

Report of:	To:	Date
Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	1 December 2022

Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

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

- 2.1** Fleetwood - Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP). As I reported at the last meeting, we have been undertaking work to promote the community alcohol partnership.
- 2.2** A survey is currently being undertaken seeking the views of the community on young people (under the age of 18) drinking in public places by posting social media links, door knocking in the community and promoting the survey within the Fleetwood ASDA supermarket.
- 2.3** The results of the survey will help the partnership understand how the community perceives the problem and the extent of their concerns and help formulate an action plan to address some of the concerns raised.
- 2.4** In addition as part of the Community Alcohol Partnership, multi-agency teams (including Wyre Council's Health and Partnerships officer) visited Poulton and Fleetwood during the evenings of 27 and 28 October attempting to engage with young people.
- 2.5** As part of the operation young people identified as being intoxicated were taken to a safe place to recover. Whilst waiting for parents to collect them the young person would receive expert advice from the charity "we are with you" who provide drug and alcohol support to young people aged 25 and below in Lancashire.
- 2.6** During October we promoted the, "no excuse for abuse" campaign via social media, shining a light on unacceptable behaviours. This campaign will be taken into licensed premises where we will be distributing beer mats highlighting the no excuse for abuse material and directing victims to the national domestic violence free phone number.

The council will also be supporting white ribbon day, where men commit to speaking out against any form of domestic abuse.

3. Housing

- 3.1** Lancashire Housing with Care and Support Steering Group - A Lancashire Housing with Care and Support Steering Group has been established. Chaired by our Chief Executive, Garry Payne, and attended by representatives from the District Councils (including our Head of Housing and Community Services, Mark Broadhurst), Lancashire County Council, Registered Providers and NHS, this group is tasked with highlighting and coordinating the important role of housing in supporting those with health and care needs.
- 3.2** This will involve building effective working relationships with the newly formed Integrated Care Board and Integrated Care System partners to support more people to live independently in the community, outside of institutional settings and also to support a significant and sustained increase in the stock of supported housing that is there for when people need it.
- 3.3** A new Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan is to be developed. Stage 1 of the delivery of this plan will include the development and refinement of a housing needs evidence base (including evidence on the needs of older people; people with learning disability/autism, people with mental health needs and people with physical disabilities). Stage 2 will then look at the development of a Lancashire Accommodation with Support Plan. This will include consultation with local partners and stakeholders and will cover: evidence of housing need; delivery proposals; the approach to be adopted to work with housing providers/developers and timescales.

4. Wyre Beach Management Scheme

- 4.1** The scheme's project Board accepted the contractor's proposal for the phase 1 works at its meeting on 11 October 2022. Signing of the Phase 1 contract has now been completed. Inflation is raising the cost of the overall scheme beyond current approvals. The Environment Agency have produced documentation on how inflation is to be managed and an application for additional funding in line with this guidance was made in November.
- 4.2** The Marine Management Organisation's (MMO's) public consultation commenced on 27 October following adverts in local newspapers and the London Gazette. The MMO are consulting on the full coastal scheme (Phase 1 revetment fronting promenade north, Cleveleys and phase 2 rock groynes and revetment works between the borough boundary at Cleveleys and the Marine Lakes Fleetwood). Consideration and response to this consultation together with the planning responses for the phase 2 works is ongoing.

5. Our Future Coast Project (Formerly ECO-CoBS)

- 5.1** Following excellent work by Wyre's communications team and wider consultation the ECO-CoBS project has been rebranded, as Our Future Coast project. The project received approval for the business case for £9.65m in October 2022. A workshop was held involving 36 partners on 4 November 2022. The Board has appointed a chair Tom Burdit who is Chief Executive of Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Morecambe Bay Partnership. The project led by Wyre as the responsible authority will shape the future of coastal adaptation and ecological management on the North West Coast and influence the wider national coastal management.

6. Comments and questions

- 6.1** 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.