

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	14 June 2018	7(a)

**Executive Report: Leader of the Council**

**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. Recent activities**

- 2.1** On 1 May I attended a meeting at The Mount, Fleetwood to discuss our Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) bid with key members of the HLF Team. We anticipate a decision on the bid in June/July and Members will be kept up to date with progress.
- 2.2** On Sunday 6 May I attended the unveiling of the Sir Fleetwood Hesketh statue which is located in Euston Gardens. The event was well attended and I would like to pay thanks to the Fleetwood Historical Society who have been the driving force behind the project to install a statue in the gardens.
- 2.3** The Chief Executive and I are nearing the completion of our Ward Walks and Members should be very proud of how they support and represent their communities and it has been a pleasure to meet and greet residents, community groups and business owners in the various Wards. I would like to take this opportunity to put on record my thanks to the numerous volunteers that I have met during my Ward Walks. Volunteers play an important role in supplementing the excellent work that we do in this Borough, particularly the Parks Friend Groups whose valuable contributions ensure that we receive year after year Green Flag awards for our Parks.
- 2.4** As Members are aware the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into force on the 25 May and whilst the Council has registered all Members and arranged a mandatory training session, this is just the beginning of the journey and all Members as Data Controllers in their own rights will need to ensure they have put in place the appropriate technical measures to protect the personal information they process. Failure to take such action, could lead to the Councillor themselves facing a large fine or even prosecution.

- 2.5** If Members are in any doubt about what actions they need to take to ensure full compliance with GDPR they should, without hesitation, contact Joanne Billington, Head of Governance.

### **3. Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board**

- 3.1** On 2 May 2018 the first meeting of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board (EPB) took place and I was elected Vice Chairman.
- 3.2** The purpose of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board is to bring together local authority partners Blackpool Borough Council, Fylde Borough Council and Wyre Borough Council in a robust, formally constituted arrangement which will help shape and drive economic development across the Fylde Coast.
- 3.3** The EPB will act as a joint committee pursuant to powers under the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000 and under the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and will comprise of the constituent authorities and three co-opted members, one each from each constituent area. Our co-opted member is Peter Worthington, Managing Director of Builders Supplies West Coast.
- 3.4** Members can access the EPB agenda papers and minutes via our website.

### **4. Lancashire District Leaders and Shadow Combined Authority Meetings**

- 4.1** Lancashire District Leaders met on the morning of 21 May followed by an afternoon meeting of the Shadow Combined Authority but owing to holiday commitments I was not able to attend either meeting but on my behalf Cllr Roger Berry attended the Shadow Combined Authority meeting.
- 4.2** Fylde Council have taken the decision not to attend meetings of the Shadow Combined Authority but as agreed in December 2015 whilst we are not formally part of the Shadow Combined Authority the Chief Executive and I (or a nominated substitute) will continue to attend so that I can report back to Members.
- 4.3** At the Shadow Combined Authority meeting various topics were discussed including updates from the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership, discussion on the Lancashire Strategic Economic Plan and Local Industrial Strategy and the consultation on Transport for the North.

### **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.