



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, 18 January 2018** 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 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 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 17 January 2018 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 9 - 10)

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

Any questions or statements received by the specified deadline of noon on Friday 12 January 2018 will be published and circulated separately.

7. Questions "On Notice" from councillors (Pages 11 - 12)

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 12 January 2018 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 Henderson) (Pages 13 - 14)
- (b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent) (Pages 15 - 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 - 20)
- (e) Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (Councillor Berry) (Pages 21 - 24)
- (f) Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder (Councillor Bowen) (Pages 25 - 28)
- (g) Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder (Councillor Michael Vincent) (Pages 29 - 30)

9. Localised Council Tax Support (Pages 31 - 36)

Report of the Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Head of Contact Centre

10. Lead Member for Younger People: Periodic Report (Pages 37 - 40)

Report of the Lead Member for Younger People (Cllr Kay)

11. Notices of Motion

None.

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, 7 December 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Councillors present:

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

Councillors Ian Amos, Rita Amos, Emma Anderton, Marge Anderton, Lady Dulcie M Atkins, Howard Ballard, Tom I Balmain, Michael Barrowclough, 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, Cheryl Raynor, Ron Shewan, Christine Smith, Brian Stephenson, Evelyn Stephenson, Ann Turner, Shaun Turner, Alan Vincent, Michael Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson

Apologies: Councillors Beavers and Matt 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
Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer
Emma Lyons, Communications Team
Roy Saunders, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

Also present: Aldermen Bannister, Brooks and McCann, Jessica Basquil (Wyre Youth Mayor), Nathan Halford (Garstang Young Mayor), Paul Faulkener (That's Lancashire TV), one member of the press and thirteen members of the public.

COU54 Confirmation of minutes

Cllr Henderson announced that it was the intention, from January 2018 onwards if possible, to make a sound recording of each full Council meeting and to upload it to the Council's website, so that anyone wishing to listen to the full proceedings or hear what individual Councillors had said would be able to do so. He said that the availability of an audio recording would

complement the formal minutes, provide greater transparency and accountability at relatively little cost and hopefully avoid the regular challenges to the accuracy of the minutes currently made by members of the Labour Group. He informed Members that this meeting was being recorded to check the effectiveness of the equipment to be used.

Councillor A Vincent proposed and Cllr Henderson seconded a proposal that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record (26 votes to 11, with 2 abstentions).

COU55 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fail declared a “significant other” (non-pecuniary) interest in agenda item 17 (Notice of Motion proposing that the Council express support for an independent regulatory body for football in the UK) because he was a member of Blackpool Supporters Trust. He said, however, that as the jurisdiction of the proposed independent regulatory body, if set up, would apply to all professional football clubs in the UK, not just to Blackpool FC, he did not consider that this interest gave rise to a perception of a conflict of interest or was likely to prejudice his judgment and he therefore intended to participate and vote on the item.

COU56 Announcements

The Mayor said that she had recently attended the funeral of Alderman Robert Williamson, who had been a Wyre Councillor from its inception in 1974 until 1995 and had been Mayor in 1988/89. She said he had been much respected by his local community in Hambleton and throughout the Wyre area and would be sadly missed.

The Street Scene Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder, (Cllr Henderson) referred to the North West in Bloom awards received by the Council, as listed in his Executive Report, and presented the Mayor with the trophy for the Heritage Award 2017, given to The Mount at Fleetwood.

COU57 Appointment of the Leader of the Council

The Mayor said that, as indicated on the agenda, Cllr Alan Vincent had submitted his resignation as Leader of the Council with effect from this meeting. As also set out on the agenda, the Chief Executive had been informed that the Conservative Group had chosen Cllr Henderson as its nominee to be the new Leader of the Council.

Cllr Lady Atkins made a formal proposal, seconded by Cllr Moon, that Cllr Henderson be appointed as the new Leader of the Council. No other nominations were made.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Article 9 of the Constitution, Cllr Henderson be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the period until the Annual Meeting after the next elections in May 2019.

COU58 Cabinet Membership

Cllr Henderson, having been appointed Leader of the Council under the previous agenda item, introduced the report he had submitted as prospective Leader with the Chief Executive, on the proposed composition of his Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

1. That the appointment by the new Leader of the Council of the following Members to the Cabinet, with effect from 7 December 2017, be noted:
 - Cllr A Vincent as Resources Portfolio Holder
 - Cllr Murphy as Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder
 - Cllr Berry as Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
 - Cllr Bowen as Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder
 - Cllr Michael Vincent as Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder.
2. That the intention of Cllr Henderson to retain his former responsibilities as Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder, in addition to his responsibilities as Leader, be noted.
3. That the designation of Cllr A. Vincent as Deputy Leader of the Council, with effect from 7 December 2017, also be noted.
4. That the re-appointment of Cllr Kay as Lead Member for Children and Young People and the re-appointment of Cllr Ormrod as Lead Member for Older People, to support the Cabinet and the Council, be noted.

COU59 Appointments to Committees

Cllr Henderson, having been appointed Leader of the Council under agenda item 6, introduced the report he had submitted as prospective Leader with the Chief Executive, on appointments to committees.

When doing so, he pointed out that there were already 14 members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee because Cllr Ellison had been appointed to that committee following the Bourne Ward by-election on 4 May 2017, so a further appointment (incorrectly referred to in paragraph 4.1 of the report) was not needed.

RESOLVED (45 votes to 0 with 1 abstention):

1. That Cllr Ballard be appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Cllr Michael Vincent;

2. That Cllr Catterall be appointed to the Standards Committee in place of Cllr Michael Vincent;
3. That Cllr Lady Atkins and Cllr Ellison be appointed to the Planning Committee in place of Cllr S Turner and Cllr Jones;
4. That Four Members - two Conservative Group nominees and two Labour Group nominees - (to be submitted to the Democratic Services Manager) be appointed as potential substitutes for Standards Committee hearings, in the event of it not being possible to convene a meeting with a quorum of three members of the Standards Committee for a particular hearing and that, when necessary, the Monitoring Officer be authorised to use the nominated substitutes to enable a quorum of three to be achieved.
5. That Cllr Kay be appointed as a second Armed Forces Champion (in addition to Terry Rogers).

COU60 Public questions or statements

None.

COU61 Questions "On Notice" from councillors

None.

COU62 Executive reports

The Mayor said that the reports circulated with the agenda had obviously been prepared before the appointment of a new Leader earlier in this meeting so, Councillor A Vincent and Cllr Henderson would present their reports and respond to comments or questions in their previous roles. Cllr Michael Vincent would submit his first report as Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder at the next Council meeting in January.

(a) Leader of the Council (Councillor A Vincent)

Cllr A Vincent submitted a report.

Cllr A Vincent responded to comments and questions from:

- Cllr Fail, about a combined authority for Lancashire;
- Cllr E Anderton, about staffing levels;
- Cllr Gibson, about two areas of land off Bourne Way owned by the Council.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

(b) Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor A Vincent)

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

Cllr Vincent said, in response to a question from Cllr E. Anderton that he would consider the possibility of reimbursing Fleetwood Town Council for the cost of emergency electrical works they had apparently had to carry out prior to an event at the Marine Hall, if Cllr Anderton provided him with details of the circumstances.

Cllr Vincent said that he would arrange for a written response to be sent to Cllr Gibson about the costs of the commercial awareness training for staff commissioned from North West Employers referred to in his report.

Cllr Vincent also responded to comments made by Cllr McKay, about support provided to the Teanlowe Day Centre by Cllr B. Birch and Cllr C. Birch.

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:

- Cllr Orme, about improvements made to Preesall Park and support provided to residents across the borough during the recent floods;
- Cllr E Anderton and Cllr B. Stephenson about the condition of the Mount Pavilion at Fleetwood;
- Cllr Barrowclough, about the continuing impact of oil spillage in Liverpool Bay on Wyre's beaches.

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 questions and comments from:

- Cllr Ballard, about the current position on the Hillhouse Enterprise Zone;
- Cllr R Duffy, about the Council's planning services;
- Cllr Greenhough, about the latest position on proposals for a Fleetwood to Knott End barrage
- Cllr Fail, about the consultation on the 'publication' draft of the Wyre Local Plan;
- Cllr E Anderton, about a planning application;
- Cllr S Turner, about the 4th Wyre Business Awards.

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 Shewan, about the Fylde Coast Choice Based letting Scheme;
- Cllr Lees, Cllr R Duffy and Cllr Greenhough about issues relating to the recent floods.

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.

Cllr Bowen responded to comments from Cllr E Anderton about weddings at the Marine Hall.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (g) Comments and questions from Cabinet members

Cllr Bowen responded to comments from Cllr Murphy about the management of successful events recently held at the Marine Hall.

COU63 Licensing Committee Periodic Report

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee (Cllr Bridge) submitted a report on issues dealt with by the Audit Committee and the Licensing Team during the period October 2016 to October 2017. He thanked the members of the Licensing and Legal Teams for their diligent work in support of the Committee, to keep the residents of Wyre safe.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

COU64 Dissolution of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company

Cllr A Vincent (in his former capacity as Leader of the Council) and the Chief Executive submitted a report on a more efficient and effective way of managing the governance of the economic development agenda across the Fylde Coast.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

1. That the Leader of the Council be authorised, in his role as ‘member’ of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company (EDC), to dissolve the aforementioned company.
2. That the proposed decision of the Cabinet, subject to paragraph 3.1 above to establish a Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board (EPB), in the form of a Joint Committee and operating under the Procedure Rules attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.
3. That the proposed decision of the Cabinet to appoint the Leader of the Council to be this Authority’s representative on the EPB and to authorise the Leader of the Council, in accordance with the Procedure Rules of the EPB, to appoint a substitute member to attend in his absence, should the need arise, be noted.

COU65 Treasury Management Activity April 2017 to September 2017

The Resources Portfolio Holder (Cllr A Vincent) and the Head of Finance submitted a report.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the report on treasury management activity for the first half of the 2017/18 financial year be approved.

COU66 Councillor Balmain: Dispensation for Non-Attendance at Meetings

With the consent of the Council, the report which had been submitted by Cllr A Vincent (in his capacity as Leader of the Council) and the Chief Executive was withdrawn, because Cllr Balmain was present at the meeting and the dispensation referred to in the report was, therefore, no longer required.

COU67 Social Media Policy for Councillors

The Chairman of the Standards Committee (Cllr Birch) and the Monitoring Officer submitted a report on a suggested social media policy for councillors.

The report was formally proposed by Cllr Birch and seconded by Cllr Moon.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr Fail and seconded by Cllr R Duffy, to delete the words *“be approved and included in Part 5 of the Constitution”* from the recommendation and replace them with *“will be reviewed by a Task Group and brought back to the Council for approval”*.

A proposal made by Cllr Michael Vincent and seconded by Cllr Henderson that the amendment be altered, by replacing *“a task group”* with *“a working group with a politically balanced membership”* was supported (by 33 votes to 11 with 3 abstentions).

The following substantive motion was then approved (by 41 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That the contents of the proposed Social Media Policy for Councillors, attached as Appendix 1 of the report, be reviewed by a working group with a politically balanced membership and brought back to the Council for approval.

COU68 Notices of Motion

The following motion (which had been submitted under Procedure Rule 14 by Councillors A Vincent, Fail, Henderson and Orme) was formally proposed by Cllr A Vincent and seconded by Cllr fail:

“As Blackpool has obvious and evident issues between its football club and a huge majority of local fans, including many who live in Wyre, this Council has a duty to promote change to the regulatory system to ensure that energy is spent on building not destroying supporter and community relations, therefore:

This Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the PM Theresa May and the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sports Karen Bradley MP confirming the Councils support for the concept of appointing a Government Independent Regulatory Body for football in the UK.

This Body should address conflicts between owners and fans with the Government to formulate a blueprint for how governance should work and the changes that might be needed to enable such a Body to help prevent future conflicts arising and to help resolve those that do.”

RESOLVED (by 46 votes to 1) that the motion be approved.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 8.52 pm.



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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 12 January, 2018.

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COUNCIL MEETING
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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 12 January 2018.

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	18 January 2018	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. Engagement with Elected Members

2.1 At the last meeting of full Council I stated that it was my intention to engage with all elected Members and as Members we should work together for the benefit of all our residents, businesses and visitors. I have since the last meeting of full Council met, spoken and exchanged emails with a number of elected Members and I will continue to engage with all Members in order to build a positive relationship and an atmosphere that will generate respectful debate particularly in this chamber but the debate should be about issues that are directly related to Wyre. Full Council should be a place where we concentrate and focus on local matters.

3. Ward Walks

3.1 A couple or so years have passed since the Leader and Chief Executive undertook Ward Walks with elected Members. Continuing with the theme of engagement I and the Chief Executive would like to undertake Ward Walks in April and May/June of this year. The format will be similar to last time with Ward Members setting the agenda and arranging meetings with community groups, businesses, volunteers etc. Who we meet and what we see is down to you. In the next few weeks you will be contacted to arrange a date/time convenient for you, me and the Chief Executive to undertake Ward Walks.

4. Overview and Scrutiny

4.1 On the 8 January I presented the refreshed Business Plan to Overview & Scrutiny. Overview & Scrutiny add value to the decision and policy making process and I would like to thank the Members of Overview & Scrutiny for their contributions and for scrutinising our Business Plan before formal consideration by full Council on the 8 March.

5. Northern Powerhouse Meeting

- 5.1** On the 8 January a meeting was held at County Hall the purpose of the meeting was to enable discussions to commence on how the County, two Unitary and District Councils can collaborate so as to ensure we maximise opportunities and play our part in the development of the Northern Powerhouse. As matters progress I will keep Members up to date with further developments.

6. Lancashire District Leaders Meeting

- 6.1** The next meeting of Lancashire District Leaders is the 23 January and I am looking forward to attending my first meeting of that Group as Leader and I will report back to Members at the next meeting of full Council.

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	Council	18 January 2018	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 An updated forecast showing our projected spending levels and the recommended council tax for 2018/19 will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on the 14 February. I can confirm that, as in previous years, Budget Briefings will be arranged for the benefit of members.

2.2 The Council was notified of a provisional core grant settlement of £3.7m for 2018/19 as part of the draft local government finance settlement announced 19 December. This represents a loss in grant of £351,000 or 8.6% from that received in 2017/18. The reduction is £7,000 more than that assumed in the most recent Medium Term Financial Plan. Indicative figures for the subsequent year were also announced following the Council's acceptance of the four-year funding settlement to 2019/20.

2.3 Members will also be aware that the Localism Act allows local residents to veto excessive council tax rises. The Secretary of State (Sajid Javid MP) has confirmed that the core referendum threshold will increase to 3% (which represents an increase of £5.63 in Wyre) on a council tax Band D equivalent property in 2018/19 with the approval of the local electorate being required for any council tax increase above this value.

2.4 The response to the consultation on New Homes Bonus (NHB) funding was also announced with the Secretary of State deciding not to make any changes to the scheme to ensure "continuity and certainty" for local authorities. We also received confirmation of a new award in 2018/19 of £343,878 for four years which was not in the most recent Medium Term Financial Plan. Again, the report to Cabinet in February will provide further detail around the implications of all the recent announcements on the council's financial forecast.

3. Human Resources

3.1 We have commissioned SOCITM, the Membership body for IT professionals and Digital Leaders in Local Government, to carry out an independent review of our IT service. Their role will be to review IT current practices and provide advice and assurances in the following areas:

- To understand whether the Council's infrastructure is suitable to meet its needs following the recent investment;
- To examine the business systems and corporate applications and advise on the relevance and risks associated with "on the premise solutions" versus a "Cloud" based offer;
- To examine the Council IT budget including the devolved elements to understand whether the current approach supports the IT strategy and the Council's aspirations;
- Review the IT governance arrangements and whether these are effective and robust;
- Accessing the Council's future IT plans and their robustness.

3.2 The review commenced in November 2017 and will conclude mid-January with a presentation to CMT highlighting the recommendations for consideration.

4. Procurement

4.1 A new Washroom Services contract has recently been completed working with YPO using their framework. The successful supplier is our existing supplier PHS. The contract is not high value at £5,589 per annum but will deliver a saving of £4,920 over a three year period.

4.2 We have procured a Committee Minute System which will reduce admin time for officers in the collation of agendas and reports and will facilitate paperless meetings in the future.

4.3 Following a period of research with other councils on the various systems available on the market, a tender exercise was conducted using the Chest. Our evaluation was based on 80/20 quality / price. Modern Mindset was the selected supplier as they demonstrated a better level of understanding of our requirements and provided more evidence of their capability to deliver these to the level required by Wyre.

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	18 January 2018	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. Waste and recycling

2.1 The Green waste subscription service for year three will be launched in January, with households receiving direct notification of the sign up methods available.

3. Public conveniences

3.1 Once again the authorities' public toilets have achieved recognition in the annual Loo of the Year Awards held in early December. In conjunction with our partners Danfo we have retained our status as fourth in the country in the Premier league of public facilities and have a place in the Champions League, which recognizes where facilities are maintained to a consistently high standard. To have twenty facilities that have reached gold or platinum standards is a remarkable achievement.

4. Parks and open spaces

4.1 Memorial Park held a series of successful activities in the lead up to Christmas including a Santa's grotto, Christmas market and wreath making workshops.

4.2 Hawthorne Park will host its big garden birdwatch on 28 January which is part of the national RSPB birdwatch event.

4.3 I am pleased to announce that the Friends of Jean Stansfield, Vicarage Park made it through to the final stage of the AVIVA Community Fund bidding process and they are hoping to receive £25,000 towards additional play facilities. The results are to be announced in early April and the project achieved 26,628 public votes.

- 4.4** Towards the end of December we received the news that the Lancashire Environmental Fund approved a grant of £30,000 as a contribution towards plans to transform King George's Playing Field in Thornton. Work to construct the first phase of a play, fitness and habitat trail is now scheduled to commence this spring.
- 4.5** On the 20 November members of the Mount project team and myself joined BBC Radio Lancashire's Sally Naden and Brett Davison to promote the restoration project and the 'Night Sky Adventure' planned for the 19 January at Rossall School Planetarium. This will introduce people to how the sky is used for navigation and the Mount's contribution to meteorology.

5. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Peter Murphy, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	18 January 2018	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 A final Annual Review will be submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) next year. There are still two pending shop front signage grants to administer and these will commence shortly.

Cleveleys

2.2 In December a festive ‘Christmas Cleveleys’ event took place in the town centre. There was a variety of festive street foods and a community carol. It was organised in partnership with the Cleveleys Rotary and the Dream Team Singers.

3. Hillhouse Enterprise Zone (EZ)

3.1 Consultants Mott Macdonald are continuing work on the Hillhouse Masterplan and a six week public consultation will start in early 2018, with formal approval and adoption of the masterplan by the Council in the spring.

3.2 As I stated at the last meeting Wyre Power Ltd (part of the NPL Group), signed a collaboration agreement at the House of Commons with China Machinery Engineering Corporation to progress proposals for a 900MW gas fired power station at the heart of the EZ. This project has been registered with the Planning Inspectorate as a major infrastructure project and pre submission work, including consultation with stakeholders including the Council, will take place in the first half of 2018.

4. Business support

- 4.1** Following the success of the 4th Wyre Business Awards the award winners were showcased in local media publications including the Blackpool Gazette and the Lancashire Evening Post. The twitter news feed on the night of the awards reached an all-time high with streams of social media messages flowing in for days after, meaning that this year's event received more media coverage than ever before.
- 4.2** Small Business Saturday took place on 2 December. Free parking was available on all council car parks to encourage footfall into the town centres. Many businesses across Wyre took part by staying open late and promoting special offers. Independent Garstang Traders offered double points for their Love Garstang Loyalty Shopping scheme, which proved a great success.

5. Planning policy

Local Plan

- 5.1** Following the six week consultation on the 'Publication' draft Wyre Local Plan valid representations have been received from 254 separate individuals/organisations. Each individual matter has been registered as a separate representation and as a result 1,145 representations have been registered and summarised. In addition, 'late' representations were received from 7 individuals/organisations and these have not been accepted as 'duly made' representations and will not be sent to the Inspector.
- 5.2** Owing to the number of issues raised, the Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 31 January.
- 5.3** Following submission, the Inspector will go through the material and may have preliminary questions for the council. The Inspector will then decide what matters need to be further debated at a set of hearings which will be organised by the appointed programme officer. It is expected that the hearing sessions will take place after Easter in April.

6. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	18 January 2018	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. Additional funding for Disabled Facilities Grants

2.1 In the Autumn Budget, the Chancellor announced an additional £42 million of capital funding for Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) in 2017-18 for local authorities in England. DFG is for the provision of adaptations to disabled people’s homes to help them better access, and move around, their homes and/or gardens. Home adaptations can be a welcome intervention for many, enabling people to live independently and safely. There is also flexibility to use some of the additional funding on wider social care capital projects. Our indicative additional budget allocation is £153,604.17 and we have indicated to DCLG that we wish to accept this full allocation.

2.2 I am pleased to confirm that our Disabled Facilities Grant Team have now completed adaptations in well over 100 vulnerable residents’ homes to a value of over £1,000,000 so far in the current financial year.

3. Community Safety

3.1 **Lock it or lose it Campaign** - In response to a spate of opportunistic thefts from vehicles in the Wyre area the Community Safety Team teamed up with colleagues in waste collection to deliver a lock it or lose it campaign leaflet that was distributed with the latest waste collection service leaflet and calendar.

3.2 **Shop Watch** - Our Community Safety Team, together with partners, have applied successfully for £7,400 funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to further develop local shop watch schemes. The aim of Shop Watch is to enable communication between shops, town

centre CCTV and the police. It is hoped that this will help attract new shop members to the schemes and will also provide the police with real time information on incidents as they occur.

- 3.3 White Ribbon Campaign** - On Tuesday 28 November the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner brought together over 40 White Ribbon Ambassadors from Lancashire to learn the latest ways to combat male violence against women and girls. The campaign recognises the role men and boys play in creating a culture where abuse and harassment against women and girls is unacceptable. Myself and Councillor B Birch, together with officers Mark Broadhurst, Neil Greenwood and Ian Williamson attended and explored ways to help tackle domestic abuse. The workshop looked at efforts already being taken to highlight the issue and what other actions Ambassadors could take. We will be taking local action to support The White Ribbon Campaign over the next twelve months.
- 3.4 Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire** - On 11 December I attended the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel for Lancashire. The Police and Crime Commissioner in his report referred to the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary Spring Inspection which rated the efficiency of the Lancashire Police Force as good. However, an inspection of crime data integrity involving 2500 incident logs, to ensure that if a crime had been reported then it had been recorded in the crime system or a suitable negation supplied, revealed significant under reporting and the Inspectorate gave an inadequate rating on this aspect. It was stated that work is already underway to put in place the Inspectorates recommendations.
- 3.5 Police Control Centre Update** - In my October report I mentioned that average times for the Police Control Centre to answer 999 & 101 calls was taking longer. This trend still continues, particularly in answering 101 calls. As a result the Call Centre is being redesigned into three pods or sections (based on the three Lancashire Police Divisions) so as to take calls for their own Division, as this has indicated performance will be improved. This operational change will not be completed until the end of 2018 and, in the meantime, more control room operatives are being recruited.
- 3.6 Increase in Total Crime Figures** - The Commissioner's Report indicated that total crimes across Lancashire have increased by 13% - particular areas of increase were non and less serious injury assaults and public order, burglary, domestic abuse and business crimes, whilst serious assaults and anti-social behaviour incidents had reduced. User (i.e. victim) satisfaction rates with the Police for burglaries, violent crime and hate incidents had gone down. The Police and Crime Commissioner hoped that these satisfaction rates would improve once IT equipment was operational later in the year which would update victims how the crime they had suffered was being dealt with in the criminal justice system.
- 3.7 Anti-Fracking Protests** - The Commissioner mentioned that the anti-fracking protests involved the use of between 50 to 75 police officers per day (sometimes increasing to 100 per day) and was costing in the region of £150,000 per month. Some 329 arrests were made in the first ten months of 2017.

4. Comments and questions

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

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder	Council	18 January 2018	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

Fleetwood Market – Arts and Events Residencies

- 2.1** December was a very busy time at Fleetwood Market. Linda Copeland completed the arts installation, 'A Cosy Living Room', using a void unit and transforming it into a room at the time of Christmases past. Drop in reminiscence sessions were held, which proved very popular, with visitors handling household objects of the past and sharing anecdotes.

- 2.2** The market also hosted professional street theatre walkabouts on Saturdays and hosted choirs during the week. This was all aimed at visitors and traders engaging with the arts and having an uplifting and inclusive experience.

The Final Homecoming

- 2.3** A grant application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a major Wyre Project that will take place in November 2018, to mark the end of the Centenary of the First World War. The climactic part of the project being a mass participation community parade through Fleetwood involving 1,000+ people from Wyre. An application to the Arts Council will also be submitted.

Volunteering

- 2.4** During the course of November and December the volunteer service has supported the council's Engineering Team with their car park survey. The volunteers completed 73 surveys at Poulton and Cleveleys car parks. This work together with the completed online surveys has proved to be a valuable exercise for the council.

3. Sports development

Trysport

- 3.1** Leaflets for the January to Easter Trysport Programme are being delivered to all schools in Wyre. To view the programme visit wyre.gov.uk/trysport or visit the facebook page named WyreTrysport.

Satellite Clubs

- 3.2** Following on from a number of information sharing events with our delivery partners we are now undertaking consultation with young people in Fleetwood to help understand how best to establish new Satellite Clubs in 2018.

- 3.3** Funded by Sport England, Satellite Clubs are local sport and physical activity clubs designed around the needs and motivations of young people to provide them with positive, enjoyable experiences that make it easy for them to become active or to develop more regular activity habits. The clubs are targeted at young people who are inactive and Fleetwood has been identified as a Sport England priority area.

Club Matters

- 3.4** Since it launched in February 2015 Sport England's Club Matters has sought to provide free guidance, support and learning on all the aspects of running a sports club. Club Matters is a unique, one stop shop that can help sport clubs to grow and develop. They offer a range of support services, from e-learning modules to workshops, on a vast array of relevant club topics. We are undertaking work with Sport England to promote the offer.

4. Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre

- 4.1** More than 3,000 local people were either involved in or came to see this year's Pantomime at Marine Hall. We sold a record number of tickets. Local children were also able to take part in the performance.

- 4.2** This year's family Christmas show at Thornton Little Theatre was 'Santa's Christmas Wish'. Its first performance sold out and a second show was added so as not to disappoint local families.

- 4.3** The Christmas Market at Marine Hall was our most successful ever with over 90 stalls and thousands of visitors. Many stallholders have already booked their places for next year's event.

- 4.4** The 'Harmony and Health' singing group performed at Fleetwood Market as part of this year's festive programme of events. This was the first time that the group had performed in public and it was extremely well received by shoppers and stallholders. Marine Hall held a celebration event for everyone involved in this successful community singing project on Tuesday 19th December. Further Harmony and Health sessions will run at Marine Hall in the New Year and there are plans to develop a new group at Thornton Little Theatre.

5. Tourism

Discover Wyre Visitor Guide 2018

- 5.1** The new guide for Wyre in 2018 will be launched in January 2018 and will be town and village led. Promoting events, places to stay, eating and drinking and attractions. The guide will have a strong healthy living feel promoting rural and coastal Wyre walks as well as key tourism assets to encourage visitor spend. The guide will initially be promoted through a direct mail campaign to 42,000 national households with a view to encourage short breaks to Wyre, as well as an online campaign.

The Cleveleys to Fleetwood Trail

- 5.2** Using local artist Leona Beth, a creative tourism trail will be launched in January 2018 and will promote walks, cycling and accessibility for wheelchair users on the coast from Cleveleys to Fleetwood. Key tourism attractions are promoted en-route to encourage visits and spend from visitors and local people. The main focus of the trail is to promote The Mythic Coastline in Cleveleys and the Five for Fleetwood assets.

6. Comments and questions

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Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Michael Vincent, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	18 January 2018	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 **Together we make a difference** - The Together We Make a Difference team were out 'on the road' from Tuesday 5 to 8 December 2017 at Knott End Library, Fleetwood Library, Great Eccleston Village Hall, Cleveleys Community Centre, Garstang Tourist Information Centre and Poulton market place on the iBus. The team spoke with over 50 visitors about the initiative and took away 17 enquiries to follow up. These enquiries ranged from volunteer placements for people with mental health issues, support to increase the membership of existing groups, supporting people with new and existing projects, support for arts work and events and a parent support group. The tour was very positive with many visitors commenting on the initiative as an innovative way of the council supporting local communities.

3. Health and Wellbeing

- 3.1 **Chair appointed to the Fylde and Wyre Multispecialty Community Provider Leadership Team** - Nigel Richardson has been appointed to Chair the recently established Multispeciality Community Provider (MCP) Leadership Team. The Leadership Team is the group responsible for leading the Alliance and for formulating, agreeing and implementing strategies for integrating out of hospital care via increased cooperation across many areas of prevention and wellbeing, ongoing health and care services and across end of life services.

- 3.2 **Lancashire Better Care Funding** - Working with NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group, just before Christmas, we submitted a number of bids for a potential allocation of Lancashire Better Care Funding to help address Delayed Transfers of Care from local hospitals. I am pleased to report that these bids were successful and we have been awarded; £42,900 for Care and Repair to provide support for patients being discharged from hospital; £17,800 towards the further development

of social prescribing and £20,000 to roll out additional 'Harmony and Health' singing groups and to support the development of a Dementia Hub in Wyre.

4. Environmental Health

- 4.1 Revocation of a licence to sell alcohol** - Following a Police request to review the licence of a local retailer to sell alcohol after a failed underage test purchase, our Licensing sub-committee heard evidence against One Stop Stores of Lord Street, Fleetwood. Representatives from the Police, Trading Standards and our Environmental Health and Licensing Teams gave evidence and the committee decided to revoke the licence which sends a clear message to our licensing trade that Wyre Council and our partners will take action when establishments fail to uphold the licensing objectives including the duty to protect children.
- 4.2 Successful prosecution for food safety offences** - Our Food Safety Team found it necessary to prosecute the owner of a café (The Eating Plaice in Fleetwood) for poor hygiene offences recently. On 13 December 2017, the owner of the business, pleaded guilty to eight offences under section 19 of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013, and was ordered to pay a fine of £900, a victim surcharge of £30 and council costs of £1,801.
- 4.3** This is one of a number of successful food hygiene prosecutions that have been necessary recently, but I would reassure members that most food business proprietors work with us to ensure appropriate food hygiene standards are maintained. However, we must take action against those that do not.
- 4.4** To help guide the public I would remind members that the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme provides information about the standard of hygiene found during an unannounced Environmental Health inspection. The food hygiene ratings of every food business in Wyre can be found at ratings.food.gov.uk.
- 4.5 Praise from the Food Standards Authority for the work of our Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Food Safety** - Our Overview and Scrutiny Committee has received praise for their recent work and support for the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) and its aims from the Food Standards Authority (FSA). In a letter, the FSA state they are very pleased to note the recommendations from the review to build on the scheme by increasing the promotion and public awareness of the scheme and working with businesses to drive up standards. They added that the success of the scheme to date is in no small part due to the commitment and support of local authorities such as Wyre Council.

5. Comments and questions

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Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Peter Mason, Head of Contact Centre	Council	18 January 2018	9

Localised Council Tax Support

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To confirm the continuation of the current Localised Council Tax Support Scheme, originally implemented 1 April 2013, for the 2018/19 financial year.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Improved incentives to work, ensuring resources are used more effectively, so reducing worklessness and ending a culture of benefit dependency.
- 2.2 Compliance with the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and specifically its provisions for the abolition of Council Tax benefit and replacement with new localised schemes.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the current Localised Council Tax Support Scheme be continued into the 2018/19 financial year with the additional maximum percentage contribution from working age claimants being no more than 8.5%.
- 3.2 That the original policy be confirmed, recognising that it includes a number of specified amounts used to calculate entitlement which may change in line with upratings published by the DWP, that there may also be minor adjustments to the scheme should further guidance be received from the DCLG and that the roll out of Universal Credit will ultimately replace existing benefits.

4. Background

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

- 4.2** Support for Council Tax is now offered as reductions within the Council Tax system with claimants of state pension credit age receiving a discount of 100% thereby ensuring that they experience no reduction in support as a direct result of the reform.
- 4.3** Localisation provided local authorities the flexibility to design Council Tax Support schemes for working age claimants taking into account the needs of vulnerable groups and the importance of supporting work incentives. Following a consultation exercise, the Council agreed at their meeting of 29 November 2012 to adopt a scheme which qualified for transitional grant for one year ensuring that:
- Those who would be entitled to 100% support under current Council Tax benefit arrangements pay between zero and no more than 8.5% of their net Council Tax liability;
 - The taper does not increase above 25%;
 - There is no sharp reduction in support for those entering work – for claimants currently entitled to less than 100% support, the taper will be applied to an amount at least equal to their maximum eligible award.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1A to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires the authority to consider whether for each financial year the scheme is to be revised or replaced. The authority must make any revision to its scheme, or any replacement scheme, no later than the 31 January in the financial year preceding that for which the revision or replacement scheme is to have effect. Where this is the case then the procedural requirements in paragraph 3 of that schedule will apply, namely that the authority must:
- Consult any major precepting authority;
 - Publish a draft scheme; and
 - Consult such other persons as it considers are likely to have an interest in the operation of the scheme.
- 5.2** As at the end of September 2017, the number of working age claimants eligible for council tax support was 4,719 compared to 4,803 last year and the number of pensioners eligible for council tax support was 4,681 compared to 4,888 last year. The reduction in overall pension age cases is attributable to an ongoing review of pension credit eligibility that has subsequently impacted on some pensioners' LCTS entitlement. The reduction in working age cases comes as a consequence of the Government's drive to help more unemployed people into work.
- 5.3** The value of the benefit awarded as at the end of September 2017 is £8,343,292 compared to £8,287,968 last year, an increase of £55,324, With the increase being attributable to the increase in Council Tax.

- 5.4** The collection rate for 2016/17 was 97.68%, a reduction of 0.21% when compared to the 2015/16 rate of 97.89%. However, it should be noted that on the introduction of LCTS, the assumed collection rate was reduced from 98.5% to 98%. The reduction being attributable in part to the Government's introduction of an optional 12 monthly instalments scheme.
- 5.5** The Council continues to be involved in recovery work with 12,179 reminders issued in 2016/17 compared with 13,827 in the previous year and 5,307 summonses issued for non-payment compared with 6,029 for the previous year.
- 5.6** The County Council's Cabinet response to Wyre's proposed scheme in November 2012, and especially the adoption of a scheme limiting the contribution from working age claimants to be no more than 8.5%, was as follows:
- 'You are aware that the grant offered by the government will not cover the cost of the scheme as proposed by the Secretary of State. Our initial estimates are that if all the Districts across Lancashire accepted the grant, the additional cost to the County Council could be in the range of £2.5m - £3m in 2013/14, potentially rising to over £5m in 2014/15 (depending on what assumptions are made regarding the number of claimants, and collection levels). Clearly, there would be a financial impact on your Council as well. The County Council is very concerned as to the potential impact that the further reductions required to fund this would have on services to the most vulnerable members of our communities across Lancashire, and does not support the implementation of a scheme which leaves such significant costs to fall on the County Council's revenue budget. The resolution of the County Council's Cabinet is set out below, and I ask that this be taken into account when your Council considers its council tax support scheme.' "The County Treasurer be requested to urge all District Councils to carefully consider their response to the Government's announcement of £100m one-off funding for those authorities who implement a council tax support scheme which ensures that claimants currently on 100% support would not pay more than 8.5% of their net council tax liability and the impact on both their own services and the services provided by the County Council to the most vulnerable people in Lancashire."
- 5.7** There was a similar response from the Fire Authority who went on to say that 'As such the Authority does not support amending the scheme to qualify for the one off grant unless the additional cost is offset by amendments to the level of council tax discounts and exemptions that are currently provided in both 2013/14 and 2014/15.'
- 5.8** It should be noted that Wyre did introduce amendments to the level of discounts and exemptions awarded with effect from 1 April 2013, with further amendments effective 1 April 2014, and still further amendments from 1 April 2016.
- 5.9** An equality impact assessment was completed prior to the original Localised Council Tax Support Scheme being implemented in April 2013.

5.10 As the current scheme has now been in operation since 1 April 2013 and recognising that collection rates are in accordance with the estimate, it is proposed that the existing scheme be continued. This ensures that Wyre will continue to protect the most vulnerable in our society by limiting the maximum contribution to the localised council tax support scheme for those on full benefit to 8.5% when our neighbouring Councils of Blackpool and Fylde already ask their residents to pay 27.11% and 22.7%.

Financial and legal implications																						
Finance	<p>The Council was previously reimbursed by the DWP for expenditure in relation to correctly awarded CTB but as part of the welfare reforms, expenditure on Localised Council Tax Support was reduced by 10%. The Local Government Finance Settlement included £8,077,777 for Council Tax Support in 2013/14 and of this, £963,119 was retained by Wyre.</p> <p>The Government claim that the total level of localised council tax support funding has remained unchanged in cash terms in 2014/15 although there is no separately identifiable amount for localised council tax support at local authority level since it was subsumed within the Revenue Support Grant and Baseline Funding. It is also worth remembering that the Council suffered a reduction in grant funding of £1.022m or 13.6% in 2014/15.</p> <p>Inflating the 2017/18 anticipated expenditure on LCTS of £8,343,000 by 3.49%, Wyre's average council tax increase in 2017/18, indicates that the estimated cost of the scheme for 2018/19 would be approximately £8,634,171. Applying the indicative start-up funding allocation of £8,077,777 leaves an unfunded gap of approximately £556,394 to be met by each precepting body as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">%</th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wyre</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11.4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">63,429</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish/Town Councils*</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1.1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6,120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Combined Fire Authority</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3.9</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21,699</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lancashire Police Authority</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">55,639</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LCC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">73.6</td> <td style="text-align: right;">409,507</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">556,394</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*This is an average cost and will not necessarily be incurred by individual Parish/Town Councils</p>		%	£	Wyre	11.4	63,429	Parish/Town Councils*	1.1	6,120	Combined Fire Authority	3.9	21,699	Lancashire Police Authority	10.0	55,639	LCC	73.6	409,507			556,394
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Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

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

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

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List of appendices

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Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item no.
Cllr Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Children and Young People	Council	18 January 2018	10

Lead Member Report: Children and Young People
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1. Purpose of report

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

2. Current and Future Issues

2.1 A summary of activity is included in Appendix 1 relating to the following issues:

- Fylde and Wyre Children’s Partnership Board
- O&S Children and Young People Task Group
- Sincerely You
- Doherty’s Destiny
- Youth Mayor/Youth Council
- Libraries and Schools

3. Questions and Comments

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

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Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update – January 2018

I have been involved with a wide range of activities across the children and young people's agenda since my last report in January 2017. The following, highlights key areas of work:

Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board

The Board commissioned URPotential to complete a consultation with young people living in Wyre to investigate their perceptions of emotional health and wellbeing. They completed this in partnership with Wyre schools and members of the Wyre youth council. Young people placed a number of issues in the following order; improving our mental health and relieving stress, eradicating bullying and exploring the internet safely, stopping smoking, having a good education about sexual health, helping with weight management and improving our physical health. It was acknowledged throughout the report and by the young people that took part in the focus groups that these issues may well be interrelated to each other or interconnected to wider issues such as poverty. I will continue to work in partnership with URPotential on how we implement the recommendations.

O&S Task Group

I have been chairing the O&S task group looking at how the council can improve its engagement with children and young people. We have met twice to date with a future meeting scheduled for January with County Councillor Susie Charles invited to update on Lancashire County Council's youth provision.

Sincerely You

Lancashire County Council, Leaving Care Service held an exhibition which featured around 60 letters written by children and young people leaving care, to their young selves. The exhibition was in recognition of National Care Leavers' Week, to highlight the needs of care leavers' and to encourage all organisations responsible for looking after them to work effectively together.

I am working in partnership with Lancashire Fire and Rescue, LCC Employment support team on a project looking at what opportunities care leavers have.

Doherty's Destiny

Supporting the charity Doherty's Destiny which was launched by a mum after the tragic passing of her son. The main objectives are to promote positive mental health in young people, establish Towers Woods as a community park and create a parents of suicide victims support group. There are lots of events planned for this year with the aim of raising awareness and I will continue to work with and support this important cause.

Youth Mayor/Youth Council

I continue to work closely with the Youth Mayor and Youth Council to support initiatives for our Children and Young people. We have a wonderful Youth Mayor and I will continue to support her in her ambassador role for young people across Wyre.

Libraries and Schools

Working with LCC on reopening the libraries in Thornton has been a priority along with the takeover of Cleveleys Library by URPotential. Local schools campaigned against the closure. The re-opening of Cleveleys facility is scheduled for April and I will continue to assist with the launch of this exciting project for the benefit of the community and young people.

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