

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Michael Vincent, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	14 June 2018	7(d)

Executive Report: Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Coastal Community Teams (Fleetwood and Cleveleys)

Fleetwood

- 2.1 A final Annual Review will be submitted to MHCLG later this year. There is still one grant left for shopfronts and we are currently working with Regenda to continue support for retailers in Fleetwood.

Cleveleys

- 2.2 After a successful partnership with HMP Kirkham they have now completed the painting of the bollards. They have commenced the second phase of improvements which includes the repainting of some benches and lampposts.
- 2.3 Blackpool and Fylde College art students are still working on a voluntary basis designing an interactive map of Cleveleys Town Centre to be installed at the bus station shelter.
- 2.4 Future project plans include speciality markets in the town, and exploring options for a weekly market.

3. Hillhouse Enterprise Zone (EZ)

- 3.1 Progress continues to be made on the masterplan with How Planning appointed to complete the Planning Policy element of the document. A final draft of the full document will be circulated towards the end of June with Public and Statutory Consultation commencing in July.

- 3.2 Marketing for the site and new signage is underway and the website www.hillhouseez.com went live on 11 May.

4. Business support

- 4.1 The next Wyred Up event will take place on June 20th at Thornton FC. Lesley Burrows from Positive Footprints Network is our guest speaker and her presentation will be how to inspire young people to discover their potential. A survey has gone out to all Wyred Up members to help form the new phase in Wyred Up. We are looking at developing the Wyred Up offer including membership and will re-establish the strategic board.

5. Planning policy

Local Plan

- 5.1 The draft Local Plan has been under formal examination since submission on 23 January 2018. The hearings took place at the Civic Centre during the weeks commencing 14 May, and 21 May, and a review session took place on 5 June. We are now waiting for the Inspector's response which may be in the form of additional questions, an interim report, or a final report which is expected in the autumn.

6. Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs)

Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility – Halite

- 6.1 The Development Consent Order (DCO) was granted for this project on 17 July 2015. The DCO set out a number of formal Requirements (similar to conditions on a planning permission) which the council is responsible for discharging and monitoring. Many of these requirements relate to matters that must be discharged/approved by the local planning authority before any works can commence on any stage of the development. Halite continue to submit applications for the discharge of a number of these requirements with a view to formally commencing work on the ground once all necessary requirements have been discharged.

A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme

- 6.2 The formal pre-submission public consultation on this scheme has now ended. A formal response on behalf of the council was submitted by the head of Planning Services under delegated powers. Comments were made on the scheme details, but it was also submitted that the scheme should not be considered to be the sole solution to the issues on the A585 and the improvement should be part of a wider package of measures to include other key parts of the road and its critical junctions.

Hillhouse Enterprise Zone Power Station – Wyre Power

- 6.3 This scheme has been registered with the Planning Inspectorate although the timetable for formal submission of the application is not yet known. Preliminary investigative work on the environmental impact of the development is ongoing and I will update Members as the scheme progresses

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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