



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
Cllr. Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	18 October 2018	7(f)

**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. Food Safety**

- 2.1** Wyre Environmental Health Officers have been working in partnership with Trading Standards at Lancashire County Council to enforce allergen requirements with respect to catering premises.
- 2.2** In 2016 a Lancashire teenager very sadly passed away, after having consumed food and suffering an allergic reaction, which emphasised the importance of this area of work. In order to prevent future incidents of this nature it is important that all food businesses avoid cross contamination of ingredients from one product to another. As a result of a recent training event and joint working with Lancashire County Council Trading Standards Department we have recently introduced new procedures to ensure we increase the time spent discussing allergens in food and identifying potential allergen cross contamination issues.

**3. Environmental Protection**

- 3.1** Our Environmental Health Team are assisting in the development of a new Lancashire-wide framework for dealing with cases of self-neglect. We have recently established a multi-disciplinary group to trial and implement a new process which sees different agencies coming together to discuss cases and identify the best actions to support individuals in our community who are struggling to look after themselves. These individuals sometime live in appalling conditions which not only impact on them but sometimes upon their neighbours as well. It is hoped that by involving the right agencies at the right time we will be able to improve the living conditions and the health of the individuals concerned and minimise the adverse impact on the community.

## **4. Licensing**

- 4.1** New requirements under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 will significantly change the way animal businesses are inspected and licensed after 1 October 2018. Licences will need to be issued for one, two or three years, with the length of license being determined following a comprehensive inspection of the applicant's premises and the completion of a prescribed risk matrix. All licences issued will be given a star rating of between one and five stars, similar to the scores on the doors for food establishments.

## **5. National Heritage Open Days**

- 5.1** Once again we participated in the National Heritage Open Days programme. The event arranged for a range of walks, tours and open days at sites throughout the borough. Feedback from many of the walks and tours has been excellent. I would especially like to thank our many volunteers and local historians who make the event so special.

## **6. Community Engagement**

### **Community Consultations Update**

- 6.1** Our Community Engagement Team have been very busy leading and supporting a wide range of community and corporate consultations. September saw the People's Lottery, the Jubilee Gardens Provisional Plan and the Memorial Park Sensory Garden Consultation come to an end. It also saw the start of the Local Plan Publication Draft Main Modifications (ends 24/10/18), Council Tax Support Scheme (ends 12/11/18). This month we have the biennial Life In Wyre resident's survey underway which will reach a sample of 3,500 households. The Hillhouse Enterprise Zone Masterplan, Wyre Business Survey, King George's Playing Fields (Fleetwood) "green gym" equipment and the Friends of Memorial Park Play Equipment consultation are also due to go live in the coming months.

### **Self-Care Week**

- 6.2** We are working across the Fylde Coast with our NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and Council partners to promote self-care week, 12 – 18 November. We will be promoting the NHS self-care messages and booklet around when to use A&E, GP and local pharmacy services as well as promoting the range of health and wellbeing activities that we provide and support such as Harmony and Health, Reminiscence groups, Healthwalks, Beach Cleans and Volunteering opportunities. We will be out promoting self-care across Wyre all that week at local supermarkets, GP Surgeries and libraries with our partner organisations.

## **7. Arts and Events**

### **The Final Homecoming**

- 7.1** The planning for The Final Homecoming project which ends the commemoration of the Centenary of First World War is nearing completion. Every Parish and Town Council has been informed and community representatives encouraged to take part in the parade to be held on Monday 12 November. A People's exhibition has been launched for local residents to capture their reflections through creative writing and visual art. A programme of events has been confirmed at Marine Hall and within the marquee in Marine Gardens. At Fleetwood Market, a 1918 living room is being installed which, over the following weeks, will host 'ghost' characters, interpreting people on the home front. We are also taking part in Battle's Over, a beacon lighting event on the Mount on the evening of Armistice Day, 11 November.

## **8. Comments and questions**

- 8.1** 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.