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### Lead Member Report: Children and Young People

#### 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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