

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	17 January 2019

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

2. Food Safety

- 2.1** I am very pleased to report that our Food Safety Team have recently been found to be fully compliant in their recent inter-authority audit. These audits happen every twelve months and concentrate on specific areas of the food safety function. This time the audit related to complaints about food premises, food alerts for action and food related infectious disease notifications. Audits are undertaken in accordance with the Food Standards Agency 'Framework Agreement', 'Code of Practice' and 'Practice Guidance' and are carried out by neighbouring local authority food safety officers.

3. Garstang Victorian Festival

- 3.1** Once again Garstang hosted a very successful Victorian Festival. The event gets better and better each year and proves increasingly popular for residents and visitors alike. I would like to thank all those involved in making the event the success it is and to our staff for the part they have played in promoting the event and in welcoming over 1,000 people into the Visit Garstang Centre over the two evenings.

4. Arts and Events

- 4.1** Just Reminiscing sessions will resume at Fleetwood Market at the end of January 2019. Our rural GP Neighbourhoods have expressed an interest in hosting and supporting similar sessions and we expect the first of these new sessions to start in Garstang and Over Wyre towards spring of 2019.

5. Stepping Out – A new Neighbourhood Health Initiative at Wyre Estuary Country Park

5.1 We are working with the Wyre Integrated Neighbourhood of GP practices (WIN) to provide a new stepping out programme and leg ulcer pathway aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of patients with chronic venous ulceration (leg ulcers). The new programme links to a clinical care pathway which has been in practice since Summer 2018 and aims to promote self-care through an education and wellbeing support programme. The programme starts this month at Wyre Estuary Country Park and will help link patients to on-going health and wellbeing activities available across the borough. This is yet another initiative being delivered in partnership with health colleagues making the most of our superb local assets to improve health and wellbeing.

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.