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Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	14 November 2019

<p>Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder</p>
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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 Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

2. Housing

Regenda Homes External Wall Insulation programme update

- 2.1** £20million is being invested into Regenda Homes across Fleetwood in a bid to improve living standards for residents. As part of this investment, Regenda are carrying out an external wall insulation programme (EWI), the first phase of which has been completed on the Flakefleet estate. This has also included new roofs and doors/window where necessary.
- 2.2** EWI involves fixing a layer of insulation material to the outside of homes which is then covered with a reinforcing render. There are many benefits of EWI for residents, it improves the quality of homes by reducing heat loss, reducing condensation, preventing damp and will help save money for residents on their energy bills.
- 2.3** EWI improvement works have now also started on the Westview Estate.

Lighthouse View Extra Care Scheme, Chatsworth Avenue, Fleetwood

- 2.4** Lighthouse View is a £12million development and will offer 72 high quality one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. It will provide a safe and secure living environment for over 55's who want to enjoy their independence with care and support available, as and when they need it. The scheme is due for completion later this year, with residents set to move in in the New Year. The development has attracted interest from over 130 applicants to date, the majority being local to Fleetwood.

3. Flooding in Wyre

- 3.1** As Members will be aware the last two weeks of September saw rainfall significantly above average which coincided with high Spring tides. This restricted local drainage networks from discharging to the River Wyre and caused a build-up of water levels in local watercourses. This resulted in widespread flooding to the highway network and internal flooding to seven properties. Officers deployed pumps and barriers to Preesall and closed roads in consultation with Lancashire CC. Excellent communication through the Flood Action Groups occurred with information exchanged in both directions.
- 3.2** The Council hosted a flood risk management partners meeting on 7 October to share knowledge of the event and are continuing to assist in improving the drainage network through a partnership approach.
- 3.3** One such initiative which is backed by United Utilities and the Environment Agency and which is being delivered through the Wyre Rivers Trust are works to create wetland storage areas at Stanah and White Carr Lane together with studies at Springfield (including the pumping station) through the United Utilities Flying Start project. The schemes will deliver the multiple benefits of flood reduction, water quality and habitat creation.

4. Community Safety - Policing arrangements

- 4.1** Lancashire Constabulary conducted a Core Services Review in 2018/19. The force has reconfigured to resource the three priority areas of Contact and Response, Local Policing and Investigation based on threat and risk. In order to help achieve this there are three police teams working locally.
- Response Team: The primary role of response officers is to respond to grade 1, grade 2 and grade 3 calls for service. They will generally retain the investigation work associated with those incidents, unless it is serious or complex, when it will be passed to CID.
 - Neighbourhood Policing Team: The role of Neighbourhood Policing Teams is to prevent crime and ASB by engaging communities, solving problems and undertaking targeted activity.
 - Community Safety Team: The purpose of the Community Safety Team continues to be prevention through people based problem solving. When appropriate this will be as part of an integrated team with partners. They will specialise in dealing with vulnerable people who have issues relating to crime or antisocial behaviour, prioritising those whose behaviour is impacting on the community or who are causing or suffering the greatest harm.
- 4.2** As the new teams start to embed in the Wyre area the Wyre Community Safety Partnership will seek to work with them to help to ensure safer communities across Wyre.

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.

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