

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: £47,800 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 Place 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

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