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Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	19 January 2017	8(e)

**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. Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer Success**

- 2.1 I am very pleased to report that following a joint bid submission (from the Fylde Coast Authorities) to the Department for Communities and Local Government we have been awarded significant extra funding to implement innovative new approaches to prevent homelessness. We will be one of a number of Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer Areas to be established across England to fundamentally reform the response to homelessness.
- 2.2 The bid is worth £607k in total with some activity that will take place across the Fylde Coast, for example a Hospital Link Worker, and other activity focused specifically on each Local Authority area. In Wyre we will be commissioning services for those with complex needs and a rent bond scheme.
- 2.3 The work will focus on carrying out preventative action earlier in developing support to address the issues that lead to homelessness. We will be investing in raising awareness of the risk factors around homelessness and where clients are to go for help. Interventions will support Early Action, integrate with health and provide pathways to employment and training. This is very good news and will support a number of our Corporate Business Plan Priorities and Projects.

**3. Rough Sleeping Initiative**

- 3.1 The Community Safety Team, our CCTV volunteers, Street Scene Officers, the Police and Danfo have been assisting our Housing Options Team in the delivery of 'No Second Night Out' an initiative aimed at ensuring that any rough sleepers (particularly those new to rough

sleeping) are offered support to ensure they don't have to sleep on the street for a second night. This project is a further example of how we are working collaboratively with our partners on early action initiatives.

#### **4. Under Age Drinking Targeted**

- 4.1** The Community Safety Team have been working with the Lancashire Constabulary Licensing Team to target under-age drinking in Poulton-le-Fylde and Fleetwood. Within these areas it is believed that under-age drinking has been contributing to local anti-social behaviour.
- 4.2** CCTV has provided valuable intelligence and has guided Licensing Teams to target particular premises with test purchase operations. Fixed Penalty Notices have been served and premises warned that such behaviour will not be tolerated.

#### **5. Flooding Events Resilience**

- 5.1** Applications for flood resilience grants have now closed. The grants have been used for a variety of resilience measures including flood doors, sump pumps and embankments. Over 85% of those flooded during the winter floods were awarded resilience grants. For the homes where works have been completed it is hoped that the risk of flood damage will be significantly reduced in the future.

#### **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.