

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	1 December 2016	8(g)

Executive Report: 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 Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Community engagement

- 2.1** We have started to progress the development of the new Together We Make a Difference network. The network is being led by Rosie Green, Policy and Engagement Manager. An initial scoping exercise is being undertaken to gather intelligence on community priorities and to start to build relationships with partners and community groups. We are hoping to concentrate on a small number of key projects during the next year. Members are encouraged to feed any community priorities through to us for the network to consider.
- 2.2** I am pleased to update that three projects from Wyre received funding through the Walney Extension Community Fund which totalled £60,500. These projects were Healthier Fleetwood, CHAT Carer and Bereavement Support and Poulton and Wyre railway. The next round of funding is now open and closes on 11 January 2017. Once again, please encourage community groups to apply and if they need any help or support with the bid, the Engagement Team would be pleased to assist.
- 2.3** I would like to congratulate Wyre's Towns and Villages, schools and neighbourhoods who were rewarded for their hard work at two ceremonies in Southport on 27 and 28 October. A total of 31 local neighbourhoods and 20 schools participated in the Royal Horticultural Societies North West in Bloom 2016 competition, with many of them receiving top marks from the judges. Notable winners within the Town and Village categories included both Poulton and Bilsborrow who received Gold. Bilsborrow also won the INTU Trafford Centre Community Trophy for community effort. A full list of results can be found on the Council's website.

- 2.4** The Council participated in the #OurDay on the 15 November 2016. #OurDay is an annual tweetathon for local government which provided us with an excellent opportunity to tell people what we do on an average day and to celebrate the fantastic work done by the council for local communities.

3. Health and wellbeing

- 3.1** The Food Safety Team would like to thank all those food businesses who have firstly achieved a food hygiene rating of 5, and especially those which have submitted a nomination for the recent Wyre Business Awards. New award categories for 2016 included 'Best serviced accommodation of the Year', 'Best self-catering accommodation of the Year', 'Best eating/drinking establishment of the Year', 'Employer of the Year (nominated by employees)', and a 'Made in Wyre' award (locally grown, locally made, locally produced). Good food hygiene is a pre-requisite to providing quality food and the successful food businesses should justifiably be very proud of themselves.
- 3.2** A Lancashire wide benchmarking exercise on Disabled Facilities Grant delivery under the Better Care Fund has recently been completed. Up to the end of September we had completed more grants than any other District Council in Lancashire (82 DFGs completed). We continue to represent Lancashire District Councils on the Better Care Fund Programme Manager Group overseeing a number of Lancashire-wide schemes focussed on improving the integration of health and social care.
- 3.3** In order to support those with dementia we are engaging with Public Health colleagues on an initiative of sector-led improvement (initiated by the Association of Directors of Public Health). The initiative is looking at the important role that housing plays in supporting the changing care needs of those with dementia. This work has the potential to influence housing support in new build and existing housing stocks and across all tenure types. The work will support developing programmes of work under the Lancashire Sustainability Transformation Plan – Population and Prevention work stream.
- 3.4** We are one of the steering group partners for the Healthier Fleetwood initiative. As mentioned at 2.2, the partnership were successful in their bid from the Walney Extension Community Fund and have been awarded £50,000 for a Health Creation project that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Fleetwood residents through the redevelopment of six community spaces. The project will involve the employment of a Health Creation Officer, the establishment of GP referrals into green space initiatives and the recruitment of volunteer health ambassadors.

4. Affordable Warmth Funding – Winter 2016/17

4.1 We have been granted £40,627 of Affordable Warmth funding from Lancashire County Council to deliver high impact affordable warmth interventions to individuals most vulnerable to harm from cold or damp homes this winter. Households will be eligible for funding if they meet at least one of a number of health vulnerabilities and an affordability issue has been identified. Interventions will include those that make a long term contribution to helping people to keep their homes warm and include: the servicing, repair or replacement of boilers, draught proofing measures and loft and cavity wall insulation. Our Care and Repair Service will be coordinating this work.

5. Comments and Questions

5.1 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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