Council appointed representatives.

Cllr Gibson, when introducing the report, proposed that Cllr Orme be appointed as the Council's representative on the Volunteer Centre, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Henderson.

Councillor Beavers proposed that representatives be appointed to the organisations referred to in paragraphs 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of the report, as follows:

- Fielden Fleetwood Charity - Cllr M Anderton;
- Fleetwood Neighbourhood Watch Association - Cllr Shewan
- Wyre Council/Regenda Partnership Group - Cllr Beavers.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Fail.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) That Councillor Orme be appointed as a representative of the Council, on the Volunteer Centre Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde for the period until the next Council elections in May 2019.
- (2) That Councillor M Anderton be appointed as the Council's representative on the Fielden Fleetwood Charity for the period until the elections in May 2019.
- (3) That Councillor Shewan be appointed as the Council's representative on the Fleetwood Neighbourhood Watch Association for the period until the elections in May 2019.
- (4) That Councillor Beavers be appointed as the Council's representative on the Wyre Council/Regenda Partnership Group for the period until the elections in May 2019.

The meeting started at 7.05 pm and finished at 8.10 pm.

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## APPENDIX TO THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2017

### APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2017/18

#### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (11)\*\* Michael Vincent (Chairman)\*, I Amos, Jones (Vice Chairman)\*, R Amos, C Birch, Ellison, Hodgkinson, Ibison, Ormrod, Robinson and Matthew Vincent.

Labour Councillors (3)\*\* E Anderton, Fail, Smith.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (11)\*\* McKay (Chairman)\*, A Turner (Vice Chairman)\*, R Amos, Ballard, Balmain, Greenhough, Holden, Ingham, Moon, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (3)\*\* E Anderton, Barrowclough and Fail.

#### EMPLOYMENT AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (10)

Conservative Councillors (7) A Turner (Chairman)\*, Robinson (Vice-Chairman)\*, R Amos, B Birch, Bridge, Holden, and Wilson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Shewan.

#### PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10) Greenhough (Chairman)\*, S Turner (Vice Chairman)\*, I Amos, R Amos, Ballard, Holden, Ingham, Jones, Moon and Orme.

Labour Councillors (4) Lees, Shewan, B Stephenson and E Stephenson.

#### LICENSING COMMITTEE (14)

Conservative Councillors (10) Bridge (Chairman)\*, C Birch, Catterall, Ormrod, Pimbley, Robinson, A Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley and Wilson.

Labour Councillors (4) M Anderton, Barrowclough, Lees, Smith.

#### STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6)

Conservative Councillors (4) B Birch (Chairman)\*, I Amos, Moon, Michael Vincent.

Labour Councillors (2) M Anderton, Lees.

## **SENIOR OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4)**

Conservative Councillors (3) Gibson, A Vincent and Murphy.

Labour Councillors (1) Beavers.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO PANELS AND GROUPS 2017/18**

### **COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT GROUP** (12) (including 1 Cabinet Member)

A Cabinet Member Cllr Murphy (Chairman) \*

Conservative Councillors (8) C Birch, Holden, Jones, Kay, A. Turner, S. Turner, Matthew Vincent, Walmsley.

Labour Councillors (3) Smith, B. Stephenson, E. Stephenson.

### **PLANNING POLICY GROUP** (12) + Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder & Chairman & Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder Cllr Murphy

The Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr Greenhough (Chairman)\* (if reappointed as Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr S Turner (if reappointed as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee)

Plus 12 Councillors (ideally including 2 Councillors from each of the areas identified in the Local Plan, i.e. Fleetwood, Thornton, Cleveleys, Poulton, Rural East and Rural West) and including at least 2 opposition Councillors.

Conservative Councillors (9) I Amos, Lady Atkins, Ballard (Vice-Chairman)\*, B Birch, Ingham, Jones, Moon, Pimbley, Robinson

Labour Councillors (3) I Duffy, R Duffy, Fail.

Note: \* The appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen is subject to confirmation at the first meeting of each of the Committees, Panels and Groups.

\*\* Adjusted to ensure that the allocation of the total number of places on all committees complies with the political balance rules (as set out in paragraph 4.2 of this report).



**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS**

No questions have been received from members of the public under Procedure Rule 9 by the deadline of 12.00 noon on Friday 9 June 2017.

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**QUESTIONS "ON NOTICE" FROM COUNCILLORS**

No questions have been received from Councillors under Procedure Rule 11.1 by the deadline of 12.00 noon on Friday 9 June 2017.

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council	Council	15 June 2017	8(a)

<b>Executive Report: Leader of the Council</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

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

**2. Events and activities**

**2.1** We are now entering a period in the year when events and activities come thick and fast. On Sunday the 14 May I attended Civic Sunday to celebrate the new Mayoral Year and I was made to feel very welcome at both St Luke’s Church and at the Village Hall in Winmarleigh. Thanks to the efforts of local residents and staff at Wyre the Village looked pristine, a great example of collaboration in action.

**3. Elections**

**3.1** The election at Lancashire County Council (LCC) and a local by-election took place on the 4 May 2017 and I would like to formally congratulate the eight candidates who were elected to the position of County Councillors to represent Wyre but in particular I would like to congratulate Cllr Vivien Taylor who has been offered and accepted a Cabinet role at LCC for Health & Wellbeing. I would also like to formally welcome Cllr Ellison who was elected in our local by-election and will serve the people of Bourne Ward.

**3.2** At the time of writing this report I did not know the outcome of the General Election but I would like to pay tribute to the Elections Team particularly Joanne Porter and Andrea Mullin who coped admirably with the County Elections and at short notice ensured everything was in place for the General Election. Members will be aware that for a General Election Parliamentary Constituencies are not co-terminus with Local Authority boundaries and the logistics associated with the General Election are challenging but the Elections Team collaborated early with colleagues in Preston, Blackpool and Lancaster to ensure the process ran smoothly.

#### **4. LGA Peer Challenge**

- 4.1** In my last report I made reference to the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge that took place between the 14 and 16 March 2017. We have now received the final report which extends to 13 pages and whilst Cllr Vivien Taylor will cover this matter in greater detail I would just like to highlight a few comments from the report:

*“The Council has a positive ‘can do’ culture amongst staff and Members...”*

*“The Council has strong and credible political and organisational leadership with effective governance and decision making arrangements in place to respond to future challenges.”*

*“Following a Senior Management Team restructure implemented in July 2016, the leadership team are building a positive and empowering culture for staff.”*

*“Recently the Council have worked with the Fylde & Wyre CCG to co-locate a GP and Extensive Care Service to the Civic Centre. This is both innovative and a game changer and an example of exceptional partnership working.”*

- 4.2** I would like to take this opportunity to thank the LGA Peer Challenge Team Jason Gooding (CEO Carlisle Council), Cllr Jonathan Owen (Dep. Leader East Riding), Ann Crawford (Dep. Director Public Health England), Victoria Gibbs (Head of Integrated Commissioning North Lincolnshire Council) and Cindy Lowthian (Peer Manager LGA) and all the staff, Members and Partners that took part in the review, we have achieved a truly outstanding result!

#### **5. Combined Authority and Collaborative Working**

- 5.1** On 3 December 2015 Full Council took the decision that Wyre takes no formal part or role in the proposed Combined Authority for Lancashire and since that formal decision other District Councils have taken a similar stance and I understand that the new Administration at County Hall are to review their commitment to a Combined Authority.
- 5.2** As I stated in a report to Full Council back in December 2015 the value and or indeed the need to form a Combined Authority at the exclusion of other alternatives such as the proposed Economic Prosperity Board (EPB) must be questioned.
- 5.3** I, along with other Members and staff from this Council, have consistently demonstrated our commitment to collaborative working as evidenced in the LGA Peer Review Challenge report and I have consistently stated that I will support informal and formal collaborative working when there are clear benefits. Members will be aware that the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company (EDC) has been operating for a number of years and our Chief Executive is a Director of that company along with the Chief Executives of Blackpool and Fylde (LCC withdrew from the company in 2014). The EDC have achieved positive outcomes



such as securing Enterprise Zone Status (EZ) at Blackpool Airport, Wharton (as part of the Samlesbury EZ) and Hillhouse, Thornton but we now have an opportunity to review and reconsider how the EDC operates to further improve collaborative working. In July I will be bringing a report to Full Council that will propose the EDC be dissolved and that an EPB be formed for the Fylde Coast. The creation of an EPB will provide for a stronger and more robust governance framework for the economic development and growth agenda across the Fylde Coast, bringing in greater political accountability and enhanced collaborative working.

## **6. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader	Council	15 June 2017	8(b)

<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 Members will recall that in my last update report in April, I mentioned that because the most recent financial projections indicated a gap between expenditure and income of £2.2m in 2020/21, we were in the process of identifying potential efficiencies. A series of 1-2-1 meetings have been held with members of Corporate Management Team (CMT) and Heads of Service and a draft programme of work is being prepared. This programme of efficiencies will be prioritised with some projects being implemented as soon as possible, such as the introduction of MOT testing at the Copse Road depot, with others being deferred until more definitive information is received regarding future Central Government funding following the General Election.

2.2 The final accounts for 2016/17 are currently being compiled and will be considered by the Audit Committee at their meeting next month. This is nearly two months earlier than in previous years and is a dry run of shorter statutory deadlines to be introduced next year. Whilst this represents a significant challenge for the Financial Services Team and the wider council generally, it does mean that capacity can be released earlier to focus attention on supporting the development and implementation of the efficiencies programme.

**3. Human resources**

3.1 The cross directorate project group has completed its review of the performance appraisal process and reported back to Corporate Management Team (CMT) with some recommendations. CMT were happy with the outcomes from the review and the new appraisal process will be rolled out over the next few months. The new process is called "My 1-2-1" and will include an annual review in September with regular 1-2-1's throughout the year. An important element that came out of the

review was that staff valued the 1-2-1 time with their manager so this has been a key consideration of the new process. The current competencies were identified as no longer fit for purpose and have been replaced by three behaviours that align with our strategic narrative – ‘One Team One Wyre’, ‘Together We Can’ and ‘Work Smart’.

#### **4. Procurement**

**4.1** The Crown Commercial Services (CCS) IT framework has been utilised for the procurement of IT server and storage technologies which has ensured that the right solution was procured for the best possible price. The new IT infrastructure was fully implemented during May and has made a significant impact on service delivery and performance speeds. It has also ensured that we are in a better position to meet future IT requirements.

#### **5. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	15 June 2017	8(c)

**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. Street scene**

- 2.1 As per my portfolio holder report dated 9 March 2017 we continue to deliver public realm works on behalf of Lancashire County Council. As part of these works the first treatment of highway weeds has been completed and a further two treatments will be undertaken this year.
- 2.2 In the last few months, officers have undertaken further enforcement action to help combat fly tipping. One case resulted from information received from a member of the public and another from evidence found at the scene of a fly tip. Both incidents resulted in Fixed Penalty Notices of £250 and £400 respectively. A third has been disputed and court action will be considered.
- 2.3 Officers are looking to work in partnership with the Dogs Trust and hold a number of micro chipping and dog welfare events to promote responsible dog ownership. These events will be publicised once the details are confirmed.

**3 Waste and recycling**

- 3.1 The second year of the garden waste subscription service commenced on the 1 May. I am pleased to confirm that current figures reflect similar subscription levels to last year.
- 3.2 The report with the results of the annual waste and recycling survey undertaken by Veolia is nearly finalised and will be made available on line in due course. In summary 78% of respondents are very satisfied with the performance of crews, an increase of 10% on last year. Positively, there are still a high number of residents participating in the recycling services with a greater proportion of respondents recycling batteries and small electricals (up 7% and 18% respectively).

**3.3** I believe that Lancashire County Council have made the decision to bring the management of the network of Household Waste and Recycling Centres (Tips) in-house from April 2018 when their contract with Suez ends. At this stage they have indicated there will be no change to the number of sites or how they are operated.

#### **4. Parks and open spaces**

**4.1** Tenders have been received for a design team and consultants who can assist with consultation and activity planning for the development of the stage two Heritage Lottery application for the Mount Grounds project. Appointments are scheduled to be made this month.

**4.2** Proposals to transform King George's Playing Fields and the land north of Royles Brook in Thornton will be available for residents to comment on at an event this June and via the online consultation portal. The draft plans include a trail round the fields which will include spaces for seating, play equipment, outdoor gym equipment and public artwork.

#### **5. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Peter Murphy, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	15 June 2017	8(d)

<b>Executive Report: Planning and Economic Development 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 Planning and Economic Development Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Coastal Community Teams (Fleetwood and Cleveleys)**

**Fleetwood**

- 2.1** We are continuing to support new and existing businesses and to date 17 town centre businesses (four more this quarter) have received funding towards shop front improvements. A business support advisor has advised a total of 20 businesses within Fleetwood Town Centre including Fleetwood Market as part of a short term project funded by Coastal Community Team funding.

**Cleveleys**

- 2.2** In January 2017 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) awarded £10,000 to create a new Coastal Community Team for Cleveleys. Since the development of the action plan the team have organised their first event 'The Big Cleveleys Clean Sweep' which took place on 1 June and volunteers met to help clean the town centre and shop frontages.

**3. Hillhouse Enterprise Zone (EZ)**

- 3.1** Members will recall that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Wyre Council and central government was signed by Andrew Percy MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for the Northern Powerhouse) at the Department for Communities and Local Government and our Chief Executive, at an official ceremony on 9 November.

- 3.2 Since the signing of the MOU we have dealt with over 35 business enquiries for the site and council officers working in collaboration with staff from Blackpool Council have been able to assist with investment proposals and planning matters.
- 3.3 Development is progressing with the £18m Victrex R&D pilot plant, which should be complete in late 2017. AGC Chemicals have also commenced construction of the Thermal Oxidiser facility. Both developments were committed prior to the award of Enterprise Zone (EZ) status, but will add to the retained rates growth and jobs. The Victrex Project also secured some £1.3m of RGF funding.
- 3.4 The first new development by Storr Power, of a standby gas fired peak demand electricity generator, has secured planning consent and is now in its pre-construction phase with work to commence on site imminently.
- 3.5 A second energy sector development, a battery storage facility which balances renewable energy production and demand, has received planning consent and is due to commence on site shortly.
- 3.6 NPL is in advanced negotiations with a prospective energy from waste operator, who may require up to 250,000 sq.ft of accommodation within the Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECA) zone. Lancashire County Council are the planning authority for all such waste and minerals related planning applications.
- 3.7 Proposals from Wyre Power (an NPL controlled company) to develop a large 900MW gas fired power station are progressing. The project has been registered with the Planning Inspectorate (Nationally Significant Infrastructure), with Memoranda of Understanding having been signed with a Chinese consortium who would deliver the project on behalf of Wyre Power.
- 3.8 Consultants Mott Macdonald have been appointed by NPL Estates to deliver the Hillhouse Enterprise Zone (EZ) Masterplan. The Inception Meeting took place on Wednesday 24 May at Hillhouse EZ. DCLG funding of £50,000 which Wyre Council secured will be used towards the development of the Masterplan and Wyre Council officers will play a large part in developing this. The Masterplan will determine the overall development phasing and plan framework and required infrastructure in particular utility upgrades and highway access.

#### **4. Business support**

- 4.1 Wyred-Up membership is increasing steadily and currently stands at 70, 25 more than our original target of 45 businesses.
- 4.2 The second Wyred Up event of the year was held at Farmer Parrs on Tuesday 26 April 2017. Marketing experts NXO Marketing were appointed to deliver a bespoke workshop at the event, which attracted over 50 people – our highest attendance for 18 months. The feedback from the event was extremely positive and we will look to deliver more workshops to our members in the future.



## **5. Economic Development Strategy**

- 5.1** It has been agreed that, following the publication of the LGA Peer Review, we will use the proposed new Economic Development Strategy to develop a sharper, more compelling long term vision and set of ambitions for Wyre, agreed and shared with partners. This will ensure all organisations are working more collaboratively towards a shared goal and set of ambitions that will help improve the lives of local people.

## **6. Planning policy**

### **Local Plan**

- 6.1** The Local Development Scheme (LDS) was amended on the 28 April 2017. It was necessary to revise the timetable and work programme in order to make sure the evidence base is complete at the time when the Council considers the 'Publication' draft Local Plan for public consultation and submission which will now be in September 2017.
- 6.2** A six week public consultation on the 'Publication' draft Local Plan will commence shortly after the Council meeting in September 2017. Comments received at this stage must relate to the soundness of the Plan and will be submitted to the Inspector together with the Local Plan and all supporting evidence.
- 6.3** As previously reported, evidence in relation to the scale of constraints in relation to highways and flood risk is critical in determining what level of the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing can be delivered in the Local Plan. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 2 Report is now complete and agreed with the Environment Agency. The Planning Policy team working with council engineers continue to liaise with the Environment Agency to resolve issue in relation to the Addendum and the Sequential Test Paper.
- 6.4** Since Lancashire County Council (LCC) completed the highways evidence work has progressed finalising allocations, carrying out various Local Plan Assessments such as Sustainability, Viability and Habitat Regulations and progressing the Infrastructure Plan and Duty to Cooperate requirements.
- 6.5** The Habitat Regulations Assessment needs endorsement by Natural England, (NE). Comments have been received from NE which raise several issues and require additional work. Work is on-going with consultants to consider NE comments.
- 6.6** As previously reported, the highway evidence forms the justification why the Local Plan cannot deliver the full OAN. Additional sensitivity testing has been commissioned to examine whether the OAN is still relevant and robust in light of the latest 2017 economic forecasts and the 2014 Population and Household projections.
- 6.7** At the last Fylde Coast Duty to Cooperate meeting, Blackpool raised questions with regards to both the employment and housing OAN figures. It was agreed that a session be held where consultants can explain the

employment and housing OANs and answer questions on the evidence. This session is scheduled for July.

**6.8** Confidential meetings have been held with certain Parish and Town Councils where the Local Plan will be proposing new development in addition to what has planning permission. In certain areas this has resulted in additional work, examining alternative allocation options.

**6.9** As previously reported, at the end of March the Planning Inspectorate commenced hearings into the Fylde Local Plan and Wyre had objected to the Fylde Local Plan to the extent that Fylde has not adequately addressed the issue of our inability to meet our own housing needs due to our constraints, an issue which was originally raised with both of our neighbouring authorities formally in writing and at the regular meetings in 2015 and as such it has not met the duty to co-operate requirement. In an Interim Report the Inspector concluded that Fylde has met the duty to co-operate requirements. We will be making further written representations when the examination re-opens at the end of June with regards to the Local Plan Strategy.

## **7. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	15 June 2017	8(e)

**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** I am pleased to report that a new service has been commissioned to provide support to victims and witnesses of crime across the county. Lancashire Victim Services was launched on the 1st April 2017. The services are free and confidential and can be accessed by victims of crime in Lancashire regardless of whether they have chosen to report the crime to the police or not. The service provides emotional support, information and practical help to anyone who needs it.
- 2.2** A valued partner within the Community Safety Partnership is Inspire North Lancashire who deliver a fully integrated drug and alcohol service within local community and custodial settings. The service provides rapid and open access to assessment and treatment services for people who have problems with drugs and/or alcohol. They provide all aspects of drug and alcohol treatment, including open access, structured treatment and referral to tier four rehabilitation. Their aim is to promote recovery from addiction and dependence and support people to make positive changes to their lives.
- 2.3** Inspire have recently supported the establishment of a recovery café in Fleetwood by the Fleetwood Recovery Workshop Group. Recently the Fleetwood Recovery Workshop Group organised and ran a family fun day and raised £320 to support families in recovery.

### **3. Housing – Homelessness Trailblazer Update**

- 3.1** We are seeing an increase in the number of people presenting to the Council as homeless with one or more complex needs. These complex needs can range from mental health issues to learning disabilities and substance-misuse. These cases require extra input from our Housing Options Officers as the “normal” pathways to prevent homelessness may not be successful with these more complex cases, and without further support any tenancies that may be established are more likely to fail.
- 3.2** Recently we have been successful in a joint bid with Blackpool Council and Fylde Council to deliver more intensive homelessness prevention, in particular in relation to those with complex needs. The aim being to identify those in need earlier, provide intensive support and training, and sustain tenancies.
- 3.3** Our work to deliver against this new Homelessness Trailblazer funding is now well underway and we are recruiting to two full time equivalent case workers dedicated to people threatened with homelessness with complex needs. A unit of shared accommodation will be used as temporary accommodation whilst we work with the tenants to provide them with the skills and knowledge to sustain a permanent tenancy of their own and a bond scheme will enable more people to access private sector accommodation through provision of a paperless bond with landlords. Tenancy training will be delivered to help sustain tenancies. A shared hospital link worker will work across the three boroughs in Blackpool Victoria Hospital and The Harbour to identify cases coming up to discharge who may be at risk of homelessness.
- 3.4** The project started on 1st April 2017; to date one of the complex needs workers is in post and recruitment is underway for the second post; the bond scheme and tenancy training are in place; options for a shared unit of accommodation are being discussed with providers; and the hospital link worker has just taken up post across the three boroughs.

### **4. Rossall Coastal Defence Improvement Scheme**

- 4.1** Good progress continues to be made on the coastal defence scheme with the first whole section of new sea defences, from promenade to beach, having been completed.
- 4.2** A public presentation was made to over 100 people at Marine Hall on the Environmental improvements on 12 April which was well received. The landscape work has commenced with designs in place for the bridges and marker structures. The team continues to work with schools and the local community to develop the scheme and ensure the long term community benefits are realised.

### **5. Seaside Awards**

- 5.1** I was delighted that we were able to announce recently that four beaches in Wyre achieved the seaside award that distinguishes them as amongst the best in the country. Ferry Beach and Marine Beach in Fleetwood, and Rossall Beach and Jubilee Beach in Cleveleys have all achieved the

award for 2017. The Keep Britain Tidy's Seaside Awards are the nationwide standard for the best beaches across the UK and the flag is a symbol of quality which ensures visitors are guaranteed to find a clean, safe, attractive and well-managed beach.

## **6. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder	Council	15 June 2017	8(f)

<b>Executive Report: Leisure and Culture 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 Leisure and Culture Portfolio, as set out below.

## 2. Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre

- 2.1 Marine Hall has been busy over recent weeks, with Monday afternoon Tea Dances, an Easter Panto (featuring Basil Brush and Keith Chegwin), a number of well-attended music events (including The Blues Band, The Vera Lynn Story and The Upbeat Beatles) and several community events including a new booking with the Scouts on St George's Day and a public consultation about Larkholme Grasslands. The Tea Dances are now regularly attracting more than 100 dancers and Radio Lancashire will be broadcasting from the venue to highlight this growing popularity on 3 July.
- 2.2 Thornton Little Theatre continues to host well supported community performances and fundraising events as well as providing regular meeting room space for groups such as U3A and Life Long Learners. Recent new customers include The Thornton Practice who hired the venue for the first time in April for their Medical Centre Away Day.
- 2.3 Panto tickets are already selling well for this December at Marine Hall. There are three performances set up especially for school groups. Of these, one show is already sold out and the other two are more than 50% sold. All schools who attended last year have rebooked. The Marine Hall team are now contacting other schools to ensure a full house at all three shows.

## 3. Tourism

- 3.1 We have had excellent publicity on Radio Lancashire over recent weeks with coverage from Rossall School, Marsh Mill and Garstang Walking Festival.
- 3.2 The John Gilmore Show was presented live from Rossall School when our Tourism Development Officer attended to promote Easter in Wyre, things to see and do, as well as a general promotion of the coast and its assets.

- 3.3** At Marsh Mill we promoted a ‘treasure hunt’ to coincide with the Easter opening event at the Mill and most recently we had great coverage when, on 8 May, the John Gilmore Show was again hosted live, this time from the Visit Garstang Tourist Information Centre. The main aim on this occasion was to promote the Garstang Walking Festival and the Visit Garstang TIC as its main hub, whilst also promoting all things to see and do in rural Wyre in readiness for half term and summer.
- 3.4** Recently we successfully promoted Wyre to a delegation of Group Travel Organisers and Coach Operators. This event, held in partnership with Fleetwood Market and Freeport Fleetwood, enabled us to promote Wyre with the intention of the operators including Wyre in their itineraries for 2017/18.
- 3.5** A familiarisation visit was held on 20 April for fifteen operators who were taken to a range of attractions including Fleetwood Museum, Fleetwood Market, Freeport, Farmer Parrs, Marsh Mill and Twelve restaurant. Feedback from the visit, which culminated with a show at Marine Hall, has been good.

#### **4. Sports development**

- 4.1 Sportivate** - Further funding applications have been submitted to Lancashire Sport by Fleetwood Town Community Trust with the support of sports development. The projects include beginner running in Thornton and an Inclusion Club for young disabled people.
- 4.2 Community Health and Wellbeing Project** - Working in collaboration with Fleetwood Town Community Trust we are pleased to announce that the Trust have been successful in their application to the Walney Extension Community Fund. £40,000 of grant monies provided by DONG Energy UK will now support the community health and wellbeing project along with match funding of £8,000 from the sports development budget and £10,000 from Fleetwood Town Community Trust. Match funding contributions have been an essential factor in the success of this application which will deliver across three strands of work significantly contributing towards the council’s business plan. The three strands are:
- A children and family wellness programme to help address the growing levels of childhood obesity focused on educating children and their parents about making healthy choices.
  - A men’s health and lifestyle management programme which aims to raise awareness and tackle issues of heart disease, low physical activity levels, cancer prevention and mental health & wellbeing.
  - A training, education & lifestyle management programme which will concentrate on encouraging young people aged 16-18 who are currently ‘at risk’ to make the transition towards education and employment.
- 4.3 Wyre Sports Awards** - Nominations for the Wyre Sports Awards open on 12 June. I would like to encourage you to support nominations for the awards from our inspirational sports leaders and participants. The closing date for nominations is 21 July.



The categories this year are:

- Coach of the Year
- Community Club of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Adult Volunteer of the Year
- Primary School of the Year
- Secondary School of the Year
- Young Achiever of the Year
- Service to Disability Sport
- Lifetime Achievement - Commitment to Sport
- Active Workplace of the Year
- Community Project of the Year
- Contribution to Women's Participation

**4.4 Free Cycle Leader Training** - Working in partnership with British Cycling, a number of free cycle leader training courses have been organised to help encourage more people from across Wyre to become ride leaders. The assessed one-day course qualifies people to deliver guided bike rides for groups of beginner and intermediate level adults and accompanied children on roads and cycle paths.

## **5. Comments and questions**

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	15 June 2017	8(g)

<b>Executive Report: Health and Community Engagement 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 Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Community engagement**

**2.1 Wyre Campaigns Plan** - As part of our ongoing commitment to deliver quality information, consult and empower local residents about our services, we have published a campaigns plan detailing how we will fulfil this commitment. The plan consists of 19 campaigns which have been based on the business plan projects, service needs and priorities, national and local awareness campaigns and outcomes from the Life in Wyre survey. Each campaign is led by a member of the Engagement Team working closely with relevant lead officers to ensure each campaign meets its objectives. The full plan can be viewed on the intranet or members can request a copy by emailing [communications@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:communications@wyre.gov.uk).

**2.2 Together We Make a Difference Network** - Building relationships with partners and fact finding is a key priority for the network to ensure appropriate referrals are received, so far we have had four referrals which are currently being scoped and almost daily requests for information and advice. This has included advice on project development, consultation and support for activities run by parish and town councils. If you know of a large scale community priority that needs attention then please email details to [together@wyre.gov.uk](mailto:together@wyre.gov.uk) so that the team can make contact.

**2.3 Lancaster Canal tow path project** - Linking Preston to Kendal the Lancaster Canal is a unique lock free stretch and one of the country's few coastal canals. After the success of the Barton towpath project, which included upgrading of the original surface and provided disabled access on the canal, a further path extension project has been proposed. An initial consultation exercise with the nine parish and town council areas the path would run through has been held and an outline

proposal has been completed which looks to redevelop the rest of the path within the borough. Further updates will be provided on this project as it develops.

### 3. Health and wellbeing

- 3.1 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge** – As the Leader has mentioned earlier we have received the feedback report from the LGA Peer Challenge which took place during 14 - 16 March. I am delighted that the report clearly demonstrates that the council has a strong commitment to the Healthier Wyre priority and is making excellent progress towards addressing the challenges we are faced with.
- 3.2** The report states that we have a good understanding of our local context and the factors that influence the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. The peer team found examples of partnership working that were innovative, exceptional and game changing. Partners spoke of us as forward thinking, as being actively engaged and the successes we have had in attracting inward investment into the Borough were specifically acknowledged.
- 3.3** Of course, our staff play a particularly important role and it is especially heartening that the peer review team found that we have ‘dedicated and talented staff who have a good understanding of health and wellbeing in its wider sense... and the impact their own work area can have on this priority’. I would like to echo the Leader’s thanks to our staff who continue to provide exceptional services in helping to support a Healthier Wyre.
- 3.4** Within the report there are, of course, recommendations for improvement and I would expect no less. There are four recommendations that the peer team have suggested would help us take our work to the next level, these are:-
- for us to use a new Economic Development Strategy to develop a sharper, more compelling long term vision and set of ambitions for Wyre and for these to be agreed and shared with partners
  - for us to agree clearer areas of focus and priorities for staff to deliver the Healthier Wyre priority with clearly defined outcomes
  - for us to strengthen the co-ordination of activity and partnership initiatives taking place in Fleetwood to facilitate partnership working around shared priorities and:
  - that we explore opportunities to harness the relatively strong financial position of the council to support business plan priorities.
- 3.5 Healthier Fleetwood Funding Success** - Through a Healthier Fleetwood based partnership that includes Wyre Council, Regenda Homes, Mountview Practice, West View Community Association, UR Potential and Lancashire County Council a bid was submitted to DCLG’s Communities Fund. The bid for £56,000 to support social prescribing was successful and we will now be working with our partners to establish social prescribing into a number of positive health related activities carried out in our parks, leisure centres and on the seafront.

**3.6 Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde)** – Last year was another busy year for Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde). I am pleased to report that the service carried out 553 caseworker visits, delivered 563 minor adaptations in the homes of vulnerable residents (installing banister rails, external handrails, steps, ramps etc) and the handyman service carried out 1,926 jobs. Taken together these activities have helped many of our older and disabled residents to live more safely and independently.

#### **4. Environmental health**

**4.1 Food Safety** - Food safety data from April 2016 to March 2017 has been collated and sent to the Food Standards Agency. I am pleased to report that the percentage of food establishments in Wyre that are considered broadly compliant has increased from 89% in March 2016 to 93% in March 2017. This represents a significant achievement for the food safety team and helps demonstrate the effectiveness of our policy of targeting non-compliant premises for increased enforcement and the impact of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in helping to raise the standards of food hygiene in the Borough.

**4.2** Last month our Food Safety Team successfully prosecuted Oban Fish Selling Co. Ltd for a number of food hygiene offences. These included dirty tables and equipment, insufficient food safety management procedures and cigarette ends in food storage areas. The company was fined £13,500 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £170 and full costs of £1,639.

**4.3 Environmental Protection** - Air Quality Data from January 2016 to December 2016 has been collated. I am pleased to report that data for the Wyre area has once again shown no areas where the levels of NO<sub>2</sub> have exceeded the 40Ug/m<sup>3</sup> threshold set by the European Union. We are therefore cautiously optimistic that we will be in a position to revoke the current Air Quality Management Area in Poulton-le-Fylde this time next year (subject to advice from DEFRA). However now is not the time to rest on our laurels and we will continue to encourage the take up of low emission vehicles to replace ageing diesel cars and wherever possible encourage walking and cycling which offer clear health benefits as well as having zero impact on air quality.

#### **5. Comments and questions**

**5.1** 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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Cllr Ron Greenhough, Chairman of the Planning Committee	Council	15 June 2017	9

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

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

**2. Scheme of delegation**

2.1 The scheme of delegation set out in the council's Constitution allows for the Head of Planning Services to determine all planning applications. However, that delegation is conditioned by paragraph 1. This allowed for any Member to call a planning application to Committee for determination. To do so, the member must make the request in writing within ten working days of the date of distribution of the weekly list of planning applications, upon which the planning application in question appeared. Members should be aware that all such requests are public documents and will form part of the application file.

2.2 At Full Council on 6 April 2017 a report was presented and agreed proposing amendments to the Scheme of Delegation. The amendments were that the right to call in an application was restricted to a ward member for the ward within which the application was situated, and an amendment to reflect the fact that the weekly list was now on-line and not distributed via email to members.

**3. Applications determined by the Planning Committee**

3.1 Whilst most planning applications are decided under the delegated powers, applications of most strategic or local significance or which are or most likely to be controversial are brought to the Planning Committee for a decision as well as those which have been subject to a request in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation. Over the year from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, 98% of all applications have been decided under delegated powers. Looking at individual months throughout the period the figure has varied between 97% and 99%.

- 3.2** Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, a total of 1,175 applications of all types were received and 1163 applications determined. The Planning Committee have considered 36 planning applications.
- 3.3** Of the 36 applications considered by the Planning Committee, 23 (64%) were subject to a member request under the provisions of the Scheme of Delegation, although 7 of these would have been brought to the Committee in any event due to their strategic nature or by reason of their planning history. Of all applications determined by the Planning Committee, 30 were granted planning permission and 6 were refused (or minded to refuse). 4 (11%) were decided contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning Services. Of these, 2 were granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation and 2 were refused contrary to recommendation.

#### **4. Appeals**

- 4.1** Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, a total of 27 appeals were lodged and 24 appeals decided. From 1 April 2016 to the present date 3 out of 4 appeals relating to applications refused contrary to officer recommendation have been allowed. These include App ref: 14/00553/OULMAJ - outline application for a residential development of up to 165 dwellings with access applied for off Lambs Road and Raikes Road, Thornton, App ref: 14/00458/OULMAJ - outline application for the erection of up to 270 dwellings plus employment/retail, land off Nateby Crossing Lane, Garstang, and 16/00100/OUT - outline application for residential development of up to 9 dwellings, Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall. The other appeal App ref: 15/00685/OUTMAJ - outline application for residential development off Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde was withdrawn. There was only one appeal relating to an application refused by the Planning Committee in accordance with officer recommendation, App ref: 16/00510/FUL - Proposed front dormer and front extension to create first floor and gable roof over, and insertion of a window in side of dwelling, 147 Blackpool Old Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, and this was dismissed.

#### **5 Other matters for information**

##### **Public speaking at Planning Committee**

- 5.1** A review of the original scheme for public speaking at Planning Committee took place in 2016 and the revised scheme was agreed subject to a condition that it was reviewed after it had been in operation for 6 months. The review of this scheme identified that it was generally working well and was, in comparison with other Lancashire local planning authorities, often more generous in the amount of time allocated for the public to speak. Minor amendments to the scheme and to the procedure were agreed at Full Council on 6 April 2017.



## **6. Comments and questions**

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### **List of appendices**

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Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Clare James, Head of Finance	Council	15 June 2017	10

## Treasury Management Activity 2016/17

### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To report on the overall position and activities in respect of Treasury Management for the financial year 2016/17.

### 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 An informed Council who have an understanding of Treasury Management activity, in line with the approved Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statements and Treasury Management Practices.

### 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Annual Report on Treasury Management Activity for the 2016/17 financial year be approved.

### 4. Background

- 4.1 In order to demonstrate compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management, a review of the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Procedures, Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement is undertaken each year and reported to Cabinet in March. The Council, in accordance with legislation is also formally required to approve the formulation of the plan or strategy for the control of the authority's borrowing, investments or capital expenditure and for the determination of the authority's minimum revenue provision. This is agreed by Council in April.

- 4.2 A requirement of the Treasury Management Code of Practice is the reporting of the results of treasury management activity twice a year. Council considered the results for the six-month period ending 30 September 2016 at their meeting on 1 December 2016 and this report

covers the 2016/17 financial year in its entirety.

**4.3** The Treasury Management Procedures indicate that the report should include the following issues, where relevant:

- a) Total debt and investments at the beginning and end of the financial year and average interest rates;
- b) Borrowing strategy for the year compared to actual strategy;
- c) Investment strategy for the year compared to actual strategy;
- d) Explanations for variance between original strategies and actual;
- e) Debt rescheduling done in the year (where applicable);
- f) Actual borrowing and investment rates achieved through the year;
- g) Comparison of return on investments to the investment benchmark; and
- h) Compliance with Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

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

**5.1** The table below illustrates the council's debt and investment position at the beginning and end of the 2016/17 financial year:

	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
	£	£
Loans - Temporary	0	0
- Cash Overdrawn	180,874	179,366
<b>Total Short-Term Debt</b>	<b>180,874</b>	<b>179,366</b>
Loans - Long-Term Borrowing	1,552,000	1,552,000
<b>Total Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>1,552,000</b>	<b>1,552,000</b>
Investments - Temporary	0	0
<b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Investments - Temporary	16,366,442	19,191,041
Cash in Bank	0	0
Cash held by the Authority	2,634	2,547
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>16,369,076</b>	<b>19,193,588</b>

**5.2** The Prudential Code for Capital Finance aims to ensure, within a clear framework, that the capital investment plans of local authorities are affordable, prudent and sustainable. The code sets out indicators that must be used and requires local authorities to set relevant limits and ratios. The indicators for the 2016/17 financial year were originally considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 17 February 2016 and approved at the Council meeting on 3 March 2016. During the financial year, the council operated within these Prudential and Treasury Indicators.

**5.3** The 2016/17 Budget assumed no additional long-term borrowing and that capital schemes were to be funded by grants and contributions, capital receipts and the Capital Investment Reserve.

- 5.4** The council has not had a formal overdraft facility and annual arrangement fee since 2011. The council now incurs charges at 4% over the current base rate for net overdrawn balances with no annual arrangement fee. There have been three instances when the council's net bank account position was overdrawn during the 2016/17 financial year. The first two instances were reported in the Treasury Management Activity April 2016 to September 2016 report to Council 1 December 2016. The third instance occurred in February 2017 after updates were made to the daily cash-flow spreadsheet resulting in an overdrawn balance overnight of £18,136 and a charge of £2.11. The error in formula was identified and corrected the same day to avoid further overdrawn balances occurring.
- 5.5** There were no short-term borrowing transactions (i.e. less than 365 days) during 2016/17.
- 5.6** Interest payments in respect of short-term and long-term borrowing for the 2016/17 financial year total £68,830 compared to the full year budget of £68,830. Including miscellaneous payments, the actual interest payments for the year to 31 March is £68,905 compared to the full year budget of £68,850. This includes £55.79 payable to HMRC and £19.17 payable to the Fielden Trust.
- 5.7** In view of the financial markets, the council has continued to invest any surplus balances with the council's Bank, NatWest (on call deposit), Money Market Funds (MMF) with Prime Rate Capital Management and Insight Funds. In order to maximise return whilst maintaining our low risk strategy the council has extended its use of fixed term deposit facilities to include Standard Chartered International Bank and Goldman Sachs International Bank in addition to the Bank of Scotland. The council has also invested in 60 day and 95 day Notice Accounts with Santander.
- 5.8** There have been 7 occasions during the year where funds over £100,000 have remained in the council's accounts overnight as a surplus balance, four of which were reported in the Treasury Management Activity April 2016 to September 2016 report to Council 1 December 2016. Of the remaining three, one instance was intentional, to ensure that sufficient funds were available for any significant payments during the Christmas closedown. Another instance was where a balance of £610,000 remained in the account overnight to cover a direct debit which had in fact already gone through the bank that day but was missed on the bank statement. The final instance was unavoidable and was due to a receipt coming in late in the evening.
- 5.9** The equated investments for 2016/17 are analysed in the table overleaf:-

	Equated Investment Principal	Interest Due	Rate of Return	Benchmark Return
	£	£		
NatWest Call Account	2,185,607	3,672	0.17%	0.20%
Money Market Funds	5,344,534	20,551	0.38%	0.20%
Bank of Scotland (Overnight/Call)	1,052,620	2,927	0.28%	0.20%
Bank of Scotland (3 and 6 Month Fixed)	3,142,467	19,442	0.62%	0.20%
Svenska Handelsbanken (Instant Access)	1,050,896	3,515	0.33%	0.20%
Svenska Handelsbanken (35 Day Notice)	523,721	2,156	0.41%	0.20%
Nationwide BS (3 Month Fixed)	120,548	616	0.51%	0.20%
Santander (60 Day Notice)	3,000,001	18,144	0.60%	0.20%
Santander (31 Day Notice)	164,384	1,069	0.65%	0.20%
Santander (95 Day Notice)	1,791,781	11,770	0.66%	0.20%
Standard Chartered (1 and 3 Month Fixed)	936,986	3,718	0.40%	0.20%
Goldman Sachs IB (3 and 6 Month Fixed)	1,443,836	7,776	0.54%	0.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,757,381</b>	<b>95,356</b>	<b>0.46%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>

- 5.10** The table above reflects that investments earned an average return of 0.46% against a benchmark LIBID (London Interbank Bid Rate) 7-day average of 0.20%. The Bank of England base rate has remained at 0.25%.
- 5.11** Interest receivable from investments for the 2016/17 financial year totals £95,356 compared to the full year budget of £77,560. Interest overall including miscellaneous items, received in the year totalled £95,871 compared to a budgeted figure of £78,080. The increase in interest and investment income over that budgeted of £17,796 is due to an improved return on investment and an improved cash flow situation in the latter half of the financial year owing to the council receiving external grant monies that have not been spent.
- 5.12** Within the council's current Annual Investment Strategy, the Investment Policy criteria are based on Sector's creditworthiness service. The council, to date, has adopted a very cautious approach and regularly monitors organisations with which investments are held to ensure they meet the Investment Policy criteria.

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	Considered in detail in the report above.
Legal	The approval of the recommendation will ensure that the statutory requirements have been complied with.

**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 an x.

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

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

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