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Cllr. Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	14 June 2018	7(f)

<p><b>Executive Report: Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder</b></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 Leisure Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

## 2. Environmental Health

### Food Safety

- 2.1 For the financial year 2017/18 the Council undertook 866 food safety interventions in food establishments across Wyre. The percentage of food establishments considered broadly compliant with food safety legislation in Wyre is now 95% which represents a significant shared achievement by our food businesses and the Food Safety Team. I would like to assure the public that the Council does not tolerate poor food safety standards in food businesses and the team takes appropriate enforcement action when necessary. Last year we undertook three prosecutions.
- 2.2 Regarding our food businesses, I would like to thank the vast majority of food business owners in Wyre for their continued co-operation and the shared goal of keeping our residents safe by maintaining good standards of food hygiene. Members of the public are able to check the standard of hygiene at their favourite restaurant or café by checking food hygiene ratings at:-  
<http://ratings.food.gov.uk/QuickSearch.aspx?refla=lr45mhdmmx0%3d>

## 3. Licensing

- 3.1 Licensing taxi drivers is an important public safety function that the Council undertakes as part of its licensing services. In February we were forced to revoke the licence of a taxi driver as we were satisfied that he had abused a position of trust and had failed to disclose this information to us as the Licensing Authority. The driver appealed our decision to the Magistrates Court and I am pleased to confirm that the appeal was

dismissed on 16 May 2018. All of our licensed drivers are entrusted with the safety and security of the travelling public, some of whom are extremely vulnerable. The case has affirmed our position that licensed drivers must display high standards of honesty and integrity if they are to operate in Wyre.

#### **4. Arts, Events and Volunteering**

##### **Just Reminiscing at Fleetwood Market**

- 4.1** The drop in 'Just Reminiscing' reminiscence project started on 18 May and is now taking place at Fleetwood Market every Friday morning. The project is an opportunity for visitors to handle objects and replicas from the past and chat about memories. It involves eight newly recruited volunteers and is a new catalyst for using reminiscence and creative approaches throughout the borough in residential and community settings. Each volunteer has been trained to be a dementia friend.

#### **5. Sports Development**

##### **Wyre Sports Awards**

- 5.1** Nominations for the Wyre Sports Awards are now open with a closing date of Friday 13 July. Nominations can be made on: <http://www.lancshiresportsawards.co.uk/nominate/>.

The categories this year are:

- Volunteer of the year
- Coach of the year
- Club of the year
- Lifetime achievement award
- Service to underrepresented groups
- Community project of the year
- Young achiever of the year
- Primary school of the year
- Secondary school of the year

##### **Performance Pass**

- 5.2** Local athlete Lauren Brook from Thornton Cleveleys has been awarded a performance pass at the YMCA leisure centres in Wyre to support her training in representing Great Britain in her age group for triathlon. The costs of competing at a national level are well documented and the performance pass scheme allows our elite sportsmen and women free access to our facilities. Lauren is very grateful for this support and has agreed to support appropriate community based events in return.

#### **6. Marine Hall and Thornton Little Theatre**

- 6.1** Comedian, Ed Byrne and stars of 'Strictly Come Dancing' Ian Waite and Oti Mabuse performed to almost full houses at Marine Hall in May. Both of these shows were held mid-week and were a hit with customers who lived locally as well as others who had travelled from further afield. Many

of those travelling from further away had booked into hotels and planned a break around their visit supporting the local economy.

- p6.2** In April, Thornton Cleveleys Operatic Society staged their hugely successful 'Songs from the Shows' at Thornton Little Theatre. They played to almost full houses at each of the six performances across the weekend.
- 6.3** Our new programming policy for the theatres is to improve the financial return from larger commercial shows in order to keep community rates competitive and attractive for local hirers.
- 6.4** Our 'Harmony and Health' singing sessions at Marine Hall were featured in a BBC news item about 'Healthier Fleetwood' over the first May Bank Holiday.

## **7. Mental Health Awareness Event**

- 7.1** Wyre Council officers supported an event at Cleveleys Plaza, organised by Doherty's Destiny and Cllr Andrea Kay on Sunday 20 May. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of mental health issues in young people through a music festival #JamesFest. The event was very well attended by young people and families.

## **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.