



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda

Wyre Borough Council
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Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Monday, 19 June 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde

1. **Election of Chairman**
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**
3. **Apologies for absence**
4. **Confirmation of minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 April 2017.
5. **Performance - the Council's Business Plan 2016-17** (Pages 5 - 6)

The Service Director Performance and Innovation, Marianne Hesketh, has submitted a report, the 4th Quarter Performance Statement 2016/17, January – March 2017.
6. **Local Plan** (Pages 7 - 12)

Rea Psillidou (Planning Policy and Economic Development Manager) has submitted a report updating the committee on the progress of the Local Plan
7. **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2017-18** (Pages 13 - 16)

The committee will be invited to agree the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18, after considering the following two documents:

 - Draft Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Topics 2018-18
 - Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme May 2017 – April 2018 – Summary

8. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 31 July 2017 at 6pm.



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minutes

Notes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 10 April 2017 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Committee members present:

Councillor I Amos
Councillor R Amos
Councillor C Birch
Councillor Fail
Councillor Hodgkinson
Councillor Ibison

Councillor Jones
Councillor Ormrod
Councillor Robinson
Councillor Smith
Councillor Matthew Vincent
Councillor Michael Vincent

Officers present:

Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation
Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer

Others present:

Councillor Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

OS.77 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Anderton.

OS.78 Declarations of interest

None.

OS.79 Minutes of last meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 6 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

OS.80 Scams and doorstep crime

Amanda Maxim, Trading Standards Manager, Lancashire County Council, made a presentation to the committee.

Ms Maxim summarised Lancashire County Council Trading Standards' priorities. A very broad service was provided, with any crimes that sought to exploit vulnerable people being prioritised.

Scams were frequently changing. Phishing scams were very common, as were scams on dating sites, which often went unreported. It was estimated that 30% of scams took place on the web or via email.

Phone scams were the second most common type of scam in the UK (approximately 29%) and had included:

- Callers pose as banks & send couriers to pick up your bank card
- Money transfers, inheritance, claim a prize, up-front payments required
- Calls to reduce your council tax
- Energy calls - for a free boiler or loft insulation
- Medical survey calls
- Unsolicited phone call from 'computer firms' to help fix computer problems

Older people were often the targets of medical survey scams.

Mail scams remain common, with people being advised they had won a prize or the lottery, or were due to inherit some money. Clairvoyant scams targeted lonely and vulnerable people.

The average cost to each scam victim was just under £2,000 and the average scam victim's age was 73.5 years. Scams could be reported to Lancashire County Council by email or via their Facebook page.

Doorstep crimes also tended to target older people, often repeatedly, with information being exchanged between rogue traders and professional criminals. Offenders developed the ability to understand the thought processes and behaviour patterns of older people. Prolific offenders committed in the region of 500 crimes on average before detection.

Lancashire County Council has been successful with a number of prosecutions recently, although the age and vulnerability of witnesses sometimes made prosecutions more difficult. Offenders were often given suspended prison sentences in addition to the requirement to carry out unpaid work.

Scams and doorstep crimes had a very negative impact on victims, who were often unable to talk about what had happened. The stress and pain of victimisation often resulted in depression, withdrawal and isolation from

family and friends, as well as deterioration in physical and mental health. In some cases victims had considered, attempted or committed suicide.

Ms Maxim suggested that scams and doorstep crimes were not something that could be tackled effectively by any one agency; a joined up approach was required as victims were often already known to care agencies.

Lancashire County Council's doorstep crime strategy included:

- Rapid response (2 officers available for immediate call out)
- Target hardening (working with victims)
- Mediation/disruption
- Banking protocol (banks to identify unusual withdrawals)
- Theatre presentation
- Police and partner training
- Rogue Trader Week
- Roadside checks
- Early warnings
- No Cold Calling zones (16 currently in Wyre)
- Safe Trader Scheme

Ms Maxim explained that Lancashire was working with the National Trading Standards Hub, which aimed to identify scam victims so that they could be visited by Trading Standards officers. There were about three hundred people in Wyre on the list and Ms Maxim and her team aimed to visit each one.

The Chairman, Councillor Michael Vincent, said that the committee's work with the Clinical Commissioning Groups had been very positive and Ms Maxim agreed that it would be helpful for councillors to speak directly to the CCG to ensure that they were involved in helping to identify socially isolated older people.

The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder, Councillor Vivien Taylor, said that she would promote a local campaign on scams and doorstep crime. Ms Maxim confirmed that it would be possible to identify hotspot areas in Wyre so that any campaign could be properly targeted.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Ms Maxim be thanked for her very relevant and informative presentation,
- (ii) Councillor Julie Robinson be requested to raise the subject of scams and doorstep crime at a forthcoming meeting with the Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group,
- (iii) The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder be supported in her suggestion to carry out a local campaign on

scams and doorstep crime.

OS.81 Review of task group recommendations – Building stronger relationships with Town and Parish Councils

Marianne Hesketh presented a note summarising actions taken on the recommendations made, and accepted by the Cabinet, by the Building Stronger Relationships with Town and Parish Councils Task Group. Ms Hesketh reported that the council now had an improved relationship with the Towns and Parishes and channels of communication had been opened up and shown to be more positive, specifically involving the Policy and Engagement Manager.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

OS.82 Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Julie Robinson, the council's representative on Lancashire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, presented a report about the main topics discussed by the committee in 2016. Councillor Robinson explained that the most significant discussions during the year were about the Accident and Emergency Unit at Chorley Hospital.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

OS.83 Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2016-17

The Chairman, Councillor Michael Vincent, explained the background to the proposed task group on the Life In Wyre Residents' Survey and he introduced the draft scoping document.

RESOLVED that a task group on the Life in Wyre Residents' Survey be commenced in May.

OS.84 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the committee be held at 6pm on Monday 22 May 2017 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

The meeting started at 6pm and finished at 6.53pm.

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Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation	Overview & Scrutiny	19 June 2017	5

<p>Council Business Plan – 4th Quarter Performance Statement 2016/17</p> <p>January – March 2017</p>

Summary

The dashboard style report (attached) gives a quick reference to quarterly progress against the council's business plan projects and measures, along with commentary where issues have been identified.

During the period from January – March 2017 (quarter 4), excellent progress has been made, with 13 of the 14 Business Plan projects advancing as planned. The Local Plan has continued to experience delays according to the intended timescales and further detail regarding this along with noteworthy progress regarding a number of other projects are summarised in the 'Comments and Issues' section of the attached report.

Of the measures that have comparable data eight are showing a marked improvement when compared with the previous year. Three of the measures have shown a decline (based on a three percent or more deviation from the comparable period). To give a better understanding of the extent of deviation a 'comparator year/period' column is included in the report. The remaining nine measures are either not significantly different to the previous year's performance, or they are not directly comparable to data held. Further details on these are referred to under the 'Comments and Issues' section.

Full progress information on the business plan projects and measures can be accessed online, via the hyperlinks embedded within the report, by clicking on the relevant project or measure title. *(Please note these links do not work for the general public, however information will be made available on request)*

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Key: G A R B i O X

G = On schedule/target; A = Minor issues; R = Major issues; B = Complete/Ended
 i = no target set; O = No Information; X = Not Started

Direction is based on previous year performance

▲ Increasing (green = improvement, red = worsening)
 ◀▶ No significant change or comparable data unavailable
 ▼ Decreasing (green = improvement, red = worsening)

Projects	
We will improve economic growth, housing and employment through delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Local Plan A new Local Growth Plan /Local Economic Development Strategy 	R G
We will work closely with Fleetwood Town Council to support "Team Fleetwood" and other initiatives to rejuvenate Fleetwood town centre	G
We will restore the Mount and its Gardens in Fleetwood	G
We will construct the Rossall Sea Defence Scheme	G
We will promote the new Enterprise Zone at Hillhouse International Business Park at Thornton	G
We will work with our partners (LCC, Health, Police and Voluntary sector) to support integrated wellbeing, prevention and early help services to reduce demand on specialist services	G
We will develop a programme of work to promote healthy choices and healthier lifestyles to keep people well through better use of our leisure centres, recreational facilities, parks and open spaces	G
We will deliver improvements to the Leisure Centre and Swimming Centre in Garstang by September 2016	B
We will develop support services to help people to stay in their own home	G
We will support Elected Members and Parish and Town Councils to improve neighbourhoods through empowering communities and encouraging active citizenship	G
We will continue our programme of work to maximise the use of our assets	G
We will explore external funding opportunities to help deliver future priorities	G
We will develop our staff so that they can effectively respond to current challenges	G

PLEASE NOTE: The [hyperlinks](#) give further information on each of the projects and measures (this is available with council intranet access only). Further information on the projects and measures is available for members of the public by request via mailroom@wyre.gov.uk or the Engagement Team: 01253 891000

Comments and Issues - Projects

Local Plan – The published timetable for the Local Plan is being updated and will be published in May. Additional [highways evidence](#) provided by Highways England and Lancashire County Council (LCC) Highway Authority has now been received and published. Due to the delay in receiving this information and therefore the subsequent production of necessary supporting documents, the draft Local Plan will not be considered by Council until September, due to summer recess.

The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment level 2 is now approved with the addendum to the Assessment now awaiting Environment Agency approval. The figure of 479 dwellings per annum was agreed by Council as the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for Housing.

Integrated wellbeing, prevention and early help services – During this quarter important progress has been made with the development of better links into both Children’s Social Care and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help services delivered by LCC and with Adult Social Care. In addition to this, a meeting was held with Lancashire Constabulary and LCC to progress use of the council bungalow, at the Poulton Civic Centre site, as a Fylde and Wyre Early Action Hub.

Support services to help people stay in their own homes – Excellent progress has been made this quarter. The ongoing need for additional occupational therapists (OTs) has been addressed following a meeting in March where Wyre, on behalf of Lancashire district authorities, presented a report highlighting the progress and challenges faced in delivering disabled facilities grants across the county. The recruitment of an additional 14 OTs was agreed by LCC.

The Fylde coast has been chosen nationally to be one of the first areas in the country to work towards becoming an Accountable Care System (ACS). The ACS will see health and social care organisations come together to deliver the necessary transformation of services needed and get the most out of each pound spent within the Fylde coast. Partner organisations will retain their own statutory status and organisational identity, but will share responsibility, risks and financial resources.

A meeting was held with LCC and Regenda Housing to discuss the Extra Care Housing Scheme in Fleetwood. Regenda Housing has gained Board support to take the Scheme forward despite housing benefit/revenue uncertainty. The confirmation of LCC’s commitment is now awaited.

Improve neighbourhoods through empowering communities - The [Together We Make A Difference Network](#) has been launched this quarter and has included a number of awareness and relationship building exercises with parish councils, partner organisations and staff. Two referrals have been received thus far and they are currently being scoped.

Measures	Actual	Comparator year/period	Direction
Number of additional houses built (net cumulative)	453	306	▲
Number of affordable dwellings built	103	37	▲
Number of businesses supported	409	418	◀▶
Number of businesses registered with Wyred Up (cumulative)	4,707	4,682	▲
Out of work benefit claimant count	1,130	1,045	▲
Town centre vacancy rates	7.78%	8.20%	◀▶
Visitor Numbers	4.6 million	4.6 million	◀▶
Excess weight in adults (obesity & overweight measure)	65.0% (13/15)	65.2% (12/14)	◀▶
Excess weight –child 10-11 years(obesity & overweight measure) ANNUAL	31.1% (15/16)	34.6% (14/15)	▲
Number of referrals for early action	16	Not reported	◀▶
% clients enabled to remain living in their own home (Care & Repair)	98.5%	99.9%	◀▶
Number of leisure centre customers visits	870,000	Not reported	◀▶
Satisfaction with sport and leisure facilities#	63%	66%	▼
Number of volunteer hours offered	29,518	26,304	▲
Satisfaction with parks and open spaces#	76%	82%	▼
% of people satisfied with where they live#	82%	82%	◀▶
% of people that agree the council provides value for money#	55%	46%	▲
% of residents very or fairly well informed#	63%	59%	▲
Annual Efficiency Savings Delivered	£350,159 (estimated)	£353,322	◀▶
% capital spend funded by external funding	94% (estimated)	91%	▲

Comments and Issues – Measures

Both the **number of additional houses and affordable dwellings built** continue to show a marked increase on previous years with a higher year-end total than any previous year held on electronic record (i.e. since 2008/09).

The **out of work benefit claimant count** and the **satisfaction with parks and open spaces and with sport and leisure facilities** commentaries are as given in the [quarter 3](#) report.

- taken from the biennial Life In Wyre survey – results published December 2016.

Wyre Borough Council

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19th June 2017

Wyre Local Plan Preparation Update

1. Update on current Progress on the Local Plan

i. Housing Requirement and distribution.

It was reported last June (2016) that the unconstrained housing Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) figure of 479 dwellings per annum was reported to full Council in April through the Portfolio Holder's Executive Report. This equates to 9,580 dwellings over the plan period (2011-2031).

Work is on-going on the Local Plan housing trajectory which will establish the Local Plan requirement, i.e. what level of housing can be delivered in the Local Plan by 2031. Following publication of the Highways Evidence at the end of February there is a minimum shortfall of 1400 dwellings over the plan period. The main constraining factor is highways capacity which sets upper limits for growth in individual settlements. The Local Plan will seek to identify land to meet the limits indicated in the highways evidence where possible.

Work is progressing in completing the annual housing land monitoring report as at 31 March 2017 which will establish completions and planning permissions in 2016/17 and timescales for delivering sites. This will feed into finalising the Local Plan housing trajectory.

As noted above at present (before work on the housing trajectory is finalised) the Local Plan will at best only make provision for about 8,180 of the 9,580 dwellings needed – a shortfall of 1,400 dwellings. This is an improved position from the previous guesstimate of 7,300 dwellings.

In response to a matter raised by the Inspector at the Fylde Local Plan examination with regards to implications for housing need taking into account the latest forecasts and projections, consultants have been asked to carry out sensitivity testing of the OAN figure using the latest 2017 economic forecasts and 2014 household projections. This work is due to be completed end of June.

ii. Draft Local Plan

Following publication of the highways evidence a second draft Local Plan was prepared in order to progress work on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Sustainability and Habitat Regulation Assessments and Local Plan Viability Assessment. Progress on these studies is covered in the 'Infrastructure and Viability Work' and 'Evidence Base' sections.

The second draft Local Plan differs from the draft prepared last September with more development along the A6 and less on the Peninsula and Over Wyre in response to the highway evidence.

As reported previously the first draft Local Plan prepared last summer was used as the basis for further engagement with Infrastructure Providers and stakeholders such as Ward

Members, Parish and Town Councils and two of the three MPs¹ between August and October 2016.

The second draft Local Plan is being used as the basis for further engagement with infrastructure providers and in particular the local education authority and clinical commissioning groups. There is also further engagement with representatives of some parish and town councils on a confidential basis, where new development will be proposed in addition to what has planning permission. Meetings have been held with representatives of Inskip, Stalmine, Great Eccleston and Forton PCs. A joint meeting is being organised with representatives from Cabus PC and Garstang TC and a further meeting with Forton PC. Engaging with PC/TC can be an onerous exercise especially where alternatives have been put forward for consideration as was the case with regards to two PCs.

As previously reported the draft Local Plan comprises –

1. Draft Vision and Objectives which have been revised taking into account comments received during the public consultation on the 'Issues and Options' document in summer 2015.
2. Draft Development Management Policies which have been finalised and circulated to ward Members and PC/TC representatives during the briefings in August - October.
3. Draft Site Allocations and Designations as shown on the draft Policies Map. The draft allocations for housing, employment and mix uses are being finalised.

iii. Infrastructure Planning and viability work

The second draft Local Plan is being used as the basis for further engagement with Infrastructure providers in order to finalise the Local Plan and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Meetings have been held with LCC as Local Education Authority and with United Utilities (UU). No final comments have been received from UU and a further meeting with UU is being organised mid June 2017. Comments from the LEA have been received with only one outstanding issue.

Attempts to engage with the various Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in order to finalise their position has been unsuccessful thus far. It has not been possible to arrange meetings with them. As previously reported meeting with infrastructure providers is a lengthy and resource intensive exercise and depends on getting a timely response from them. These meetings are necessary in order to finalise the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which is required to accompany the Local Plan and ideally should be in place when the Council considers the draft Local Plan.

The draft Local Plan had been forwarded to the Council's viability consultants in order to progress the Local Plan Viability Assessment. There has been a delay due to the lead consultant leaving and another needing to pick up the work. There is no indication at present that the generic viability work carried out last year needs to be updated before the evidence can be completed.

iv. Evidence Base

1. As previously reported the following pieces of evidence are now complete and published on the Council's website:
 - 2012 Employment Land and Commercial Leisure Study

¹ It should be noted that it has not been possible to meet with Paul Maynard MP.

- 2015 Employment Land Study Update and Addendum
- 2011 Fylde Coast Retail Study
- 2013 Fylde Coast Retail Study Update
- 2013 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Addendums I (2015) and Addendum II (2016);
- 2016 Green Belt Study;
- 2015 Rural Affordable Housing Needs Study.
- 2013 Green Infrastructure Study
- 2016 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1
- 2016 Settlement Study
- 2016 Settlement Profiles
- Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople (GTAA) Study Update.

Since the last Scrutiny Report the following evidence has been completed and published: -

- 2016 Highways England Evidence Base
 - 2017 Lancashire County Council Highways Evidence
2. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Level II and its Addendum has not yet been finalised. As previously reported the SFRA Level II main Report is complete and has been endorsed by the Environment Agency, (EA), LCC Flood Authority and UU.

However the EA has outstanding issue with the Addendum and the Flood Risk Sequential Paper. There is on-going liaison with the EA since March 2017 also involving also Council Engineers to resolve outstanding issues so that the evidence has the endorsement of the EA before it is published. It has been difficult and time consuming trying to resolve issue through e mail exchanges but the EA refuses to attend a meeting with engineers from both the Council and EA to discuss issues and agree what needs to be done. Ultimately EA may not endorse the Addendum and the Flood Risk Sequential Paper and this may be an issue at examination.

3. Work has progressed on the Local Centre Study update. The boundaries of all town, district and local centres have been reviewed and have been taken into account in preparing the draft Local Plan. This work has not been finalised.
4. No further heritage and ecology assessments are required.
5. As reported in November there will not be a bespoke Health Impact Assessment, (HIA) on the Local Plan. Health issues will be covered in the Sustainability Appraisal. Undertaking HIA could potentially delay the process. At this stage it is necessary to concentrate on completing the required evidence/assessments.
6. The Local Plan will be accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment.

v. **Duty to Co-operate Meetings**

As previously reported, meetings have now been held with all adjoining local authorities to establish strategic cross boundary issues. Wyre's inability to meet in full its Objectively Assessed Needs for housing because of constraints is a strategic cross boundary issues which has been raised with all adjoining authorities. A formal letter from our Chief Executive has been sent to the Chief Executives of all adjoining Local Authorities (except Ribble Valley) requesting assistance in meeting housing need in Wyre in 2016. The matter was also discussed in the Fylde Coast Joint Officers and Members MoU meeting in June

2016 and subsequent officer meetings. No local authority has indicated that they are able to assist.

A meeting was arranged in March to present the final highways evidence to adjoining local authorities which was attended by an officer from LCC Highways. No comments have been received from any local authority including Blackpool which is a separate highways authority from LCC.

At a Fylde Coast duty to cooperate meeting on the 5 May 2017, Blackpool raised questions with regards to the housing and employment evidence and the Council's interpretation of the evidence. Blackpool is now questioning whether the OAHN annual figure of 479 is correct. This is frustrating as Blackpool were aware that this was the figure since early 2016. A session has been organised for the 5 July 2017 where the consultants who prepared the employment land and joint housing evidence can present the evidence to officers from adjoining local authorities.

As previously reported further collaboration is needed with adjoining authorities and in particular with Fylde and Blackpool who share responsibility for housing needs within the joint Housing Market Area once the highways evidence is complete. It will be necessary to get a position statement from each adjoining authority. We have not received any specific comments on any of the evidence from any local authority. A duty to co-operate meeting with all adjoining local authorities has been arranged for the 14 July to agree the approach in addressing the housing shortfall in Wyre.

vi. Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) & Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA)

As reported previously the first draft Local Plan prepared last summer was used to progress this work which could take six to eight weeks. An interim Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report on the emerging local plan was received last October. Using the second draft Local Plan a draft Sustainability Report was received in May. This is being checked before it can be finalised.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening on the emerging Local Plan was carried out in September and Natural England (NE) have agreed with the conclusions for an Appropriate Assessment (AA) in relation to draft allocations. A Technical Note (analysis of raw data and draft methodology) was produced in December to enable early engagement with NE. Comments were received early in January and a meeting was held on the 24 January to discuss the HRA requirements of potential allocation and agree the methodology. NE would not agree the methodology in advance of seeing the final HRA but advised on data sources which consultants have followed.

An HRA was carried out on the second draft Local Plan and comments have been received from NE raising many issues. Some issues can be resolved however there are issues which relate to NE's approach with regards to the Wyre Local Plan. NE's stance in relation to a number of sites is considered unreasonable and inconsistent with their approach in relation to other Local Plans including Fylde Local Plan which is currently going through examination. The main issues which could affect Local Plan progress and deliverability relate to mitigation and recreational pressures.

We will be seeking legal advice on the issues raised and also raising concerns with DCLG. Ultimately NE may not endorse the HRA and this may be an issue at examination.

2. Overall Programme

The Local Development Scheme was amended in May 2017. The amended LDS indicates

Publication of Local Plan for public consultation
Submission Plan to Inspector for Examination
Hearing Sessions
Adoption

September 2017
December 2017
Spring 2018
End 2018

3. Issues affecting progress

- a) Engagement with various organisations including adjoining local authorities, Parish/Town Councils and infrastructure providers is time consuming and depend on a timely response from the various stakeholders. At this stage work should have been progressing on background papers rather than chasing responses and seeking engagement.

The Local Plan cannot be finalised until the implications for infrastructure from proposed growth is known. As noted above it has not been possible to engage with the various CCGs. Furthermore North Lancashire CCG has now joined with South Lakes CCG as Morecambe Bay CCG and we need to establish new contacts. Although United Utilities are now engaging on the Local Plan this is at a very late stage which is causing difficulties in finalising the Plan. Comments from infrastructure providers potentially can have implications for the Housing trajectory which will set the housing requirement for the Local Plan and the viability assessment. For example comments from infrastructure providers may indicate that development in a certain location must be delayed which will mean that the quantum of development within the Plan period could be reduced.

- b) Resolving issues with statutory consultees is also time consuming. As reported above Natural England (NE) has raised a number of issues on the HRA some requiring additional work. NE have now raised new issues and appear to be adopting a different approach than their approach in relation to other Local Plans. There has been on-going liaison over several weeks with Environment Agency to resolve issues.
- c) As previously reported, the 2016 Housing and Planning Act covers further planning reforms. As yet there has not been any major impact on the Local Plan process. As measures are introduced through regulations there might be implications for the work of the team in terms of diverting resources.
- d) As previously reported a Neighbourhood Plan Area boundary at Dolphinholme has now been confirmed. There has not been anything further regarding the Neighbourhood Plan at Dolphinholme. An application for a Neighbourhood Plan Area designation at Barton has been received and it is currently subject to public consultation ending on 23rd of June.

To date neighbourhood planning work has not had a significant impact on Local Plan work. This is partly due to both neighbourhood plans at Barton and Dolphinholme being joint plan straddling the boundaries of Preston and Lancaster respectively and the adjoining authorities being the lead authority. The Council will have to comply with Neighbourhood Planning regulations as necessary and as previously indicated potentially this could divert resources from the Local Plan.

4. Critical Work in the next three months

- Confirming the Local Plan housing requirement remains the top priority
- Completing the Sustainability Assessment / Strategic Environmental Assessment, (SA/SEA); Habitat Regulations Assessment, (HRA); Viability Assessment, and Equality Impact Assessment, (EIA).
- Finalising the Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Progress engagement with adjoining Local Authorities under the duty to co-operate with regarding to OAN requirement in Wyre.
- Complete all other Evidence work including background papers

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DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME TOPICS 2017-18

PROPOSED TASK GROUPS	NOTES and PROVISIONAL DATE
Digital transformation	<p>To consider how the council might become more digital and so more paperless, with the benefit of potential cost savings.</p> <p>This might include whether members/ officers could use iPads or equivalent hardware in order to access/ share agendas and other info wherever possible.</p> <p>It would be likely that savings on paper, printing, printer maintenance, etc. might well outweigh the costs of a more digital set up.</p> <p>This approach has been implemented at some other local authorities and has resulted in significant savings. It is also better for the environment.</p>
Maximising the return from our assets	<p>Referred to as a Key Project in Business Plan 2015 – 2019 (2017 update) under 'Engaging Wyre'.</p> <p>To reflect Wyre's increasingly commercial approach.</p>
Children and young people	<p>To help redress an imbalance in the Business Plan, which includes relatively few references to children and young people.</p>
TO BE CONSIDERED AS REPORTS TO COMMITTEE	
Wyre Campaigns Plan	July 2017
Review of council's treasury management arrangements	<p>Statutory requirement.</p> <p>November/December 2017.</p>
Budget scrutiny - fees and charges, capital growth bids	<p>Annual consideration – likely to be considered by reports to committee in October/November 2017</p>
Value for money profiles	<p>Review of the comparative profiles previously produced by the Audit Commission.</p> <p>October/November 2017.</p>
Wyre Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	<p>All CSPs are required to be the subject of scrutiny review at least annually.</p> <p>March 2018.</p>

Business Plan performance reports	June 2017, September 2017, December 2017 and March 2018
Local Plan update reports	June 2017, October 2017 and February 2018
Dementia in Wyre	October 2017
Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Review of implementation of recommendations of the CCGs Task Group, which reported to the Cabinet on 20 January 2016 (ii) Current issues <p>Date to be agreed</p>

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	19-Jun	31-Jul	11-Sep	09-Oct	06-Nov	11-Dec	08-Jan	05-Feb	12-Mar	16-Apr		
Work Programme update report												
Community Safety Partnership (to include PCC)												
Performance review (quarterly)												
Local Plan progress report												
LCC Health Scrutiny Committee												
Holding the Exec to account for forthcoming decisions												
Leader (Business Plan)												
Task Groups Reporting to Committee												
Waste and recycling collection services												
Life In Wyre												
Digital transformation *												
Maximising the return from our assets *												
Children and young people - the Business Plan *												
Other work and reports to committee												
Wyre Campaigns Plan												
Dementia in Wyre												
Review Food Hygiene TG recs												
Review Domestic Abuse TG recs												
Fees & charges												
Head of Finance: VFM profiles												
Head of Finance: Treasury Management												
CCG - update												
Community Safety Partnership												

* Subject to confirmation of the O&S Work Programme 2017/18

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