

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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