



## Portfolio Holder Report

The portfolio holder will make a decision on this item after seven days have elapsed (including the date of publication).

Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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<b>Acceptance of grant funding to provide healthy weight services and an active travel programme in Wyre</b>
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**Key decision:**      **No**

### 1. Purpose of report

**1.1** To request acceptance of £372,735 of funding from Lancashire County Council (LCC) Public Health Team to provide healthy weight services for adults and children in Wyre for a period of five years (from 2024/25 to 2028/29).

**1.2** To request acceptance of £30,000 of funding from the LCC Public Health Team to provide an active travel programme in Wyre for a period of one year (2024/25).

### 2. Council priorities

**2.1** Provide support to those that need it, including our most vulnerable and financially disadvantaged residents and our ageing population.

**2.2** Provide opportunities for people to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

### 3. Recommendations

**3.1** That approval be given to accept the funding from the LCC Public Health Team of £372,735 for five years to provide healthy weight services for adults and children in Wyre and funding of £30,000 to provide an active travel programme in Wyre.

**3.2** That approval is given to proceed with the engagement of YMCA Fylde Coast and Fleetwood Town Community Trust to provide the physical activity and the men's weight management elements of the adult weight management programme under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules

on the grounds that exceptions may apply where: “The services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of organisations which have local experience with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available”.

- 3.3** That approval is given to proceed with the engagement of Go Velo and Fleetwood Town Community Trust to provide the active travel programme under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that exceptions may apply where: “The services are of a specialised nature carried out by only one or a limited number of organisations which have local experience with no reasonably satisfactory alternatives available”.

## **4. Background**

**4.1** The LCC Public Health Team have funded district councils through a service level agreement to provide healthy weight services since 2020/21. The adult weight management contract was tendered out to Slimming World and the Children’s Weight Management contract to Healthy Heads. This four year contract is now coming to an end and LCC have decided to provide more resources over a longer period of time to district councils in the form of a collaboration agreement. This gives districts more flexibility to provide healthy weight services according to local needs. In Wyre, the funding for this new contract has increased from £50,000 per annum to £74,500 per annum (2024/25 to 2028/29) owing to the increased obesity and excess weight in the borough and the high levels of deprivation in certain wards.

**4.2** The LCC Public Health Team also approached district councils to put in a bid proposal for £30,000 of funding to provide an active travel programme. Wyre’s bid was approved in December 2023. This is a new programme of work for Wyre and will form part of implementation of the Wyre Moving More Strategy. This funding is from April 2024 for one year and is part of a Lancashire wide active travel scheme which is actively aiming to double the number of cycle trips, increase walking trips by 10% and reduce physical inactivity levels below the national standard by 2028. The active travel programme can also help reduce health statistics regarding heart and disease via increasing physical activity levels in all ages. There will be primary school learn to ride sessions, adult health cycles, a recycling bikes initiative, bike maintenance training, learn to ride sessions and more.

## **5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** Approval is sought to commission healthy weight services as follows:
- £200,000 – Adult Healthy Weight contract for five years. This will go out to tender to specific providers in this market.
  - £100,000 – Children’s Healthy Weight contract for five years. This will go out to tender to specific providers in this market.
  - £20,000 – Men’s Weight Management contract for three years. Direct appointment of supplier – Fleetwood Town FC Community Trust.
  - £20,000 – Physical activity offer for people on the weight management programme for three years. Direct appointment of supplier – YMCA Fylde Coast.

- £32,735 – Internal staffing to support the data inputting, provider meetings, promotion and marketing of the programmes.

**5.2** For the active travel programme, approval is sought to directly appoint Go Velo, (cycling training provider) and Fleetwood Town FC Community Trust to provide this programme in partnership with ourselves and Active Lancashire. All partners are involved in similar programmes already in Lancashire and delivery needs to commence as soon as possible.

**5.3** Once approved, we will enter into a collaboration agreement with LCC for five years for the delivery of the healthy weight services and a grant funding agreement with LCC for the delivery of the active travel programme.

## **6. Alternative options considered and rejected**

**6.1** We could look to deliver all of this provision ourselves but we do not have the resources and capacity to do this. It would be less cost effective and we wouldn't be able to support as many people to lose weight and/or become more active in Wyre if we didn't work in partnership as we propose.

## **7. Delegated functions**

**7.1** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Leisure, Health and Communities Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To consider matters relating to sport and recreation, including sports facilities" and the executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder "To consider arrangements for a strategic approach for the Council's procurement of goods and services".

**7.2** The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following Executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3.03 of the Council's Constitution): "To consider departures from the Rules relating to financial and contractual matters if appropriate".

<b>Financial, Legal and Climate Change implications</b>	
Finance	An additional £372,735 of revenue funding from the LCC Public Health team will be paid to Wyre Council over the next five years (2024/25 to 2028/29) to provide healthy weight services with an additional one-off payment of £30,000 in 2024/25 towards an active travel programme.
Legal	A collaboration agreement would be signed with LCC for the healthy weight services and a service level agreement will be signed regarding the active travel programme. Contracts with the suppliers for the provision of the services set out in the report will also be entered into.
Climate Change	The active travel programme will support our climate change goals by encouraging more people in the borough to walk, cycle and wheel.

### Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

### Processing Personal Data

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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### List of background papers:

name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

### List of appendices

None