

Report of:	To:	Date
Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	1 December 2022

Executive Report: Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

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 Update

- 2.1** The Food safety team had a successful prosecution at Blackpool Magistrates Court on 9 November 2022, the details of which are as follows:

The previous owner of Dukes Pizza Kebab Cleveleys, from December 2019 to December 2021 has been fined £890 following an investigation into food hygiene offences by Wyre Council in September 2021. The Manager of the business, Mr Mahmoud, was also fined £948, and The Owner's Uncle, Mr Bradosti, was fined £1,330 after both failed to assist inspecting officers and provided them with false and misleading information.

The hygiene offences were revealed after an inspection by Wyre's environmental health team. The inspecting officers found mouse droppings in food preparation rooms and storerooms. The structural repair of the premises was also poor, with holes in the fabric of the building providing pest entry points. This presented an imminent risk to health and the premises voluntarily closed. There were inadequate hand washing facilities in the toilet, a lack of effective monitoring and safe systems of work and staff were inadequately trained.

3. Active Lives and Community Engagement Update

- 3.1 Community Consultations** – A number of community consultations have been underway recently on our 'have your say' webpage <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/have-your-say> These include consultations on The Life In Wyre resident survey (closed 17 November); a consultation on Woodland creation 2022/23 (closed 25 November) focusing on the

council's commitment to plant at least 25,000 trees in our pledge to help tackle climate change. A consultation on the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme (closes 1 December) and another on play equipment proposals on Memorial Park. Other consultations coming up include consultations on the Council's budget and a Your Sports Club Survey.

- 3.2 Fleetwood Trails** – The festive Fleetwood trail has been launched for the second year running on the Discover Wyre Trails mobile app. There will be markers at locations around the town and users of the free app can follow the trail, revealing fun games and activities whilst enjoying the sights of Fleetwood. To download this and the interactive Mythic Coast trail in Cleveleys search for Wyre AR Trails in the App Store or Google Play.
- 3.3 Wyre Wheels** - We provided 32 sessions of Wyre Wheels at Memorial Park, Fleetwood from March to October this year. These very popular sessions enable people with disabilities, those with long term health conditions or those who need to improve their confidence riding a bicycle to use our range of adapted bicycles at the park. We provide the sessions in partnership with the charity, Wheels for All and over 550 people attended. We will be extending our sessions next year to work closely with charities such as the Stroke Association and the MS Society.
- 3.4 Community Engagement Roadshows** - Over the week beginning 14 November we held a series of community engagement roadshows across the Borough enabling residents to talk to Council officers. The roadshow enabled the public to tell us their ideas to benefit and improve their local area, talk about their community concerns, discover new health and arts groups to join, find out about ways they can get more involved in their community and for others to just have a friendly chat.

4. Tourism and Events

- 4.1 Half term fun at Fleetwood Market** - This Halloween there was a Transformers Takeover at Fleetwood Market with larger than life characters from the action series roaming the aisles meeting and greeting visiting families. Children enjoyed arts activities and pumpkin carving in what proved to be another popular event for the market.
- 4.2 Twitchy Witch** - In half term, we ran a weekend of free children's theatre with performances of Twitchy Witch running in Forton and Hambleton which were attended by 500 people. The shows were a fun, free way for families to celebrate Halloween and we were pleased to further our offer of free theatre into these two rural areas. We also trialled a new online booking system for tickets which proved really successful. We will be offering online booking for our Great Outdoors event calendar next year which we hope will help to simplify the booking process and bring in a new audience. We have more family theatre shows planned for February half term in St Michaels and Pilling.
- 4.3 Filming in Wyre**

Star Wars fans may have already spotted Cleveleys featured in the new Disney Series – Andor. Disney came to Cleveleys to film back in May

2021 and the resulting episodes were aired in October as part of the new Star Wars spin off series. We are really pleased to see that Cleveleys is clearly recognisable and that Mary's Shell is featured. A huge thank you to all our staff who were involved in making this happen.

4.4 Older Persons Festive Fayre

The council is organising an Older Persons Festive Fayre at Poulton Community Centre on Wednesday 7 December. The aim is to bring together information about council services, as well as local clubs to join and volunteering opportunities, alongside some festive entertainment for our older residents to enjoy. Staff from the contact centre, recycling and volunteering teams will be there as well as care and repair. There will be activities to enjoy, a reminiscence session and Christmas performances by local musicians. Please encourage residents to come and join us from 1.30pm – 4.30pm where they can enjoy a social and festive afternoon, find out what's on in the local area and have a cup of tea and a mince pie. The event is free and there's no need to book, just come along.

5. Theatres and Marsh Mill

- 5.1** The 39th Fleetwood Beer and Cider Festival returned to Marine Hall at the end of October with over 1,500 customers attending across the three days. It is hoped that the Festival will return again next Autumn / Winter.
- 5.2** At the end of October, Marsh Mill opened its doors to visits and tours to celebrate its 228th Birthday. Marsh Mill will open its doors again on Sunday 27 November for the Christmas Tree lighting event which takes place in Marsh Mill village.
- 5.3** Following the success of last year's festive weekend in Fleetwood, Marine Hall will again be hosting Christmas events across the weekend of 25, 26 and 27 November. The Fleetwood Festive Light Committee will be switching on the Christmas lights on Friday 25 November and this will be followed by a festive themed weekend of events across Marine Hall, the Mount Pavilion and Fleetwood Market.
- 5.4** This year's Panto at Marine Hall will be taking place between Christmas and New Year, on 28-31 December. A perfect time for families and friends to get together over the Festive period.

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.