

Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	June 2018	7(e)

<p>Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder</p>
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

2. Community Safety

Youth Intervention

- 2.1 The Community Safety Partnership has undertaken significant work on addressing youth anti-social behaviour. To support this work we submitted a bid for funding to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and have recently been notified that the bid was successful. The funding has been awarded to run a pilot scheme that will help children to develop and improve their decision making skills when faced with situations that could result in them being drawn into situations that might lead them into conducting anti-social behaviour.

Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment

- 2.2 The Council has a statutory requirement to participate in a strategic assessment of issues and threats relating to crime and disorder within the District as outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The strategic assessment is produced on a three-year cycle, which allows capacity to develop partnership intelligence assessments on significant threats, issues and gaps in knowledge.
- 2.3 Across Lancashire, Community Safety Partnerships work in tandem with data analysts at Lancashire Constabulary. The last time this process was completed was in 2015 and work has now started on the next strategic assessment. In order to assist in this process a Fylde Coast workshop was held at the Civic Centre on 17 May 2018, with representatives attending from relevant agencies including ourselves, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Lancashire County Council, Blackpool Council and Fylde Council. It is the intention that a

Lancashire-wide strategic assessment will be produced together with individual District specific profiles that will then be used by the Partnerships to inform strategic planning.

Organised Crime

- 2.4** Organised crime is a growing threat to our communities as criminal organisations seek to increase their influence. In order to respond to this national threat Wyre, Fylde and Lancaster City Council have agreed to work closely together with Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services and Lancashire County Council Trading Standards. The work will include regular meetings intended to identify suspected organised crime groups and a coordinated response to disrupt activity.

3. Disabled Facilities Grants Grant Determination 2018/19

- 3.1** On 16 May we received our Disabled Facilities Grant Determination for 2018-19. We have been awarded an allocation of £1,698,819 an increase upon our allocation of £1,563,469 last year of nearly 9%. This is one of the highest awards in Lancashire.

4. Flood Resilience

- 4.1** Overview and Scrutiny conducted the first meeting of the Flooding Task group looking into the role of Councillors in preparing communities to be more flood resilient, actions during an event and the important role during the recovery phase. Their report will be presented to Cabinet in due course.

5. Rossall Coastal Defence Scheme

- 5.1** Completion of the £62 million scheme was celebrated on 1 June with a formal ceremony in the morning and a charity and community event in the afternoon.

6 Wyre Beach Management Scheme

- 6.1** Indicative funding of £40.4 million has been allocated to the Wyre Beach Management scheme over the full 100 year life of the scheme. The first phase of this scheme is estimated to cost £22 million and will provide better protection to 11,000 properties. An application for studies leading to an outline business case and initial design of the works has been submitted to the Environment Agency for approval. Potential works involve beach management structures, beach nourishment and dune management across the frontage but concentrating on the area immediately north of Cleveleys (Rossall Beach) and the Fleetwood frontage north of the new Rossall scheme.

7. Car Parking

- 7.1** A report on the car parking consultation was received by Overview and Scrutiny in May. The consultation report highlighted parking charges, payment methods, discounts for residents, length of stay and special / larger bays as key areas.

8. Comments and questions

- 8.1** 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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