

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	3 October 2019

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. Community Safety

Wyre and Fylde Integrated Team

- 2.1** A multi-agency Wyre and Fylde Integrated Team is now being hosted by the Authority. Coordinated by a Partnership Officer in the Community Safety Team, fortnightly meetings are now being held at the Civic Centre. The meetings join together multi-agency partner support for vulnerable families and individuals.
- 2.2** The first Integrated Team meeting was held on 9 May 2019 and since that date 52 Wyre and 14 Fylde cases have been reviewed.
- 2.3** Meetings are well attended by a cross-section of partner agencies. Outcomes from requests for support have been very positive with referrals being shared with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Adult Social Care, Lancashire Wellbeing Service, Police, Housing Providers, Children and Family Wellbeing Service, Lancashire Volunteer Partnership and Enhanced Primary Care.

Road Safety

- 2.4** Road safety is a priority for Wyre Council Community Safety Partnership. Over the last six months, working with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, we have developed a new partnership across the Fylde Coast and North Lancashire that comes together to discuss, target and improve road safety.

- 2.5** Attendees include officers from Wyre, Fylde, Blackpool and Lancaster Council's, from the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and Lancashire County Council. The meeting supports the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and over the summer supported a number of campaigns. These included 'Are You On The Right Track?' a campaign that aims to raise awareness amongst motorcyclists specifically about their riding skills including road positioning, 'Drive Safely for Longer', a campaign targeted at drivers over 65 years old and 'Let's Look Out for Each Other', a campaign that encourages pedestrians, drivers and riders to all look out for each other and offers advice and tips on how to stay safe, visible and alert on the roads. More information is available at <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/campaigns/>

3. Housing

Consultation on a new Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019-2023

- 3.1** The Homelessness Act 2002 requires local housing authorities to conduct a review of recent homelessness trends, evaluate prevention activities, to plan the procurement of accommodation and subsequently develop a preventative focused homelessness strategy.
- 3.2** A review of our current homelessness challenges and demands has been undertaken and this has led to the development of a new draft Wyre Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019-2023.
- 3.3** The draft strategy seeks to embed and deepen what we know works well in preventing homelessness, to further reduce the use of temporary accommodation, reduce rough sleeping and sets out new activities and proposals that we think will strengthen our housing options and homelessness prevention services further.
- 3.4** The new strategy sets out three key objectives:
- Objective 1: Prevent Homelessness
 - Objective 2: Provide pathways to short and long term accommodation for those homeless or at risk of homelessness
 - Objective 3: Contribute to the improvement of the health and wellbeing of those homeless and at risk of homelessness
- 3.5** Public consultation on the proposed strategy is now taking place and will close on 21 October 2019. Following analysis of the consultation responses the draft strategy will be amended to ensure the objectives and actions are appropriate to address homelessness in Wyre over the next five years.
- 3.6** The Wyre Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2019-23 will be presented to Council for approval later in the year.

4. Wyre Beach Management Scheme

- 4.1** The Wyre Beach Management Scheme has a confirmed date for a review of the business case with the Environment Agency Large Project Review Group (LPRG) on 20 November 2019. If the scheme is successful in the review stage it is hoped formal approval for the scheme can be gained early in the New Year.
- 4.2** Officers have been working with a contractor for construction advice including pricing and will progress the design of the scheme in accordance with the preferred business case option. This should allow a start on site in early summer 2020.
- 4.3** Consultation has been undertaken with Rossall Residents Group with presentations on the scheme being delivered at their recent AGM.

5. Electric Vehicle Charging Points

- 5.1** A report regarding electric vehicle charging points was approved by Cabinet which will see charging points installed in several of the council's car parks allowing taxis, residents and visitors to charge their electric vehicles across the Borough and help to contribute to cleaner air and carbon reduction. The units will be installed at no cost to the council.

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.