



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, 20 July 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 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 June 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 19 July, 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 7 - 8)

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 14 July 2017 will be published and circulated separately.

7. Questions "On Notice" from councillors

(Pages 9 - 10)

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 14 July 2017 will be published and circulated separately.

8. 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 Gibson) (Pages 11 - 12)
- (b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) (Pages 13 - 16)
- (c) Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (Councillor Henderson) (Pages 17 - 18)
- (d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy) (Pages 19 - 22)
- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) (Pages 23 - 26)
- (f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) (Pages 27 - 30)
- (g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor V Taylor) (Pages 31 - 34)

9. Notices of Motion

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted under Procedure Rule 14 by Councillors Beavers, Fail, Barrowclough, M Anderton and E Anderton.

“After the decision by Wyre's Planning Committee to permit residential development on the former Fleetwood Pier site, in drafting the Local Plan officers should devise an appropriate policy to prevent similar developments and to protect the open spaces in the coastal area of Wyre to include the areas of Fleetwood, Knott End on Sea and Cleveleys. This will enable us to protect the open spaces in the coastal area of Wyre ensuring that future generations can enjoy our beautiful beaches, open spaces, and shorelines.”

If you have any enquiries on this agenda, please contact Roy Saunders, tel: 01253 887481, email: roy.saunders@wyre.gov.uk

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Council Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 15 June 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Councillors present:

The Mayor, Councillor Alice Collinson

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton, Michael Barrowclough, Lorraine Beavers, Roger Berry, 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, Paul Moon, Pete Murphy, Phil Orme, Patsy Ormrod, Christine Smith, Brian Stephenson, Evelyn Stephenson, Vivien Taylor, Ann Turner, Shaun Turner, Alan Vincent, Matthew Vincent, Michael Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson

Apologies: Councillors Robinson, Atkins, Ballard, Balmain, B Birch, C Birch, McKay, Pimbley and Shewan

Officers present:

Garry Payne, Chief Executive
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation
Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
Carole Leary, Democratic Services Officer
Hayley McGuffie, Engagement Team

Also present: Six members of the public.

COU10 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record (by 25 votes to 10) and that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held 11 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record (unanimously).

COU11 Declarations of Interest

None.

COU12 Announcements

1. The Mayor said that she had been pleased to attend the presentation evening for the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire Cadet Poppy Appeal Awards. Three young people from Wyre - Cadets Clifton, Hall and Kelly - who are all students at Garstang Academy, had received awards for their fantastic work in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and for raising large amounts of money for the charity.

2. The Mayor said that she was happy to announce that Jessica Basquill's term of office as Youth Mayor for Wyre had been extended until May 2018. This would allow time for major changes taking place in the provision of support services for young people in Lancashire to be implemented and would enable the election process to be realigned to the Council year. She said she knew that Jessica has been very active as Youth Mayor and she was looking forward to working with her.

3. The Mayor said that she had been delighted to attend the event earlier in the day held by the BBC, as part of its national music day, to unveil a blue plaque at the Marine Hall commemorating the venue's links with internationally acclaimed local singing star Alfie Boe. This was one of forty-seven plaques which had been unveiled across the UK to recognise pioneering musicians and music venues around the country. It had been an honour to welcome Alfie Boe back to Marine Hall, where he made his first public appearance at the age of 14.

COU13 Public questions or statements

None.

COU14 Questions "On Notice" from councillors

None.

COU15 Executive reports

- (a) Leader of the Council (Councillor Gibson)

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

Councillor Gibson responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor Beavers about the implications of the outcome of the Lancashire County Council elections in May for the future operation of the Fleetwood to Knott End ferry service;

- Councillor B Stephenson about the result in the Lancaster and Fleetwood constituency at the general election on 8 June.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent)

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

Councillor A Vincent responded to comments and questions from Councillors Fail and Beavers about the implications of the outcome of the General Election in June for the Councils financial position and future provision of services.

(The Chief Executive advised Cllr Fail that some of his comments did not comply with the requirement in paragraph 11.3 of the Council Procedure Rules that questions or comments must relate to the contents of the Portfolio Holder's report or to an issue which fell within his area of responsibility)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

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

Cllr Henderson responded to comments and questions from Councillors Bridge, E Anderton, and B Stephenson. He made the following commitments:

- to thank Street Scene staff for the excellent work they had done cleaning up after the Poulton Gala;
- to ask officers to ensure that ward councillors were informed of any future dog-chipping events which were arranged to take place in their area;
- to ask officers if it would be possible to include in the proposed Public Space Protection Order relating to dog control measures a simple table illustrating the controls to be imposed at each specified location, similar to the summary included as Appendix A of the recently published Portfolio Holder decision report on this subject.

Councillor Henderson also confirmed that he had no knowledge of any plans for the long term development of the area between the pitch and putt course and Fleetwood Golf Club in Warren Ward. (Cllr A Vincent said that he too was unaware of any such plans).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (d) Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder (Councillor Murphy)

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

Cllr Murphy responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor S Turner about the size of possible investment proposals at the Hillhouse Enterprise Zone site and the potential levels of employment that might be generated;
- Councillor Wilson asked two questions; one about the number of new houses likely to be built in Forton and secondly; the Portfolio Holders views on pressure gas pipelines which cross in Forton and their possible constraint on development within Forton and neighbouring parishes.
- Councillor E Anderton about the latest position with regard to Coastal Community Team funding for improvements to shop fronts in Fleetwood.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

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

Cllr Berry responded to comments and questions from Cllr E Anderton about an increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour and actions being taken by the police and the Council to tackle the problem.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen)

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

Councillor Bowen responded to a question from Councillor E Anderton about burial costs and undertook to arrange for a written response to be sent to her on the particular issue which a local resident had raised.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor V Taylor)

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

Councillor V Taylor responded to questions and comments from:

- Councillor Barrowclough about activities provided under the Healthier Fleetwood funding project;
- Councillor E Anderton about problems with seagulls;
- Councillor Beavers about possible health and wellbeing implications for Wyre residents of decisions to be made about the future operation of the Fleetwood to Knott End Ferry;
- Councilor S Turner about the Lancaster Canal tow path project.

Cllr V Taylor agreed to discuss with officers whether it would be possible, within current guidelines, to make the advice about not feeding seagulls published on the Council's website stronger and also to consider the possibility of writing to residents known to feed seagulls in their gardens advising them of the negative impact of doing so.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(h) Comments and questions from Cabinet members

The Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder responded to a question from the Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder about the future funding of the Fleetwood to Knott-End ferry.

COU16 Planning Committee Periodic Report

The Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Greenhough) submitted a report summarising the work undertaken by the Committee since the previous periodic report had been submitted.

Councillor Greenhough responded to comments and questions from:

- Councillor Orme about training for members of the Planning Committee;
- Councillor E Anderton about staffing levels in the Planning Team, staff morale and the effectiveness of the new planning applications system.

Cllr Greenhough said that he would ask the Head of Planning and Regeneration to circulate, if possible, any available presentation slides or summary information from the recent "Making Defensible Planning Decisions" training session to those members of the Planning Committee who had been unable to attend.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU17 Treasury Management Activity 2016/17

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) and the Head of Finance submitted a report on the overall position and activities in respect of treasury management for the financial year 2016/17

RESOLVED (unanimously): that the annual report on treasury management activity for the 2016/17 financial year be approved.

COU18 Notices of Motion

The following notice of motion had 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.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor B Stephenson and seconded by Councillor Beavers.

Councillors Bridge, Greenhough, Murphy, Moon, Gibson, A Turner, E Anderton, S Turner, Michael Vincent and Henderson also spoke during the debate.

The motion was carried (unanimously) and, it was **RESOLVED**, that:

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

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.46 pm.



COUNCIL MEETING
20 JULY 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 14 July 2017.

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COUNCIL MEETING
20 JULY, 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 14 July 2017.

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council	Council	20 July 2017	8(a)

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

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

2. Economic Prosperity Board (EPB)

2.1 In June I informed Members that I would be bringing to this meeting a report that would propose the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company be dissolved and that an EPB be formed for the Fylde Coast. The creation of an EPB will provide for a stronger and robust governance framework for the economic development and growth agenda across the Fylde Coast, bringing in greater political accountability and enhanced collaborative working. Unfortunately the draft Governance for the EPB has yet to be finalised and thus I intend to bring a report to full Council for Members' consideration at the earliest opportunity.

3. Combined Authority and collaborative working

3.1 I am aware that other Council Leaders and Chief Executives within Lancashire are continuing to meet under the heading of Shadow Combined Authority but there appears to be little appetite from Government to hold discussions on devolution with areas that have not been formally recognised, including Lancashire. I have stated on numerous occasions that I would support collaboration where the benefits are clear and I will be writing to all Leaders in Lancashire suggesting a return to the previous collaborative forum of Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executives meetings (which were informative and productive).

4. Galas/events/festivals

4.1 Thank you to all staff who have helped (and continue to do so over the summer) at festivals and galas across Wyre. From making sure the borough looks it's best beforehand, to cleaning up afterwards, their contribution to community events is appreciated by Members and the public alike. Also a special thank you to everyone who helped to successfully arrange the BBC Music Day event at Marine Hall on 15 June at very short notice. Singer Alfie Boe was honoured with a Blue Plaque which is now in situ at the venue where he made his first appearance

aged 14. The plaque was unveiled by Alfie's friend and collaborator Michael Ball. The duo then performed a number of songs to an invited audience of friends and family. The event was broadcast live on BBC Radio Lancashire and featured on BBC North West Tonight, BBC Radio 2 and many other media outlets.

5. Heatwave advice

- 5.1** Most of us welcome hot weather, but when it's too hot for too long there are health risks. The main risks posed by a heatwave are dehydration, overheating (which can make symptoms worse for people who already have problems with their heart or breathing), heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Many of our residents are aged over 65 and vulnerability increases during periods of hot weather so please promote awareness of the risks during the summer.

6. Social media checklist for Councillors

- 6.1** As the use of social media grows so does Member involvement and if you have not already done so I would urge you to read and follow the Social media checklist for councillors which can be accessed via our Social Media Page on our Intranet. Alternatively, you may wish to speak with Rosie Green (Policy and Engagement Manager) who will be able to provide you with further help and assistance.

7. Comments and questions

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

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader	Council	20 July 2017	8(b)

Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

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

2. Finance

2.1 The final accounts for 2016/17 have now been audited and will be agreed by the Audit Committee at their meeting on 25 July. Revenue slippage continues to grow year on year and in relation to 2016/17 the value (net of reserve funding) is £999,390. As this expenditure still needs to be incurred, the saving is returned to balances to be spent in 2017/18 resulting in the increased contribution to balances of £999,390.

In summary, the other major variations include:

- **additional income** from planning fees and new burdens grant, summons costs, housing benefit and interest totalling £272,352;
- **savings** in employee costs, utilities, fuel, vehicles, training, payment card processing fees, waste disposal, insurance, car park maintenance, community and sports development, air pollution and printing and stationery budgets totalling £583,155.

These positive variances have been used to compensate for the underachievement of income on Off Street Parking and Housing Renovation Grants; in total unbudgeted costs of £92,961. The net savings of £762,546 together with other miscellaneous underspends of £134,872 have been used to top up the capital investment reserve by £495,545 and the New Homes Bonus Reserve by £401,873.

When you consider that our gross expenditure on services for last year was £54m, a net saving of £897,418 equates to 1.7%.

2.2 The Council previously committed to a sector-led body approach for the appointment of its external auditors from 2018/19. The Local Government Association established an independent company, Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd, to take on the management of the external audit

contracts for local public bodies following the closure of the Audit Commission. The first stage of this process has now been completed and whilst we do not yet know which firm will be auditing our accounts we do know that KPMG will not remain as our external auditors after 2017/18.

- 2.3** Members will be aware that the Queen's speech did not contain the anticipated Finance Bill which would have paved the way legislatively for introducing a 100% business rates retention (BRR) system from 2020. This leaves local authorities uncertain about their future funding. Wyre's Revenue Support Grant (RSG) reduces to nil in 2019/20 with the expectation that 100% BRR would provide an alternative source of funding but as this will not now be the case there is increased focus on the Chancellor's Autumn Budget and whether RSG will now continue in some form.

3. IT / digital transformation

- 3.1** I am pleased to report that the council's website has been rated four stars in this year's SOCITM (Society of IT managers) Better Connected review. This is an annual assessment of all local authority websites where a reviewer visits our website on random days and tries to complete a series of tasks, such as applying for council tax discount or reporting missed bins. Previously we have been rated three stars so it's great news that we've improved the site sufficiently to receive the top rating of four out of four stars. Only 36 councils from a total of 416 received four stars (less than 9%).

4. Procurement

- 4.1** A review of potential suppliers for our energy procurement contract has been undertaken. Our current supplier British Independent Utilities (BIU) provided the best prices with guaranteed savings of over £7,000 per annum on electricity costs based on current consumption.

5. Asset management

- 5.1** Last night I took a report to Cabinet to agree the terms for disposal of Garstang Business Centre. The disposal of the Business Centre will generate a capital receipt for the council which will be used to contribute towards future capital investment. It will also deliver savings from the remaining running costs of the site. A key part of the negotiation has been to ensure that there is a sufficient level of long stay car parking which will continue to be made available to residents of Garstang after the disposal takes place. Work is expected to start on-site in the Autumn.
- 5.2** Repairs to flat roofs at Fleetwood Market, Marine Hall and Cleveleys Bus Station have been completed. The roofs were coated with a liquid roof covering (Belzona) to give the required waterproofing and extend the life span by 20 years. Similar repairs were undertaken at Thornton Leisure Centre which had a badly corroded metal roof and guttering.
- 5.3** The replacement of sand filters at Garstang Swimming pool will commence on 24 July 2017 and will take 4-5 weeks to complete.

6. Comments and questions

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

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 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 The Parks, Street Cleansing and Area Officer Teams are busy preparing for and supporting the various community events and galas taking place at this time of year, including North West in Bloom, which is taking place this week.
- 2.2 Wyre officers continue to support the development of a joint Fly Tipping Strategy for Lancashire, this will be adopted by the Lancashire Waste Partnership (LWP) next week and partner agencies and Lancashire Local Authorities will continue to work together in an attempt to address this problem. The Lancashire Waste Partnership has become an ambassador of the national Right Waste Right Place campaign – an information campaign to help small businesses and establishments meet their Duty of Care obligations as practically as possible.
- 2.3 We are currently looking at the possibility of Authorised Officers having access to Body Worn Video Cameras (BWV). The BWV would be overt and only functional when required. This could assist officers in a number of ways including gaining evidence to support an enforcement operation but also assisting with officers' safety and mitigating potential aggression. Training would be undertaken prior to their use to ensure operating procedures are followed. The use of BWV has become good practice by many other Local Authorities and enforcement agencies.

4 Parks and open spaces

- 4.1 Initial meetings for the Mount Grounds project were held in June with the design team (Ryder Landscape Consultants) and the consultants assisting with consultation (Tricolor) and activity planning (The Hamilton Project).

A summer programme of pilot activities commenced earlier this month with 'Discovery Club' sessions for local schools that focus on local heritage. Consultation with residents and community groups will take place until December as the proposals for the restoration work and activity programme are developed in more detail.

- 4.2** I am pleased to be able to report that proposals to transform King George's Playing Fields and the land north of Royles Brook in Thornton were well received at an event attended by 77 residents on the 3 June. Applications seeking grant support for a first phase of work are being prepared with a view to that work commencing on site during 2018.
- 4.3** Initial consultation with stakeholders, volunteers and visitors at Wyre Estuary Country Park began last month. The findings will help guide how we might improve facilities in order to maximise the economic significance and tourism potential of the estuary section of the Wyre Way route.
- 4.4** We are currently in the middle of Love Parks Week, which is a national campaign led by Keep Britain Tidy to promote and support the value of parks. This year, for the week we have hosted a theatrical performance of James and the Giant Peach, a community litter pick and on Friday there will be a bat and moth night event in Memorial Park, Fleetwood. Last Sunday, Vicarage Park in Poulton hosted the now annual Big Gig music festival, which grows from strength to strength.

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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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Peter Murphy, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 2017	8(d)

Executive Report: Planning 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 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 18 town centre businesses (one more this quarter) have received funding towards shop front improvements. Ideas are being explored to work with Fleetwood Market and traders as part of a short term regeneration project funded by Coastal Community Team funding.

Cleveleys

2.2 'The Big Cleveleys Clean Sweep was a great success. Activities included planting, weeding and improving the appearance of the town centre and resulted in the team recruiting more volunteers. They are continuing to meet regularly and are eagerly planning future projects in the town.

3. Hillhouse Enterprise Zone (EZ)

3.1 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. Our officers will play an active part in helping to develop this Masterplan. The Masterplan will determine the overall development phasing and plan framework and required infrastructure in particular utility upgrades and highway access. It is hoped that this will be ready by September 2017 along with an implementation and marketing plan.

3.2 On 16 June, the LEP EZ Governance Sub-committee agreed that the accent colours within the LAMEC (Lancashire Advanced Manufacturing and Energy Cluster) branding allocated to Blackpool and Hillhouse EZ's will be reversed, with Hillhouse adopting the green colour logo and Blackpool the tangerine logo.

3.3 Marketing Lancashire have prepared marketing collateral which was used at the Paris Airshow in June, and will continue to use this for now. The main launch of the LAMEC branding will now be MipiM UK at London's Olympia in mid-October so there is time to complete any brand amendments before this key date.

4. Business support

4.1 The Wyred Up business networking event took place on June 27 at Cleveleys Park Club, where Keith Whittle, Sales and Customer Relations expert from North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce delivered a workshop to members.

5. Planning policy

Local Plan

5.1 As Members will recall, the Local Development Scheme (LDS) was amended in 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 is still planned for September 2017.

5.2 At the last Fylde Coast Duty to Cooperate meeting, Blackpool raised questions with regard 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 was held on 5 July 2017.

5.3 As has been previously reported, at the end of March the Planning Inspectorate commenced hearings into the Fylde Local Plan. 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. Fylde were aware of the issue as early as December 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. Wyre has now submitted further written representations to the second stage of the examination that the Fylde Local Plan strategy does not contain sufficient flexibility to address the shortfall in Wyre.

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:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 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

Lancashire Victim Services

2.1 In April of this year Lancashire Victim Services were re-commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire to provide support to victims and witnesses of crime across the County. The service provides support for victims or witnesses of crime even if the incident was not reported to the police. The service is there to provide emotional support, information and practical help to anyone who needs it and can be accessed via the telephone on 0300 323 0085, by email info@lancashirevictimservices.org or through the website <http://lancashirevictimservices.org/>

2.2 The services will talk through any concerns that an individual may have about their specific case, provide practical help to address problems they may face as a result of the crime, and explain what to expect if their case goes to court.

2.3 Contacting victim services is also the gateway to accessing specific support for victims of hate crime, domestic violence and crimes against young people. Hate crime is any crime or incident that happened because of race, ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation or disability or if an individual feels they are being targeted because the offender perceives them to be different in some way. Domestic abuse or domestic violence takes many forms and can happen in relationships, in families, shared homes or through previous partners. It affects both men and women and it happens between people of all cultures, backgrounds, religions and social groups regardless of sexual orientation. Young people may be subjected to bullying, threats or harassment and the service allows young

people to speak in confidence with the aim to help them recover from whatever they have experienced. The service aims to help affected young people to move forward and feel safe again.

2.4 Victims of crime can suffer mental health worries following an incident, and victim services can signpost to mental health support services that offer a range of therapies including counselling and cognitive behavioural therapies.

2.5 The provision of a County-wide Lancashire Victim Service is a very positive development and one that is being looked at nationally. I welcome the new service and hope and believe the services will help the unfortunate victims of crime to recover from their ordeal in a positive manner.

Prevent

2.6 Recent terrorist attacks highlight the importance and need to safeguard our communities as part of the Prevent agenda. Unfortunately extremist views are widely available on the internet/social media and it is widely accepted that vulnerable citizens are targeted and may be influenced. Whilst the government is trying to limit the amount of extremist material currently available on the internet it will be very difficult to remove entirely.

2.7 In response work is underway to try to protect young and vulnerable citizens who could be influenced and are at risk of being groomed across a range of child protection areas. As a council we have undertaken a pilot initiative in association with an online product called Zak which enables teachers in classroom settings to illustrate how social media can be manipulated and the risks involved.

2.8 This pilot has involved Wyre Council, Smile Mediation and Myerscough College and has delivered training to over 60 students currently attending Myerscough College. The training provides a platform for difficult subjects to be discussed and challenged. An evaluation of the pilot is currently being undertaken and will potentially inform a Lancashire-wide approach. Initial feedback has been very positive with students highlighting that they have learned: not to share their location; to be aware of strangers; not to isolate themselves; to get advice and help and about the risk of radicalisation. I would like to thank both Smile Mediation and Myerscough College for their hard work in delivering the pilot.

New Chief Constable

2.9 On 19 June I attended the Lancashire Police and Crime Panel Meeting and was introduced to the new Chief Constable, Andy Rhodes. Andy spoke about the changing face of neighbourhood policing where officers are increasingly coming into contact with people with more complex needs including mental health. His officers are spending increasing amounts of time on lost and missing persons and victims of scamming and bullying. He outlined the importance of integrated partnership working in delivering early action and prevent strategies to meet the varied needs and priorities of our communities. He also stressed the importance he would place on delivering good core policing from the initial

reporting and response through to the investigation and prosecution stages. Working with the Community Safety Partnership I look forward to working with Andy and Lancashire Constabulary to address local community priorities.

3. Housing – New Disabled Facilities Grants Policy Consultation

- 3.1** Disabled Facilities Grants provide funding for adaptations to the homes of older and disabled residents to help them maintain independence and prevent the risk of accidents at home. Adaptations include works such as the installation of wet room showers, stair lifts and ramps.
- 3.2** The adaptations we provide also have a key role to play in reducing emergency admissions to hospitals, providing safer and more effective discharge of patients from hospital, they reduce demand for social care and they can delay or reduce admissions to residential care.
- 3.3** We have recently seen increased budgets into Disabled Facilities Grants funded via the Better Care Fund and Authorities are being encouraged to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants in more imaginative ways to support collaborative working across health and social care. In response to this we are now reviewing our Disabled Facilities Grant Policy.
- 3.4** Key changes include a proposal to remove the means test for approved adaptations costing less than £6,000 and for hospital discharge cases supported by health and/or social care professionals. We would welcome your comments on the proposals and for you to help share news of the consultation with your constituents. Details of the consultation can be found at <http://consult.wyre.gov.uk/portal/>.

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 2017	8(f)

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

2. Arts, Events and Volunteering

2.1 It was a very busy weekend last weekend with thousands of residents and visitors enjoying the Great Eccleston Show, Tram Sunday and our Big Gig in Jean Stansfield Park. I would like to thank all of our community organisers and volunteers, as well as our own staff and teams for the important roles they played in ensuring that these events showcased the best of Wyre and were safe and successfully run.

2.2 **Happy Healthy HeArts Project** - In the lead up to Tram Sunday our Happy Healthy HeArts Project at Fleetwood Market proved very successful. One element of it involved resident artist Linda Copeland developing an installation of forty individually designed life sized mannequins. These were seen as a 'market crowd' and were scattered around Fleetwood leading up to and on the day of Tram Sunday on Sunday 16th July. Over seventeen community groups took part in helping to create the installation. The market traders were also on board, getting creative and helping to promote the programme of activities. The project was about bringing people together and we have had very positive feedback from participants who enjoyed getting involved and the sense of achievement they felt. Other elements of this arts and wellbeing pilot project saw a community programme of performances and workshops at the market including folk music from Mike Fairclough, the Fylde Ukulele Network and local poet Adele Robinson.

2.3 **The Final Homecoming** - During 2014, the first year of the First World War Centenary, an event called 'The Homecoming' took place in Fleetwood which involved over 650 local young people and children, as well as 200 local people from various community groups. It was heralded as a great success. Next year is the close of the Centenary and planning has started to host a bigger and bolder event – 'The Final Homecoming'. This will involve a week of reflections, including music concerts, re-enactment sessions, poster making, a mid-week parade through

Fleetwood Town Centre and a celebration on Memorial Park. On Sunday 11th of November there will be a Beacon Lighting on the top of The Mount, to nationally recognise the closure of the Centenary.

2.4 Mythic Coast Project - Following the completion of the sea defence work at Rossall, an application will be made to Arts Council England, to create a promenade project which will be a mass participation 'immersive theatre experience'. The Mythic Coast Project will include a mythic walk from Cleveleys to Fleetwood stopping along the way to interact with a number of mythical characters and watch performances. It is proposed that this project will be a combination of both local talent and professional actors, dancers and musicians.

2.5 Boom in Community Events - So far this year our Events Team have received 43 formal applications for use of council land to hold events. Interest from local communities and partner organisations for events in Wyre continues to grow and anecdotally many groups are reporting increasing visitor numbers on previous years. We suspect the successful use of social media to promote the events has played a key part.

3. BBC Music Day at Marine Hall

3.1 BBC Music Day on 15 June saw the Marine Hall host BBC Music Day and the celebration of Alfie Boe's musical career with a Blue Plaque. Across the country 47 Blue Plaques were unveiled commemorating people or places that have influenced the musical landscape across the country.

3.2 BBC Radio Lancashire's Blue Plaque commemorated Marine Hall in Fleetwood where internationally renowned tenor and musical theatre star Alfie Boe made his first appearance aged 14. The plaque was unveiled by Alfie's friend and collaborator, singing star Michael Ball. Alfie (who used to be a technician at Marine Hall in his youth) attended the ceremony along with members of his family. Alfie and Michael then performed a handful of songs to an invited audience of 250 people.

3.3 BBC Radio Lancashire broadcast live from the venue from 6am until lunchtime. The early part of the morning included live performances from Thornton and Cleveleys Brass Band, Thornton and Cleveleys Operatic Society, Blackpool Male Voice Choir and Shakespeare Junior School Choir. There were also interviews with Alfie's friends and family sharing their memories of Alfie when he was growing up and performing with local singing groups in the area.

3.4 The event was a huge success with press and media present such as BBC Radio Lancashire, BBC North West Tonight, Blackpool Gazette and That's Lancashire TV. Mayor Alice Collinson, Cllr Peter Gibson and Garry Payne also featured on interviews with BBC Radio Lancashire and That's Lancashire TV. The Blue Plaque is now up in the foyer of the Marine Hall for all visitors to come and see.

3.5 The feedback from the event has been tremendous with wonderful compliments received from Alfie and Michael, Alfie's family, the BBC, local performers who took part, invited guests and local fans who watched the plaque unveiling from outside and waited to catch a moment with Alfie as he left the venue. The event generated an incredible amount of interest with one video that we posted of the unveiling ceremony on facebook attracting over 20,000 views.

3.6 **Graduation Ceremony for Blackpool and Fylde College, Nautical College Campus** - A Celebration of 125 years Graduation Ceremony for Blackpool and Fylde College, Nautical College Campus was held at Marine Hall on 30th June. We were extremely proud to have hosted this event where 360 guests were served afternoon tea.

4. Sports development

4.1 **Cycling** - Working in partnership with British Cycling, a number of free guided bike rides across Wyre are being delivered over the next few months. Free cycle leader training courses are also available 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. More information about the guided rides and cycle leader training can be found at www.letsride.co.uk/

4.2 **More Positive Together** - Lancashire Sport (Wyre Council contribute to this partnership) have successfully led a partnership bid into Lancashire European Social Funding. "More Positive Together" has received just over £4m as part of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme. The project is designed to address the needs' of Lancashire residents who are furthest from the labour market and to help them to improve their employment prospects. The Project will work with Regenda Housing to engage people aged 15+ between now and December 2019 from our communities living in the 20% most deprived Lower Super Output Areas.

4.3 Many residents have multiple and complex barriers to accessing work – these may include substance misuse, mental and physical health problems, offending issues, caring responsibilities, poverty and debt. The programme will aim to reach out to such residents via 1 to 1 support and via a programme of engagement that includes sports, environmental and arts activities. There will be opportunities to get involved in work experience, volunteering and training that will help participants become better prepared for work.

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 2017	8(g)

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

2. Community engagement

2.1 Consultation at Wyre Estuary Country Park - an initial consultation has been held with stakeholders, volunteers and visitors at Wyre Estuary Country Park. The consultation sought opinions about the Stanah site including what could make it better for visitors and tourists. The results of the consultation will now be evaluated and will help to develop an improvement plan for the facilities in order to maximise the economic significance and tourism potential of the estuary section of the Wyre Way route. In addition the plan will assist the council to look for funding for improvements in the future.

2.2 Wyre in Bloom 2017 - This year Wyre has 11 area entries into the Britain in Bloom competition, categories are decided on population.

- Large town: Fleetwood
- Town category: Thornton
- Small town category: Garstang, Preesall and Knott End
- Large village: Catterall, Hambleton, Pilling, Great Eccleston
- Village: St. Michael's, Inskip, Bilsborrow

Judging is carried out by representatives from the North West in Bloom team which are taking place this week in Wyre. We also have 27 neighbourhoods entered into competition across the borough in addition to the formal category entries. In addition, three of our parks have entered into the RHS scheme for judging this year, Memorial Park, Jean Stansfield Park and Kepple Lane Park. The children and young people of the borough will also be represented this year as 19 schools have entered Young Wyre in Bloom, results for which will be released in the coming weeks.

2.3 Pilling 2020 Community Project - The Engagement Team have been providing bid support to Pilling Memorial Hall, a registered charity set up to provide a new village hall in Pilling which is part of a larger community project to provide social, recreational, leisure and educational activities for all residents of Pilling and surrounding neighbourhoods. If the bid is successful the new village hall will be able to accommodate groups of up to 250 and provide flexible accommodation catering for a variety of needs. The Engagement Team are happy to provide a critical friend service to any groups across Wyre wishing to bid for external funds, this can improve chances of success and ensure groups are ready to deliver new services.

3. Health and wellbeing

3.1 Proposed NHS Fylde and Wyre CCG Boundary Changes - Consultation on a proposal for the merger of Great Eccleston Medical Centre and the Landscape and Windsor Surgeries in Garstang into NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group are underway. Any proposal must be approved by NHS England. If a decision is made to support a boundary change we would expect implementation from 1 April 2018.

3.2 Healthier Fleetwood Questionnaire – The Healthier Fleetwood partnership is conducting a survey to establish a current view of resident health and happiness in the town. The results of the survey will be used to help plan services in the future and identify issues that the partnership can focus attention upon. The questionnaire can be found at listening@healthierfleetwood.co.uk and I would encourage our Fleetwood elected members to encourage their constituents to complete the survey.

4. Environmental health

4.1 Large-scale projects and noise – The Environmental Protection Team continues to ensure that noise nuisance from a number of large-scale infrastructure projects is minimised. These projects have included the electrification of the Blackpool to Preston railway line.

4.2 During such projects there may be times when noise can be excessive and at such times it is crucial that the contractor operates an effective communication management system to inform the Local Authority and residents likely to be affected of the measures they are taking to mitigate the noise and how long the noise is likely to last. It is known that tolerance to noise is greatly enhanced if individuals know in advance of the disturbance and the likely timescales of the work being undertaken. Our Environmental Health Officers continue to work with developers and contractors before works starts on site to agree methods for minimising any noise impact and, where there are departures from any agreed plan, to act on behalf of the residents.

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