

Report of:	To:	Date
Cllr Michael Vincent, Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	17 January 2019

<b>Executive Report: Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Business support**

- 2.1** The Wyre Business Survey is still currently live and will now run until 21 January to give as many businesses as possible the opportunity to complete the survey. The results of the survey will influence the priorities of our Economic Development Strategy and give us a valuable insight into the needs and wants of our business community.
- 2.2** A Wyre Business Awards 'After Show' Evening will take place on 7 February for all the winners. It will be an opportunity for the winners to come together and network and help shape the nomination and judging process for 2019.
- 2.3** In order to further strengthen the relationship between the public and private sector we will be meeting every finalist to discuss business advice and future opportunities.

**3. Coastal Community Funds (CCF)**

- 3.1** We are working closely with Disability First and Blackpool and Fylde Councils to assist in the delivery of their £985,522 CCF 5 grant.
- 3.2** A launch event is planned for Spring 2019 where they are hoping to secure a special guest / celebrity to unveil the new app which will assist people with disabilities visiting the Fylde Coast.

#### **4. Planning policy**

##### **Local Plan**

- 4.1** The Great Eccleston Masterplan which relates to the village extension as proposed in the emerging Wyre Local Plan is currently subject to a six week consultation period which began on 11 December and closes on 22 January. The extension to the village will create a mixed use development including residential and employment uses, a community hall, medical centre, new primary school, and local small convenience store.
- 4.2** De Pol Associates working on behalf of the landowners and developers has produced a series of masterplan concepts and supporting material that illustrate alternative ways in which the site can be developed. Exhibition material showing alternative masterplan concepts and supporting information, including response forms are available at the Great Eccleston village centre during the consultation period.

#### **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.