

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr A Vincent, Leader of the Council	Council	19 October 2017	8(f)

<b>Executive Report: Health and Community Engagement</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on Health and Community Engagement matters, as set out below.

**2. Community engagement**

- 2.1 Local Plan Engagement Support** - Wyre's Local Plan consultation is now well under way with the main purpose being for residents to comment on the soundness of the proposed plan. In order to help achieve this significant engagement advice and support for the consultation process has been provided. This has included the design and development of online representation forms, highlighting the considerations regarding how the results would be analysed and enabling access via the corporate consultation portal on the council website. A media release was sent out to coincide with the launch date on Friday 22 September, this same information sent out widely to stakeholders including to Parish and Town Councils.

**3. Health and wellbeing**

- 3.1 Empowering People and Communities – update on funding bid**  
Recently, working with GP practices in Thornton and Poulton-le-Fylde (the Wyre Integrated Neighbourhood) we submitted a bid for funding to establish a social prescribing project to address loneliness and isolation within these communities. The bid was successful and we will be working with local GPs over coming months to design and implement a project to connect residents with local events and social activities.

- 3.2 FYi Directory – a New Directory of Services for the Fylde Coast**  
Together with Fylde Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council we have been supporting NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group in the development of a new directory of services for the Fylde Coast. The new FYi Directory will enable Fylde Coast residents to be able to find local health, social and community services information at the click of a button. Listings range from statutory health and social care services to local sports clubs, community support groups and links to many of our services and volunteering opportunities.

- 3.3 Accessible online at [www.fyidirectory.co.uk](http://www.fyidirectory.co.uk) the directory is amongst the first of its kind in the country and will soon be used by GP's and other health staff to refer patients into positive activities and preventative support.
- 3.4 The directory is still developing and so I would appeal to all of our community groups and service providers to ensure they register their activities and events so that as many residents as possible access services and activities beneficial to health and wellbeing.

#### 4. Environmental health

- 4.1 **Seagull Public Space Protection Order – Consultation** The consultation period for the proposed Public Space Protection Order banning the feeding of seagulls in certain areas of Cleveleys, Fleetwood and Knott End has now concluded. The response was huge with over 300 responses. The responses are being analysed and will be used to inform if we take the proposal forward.
- 4.2 **Joint Home Office Immigration, Food Safety and Licensing Inspections** On 23 August Home Office officials from the Merseyside, Cheshire and Lancashire Immigration Compliance and Enforcement Team accompanied officers from our Food Safety and Licensing Team on visits to twelve takeaway premises in Poulton-le-Fylde and Thornton-Cleveleys.
- 4.3 All the visits were unannounced and involved food safety and licensing inspections and immigration checks. The joint working allowed the Immigration Officers to visit premises in a pastoral capacity (i.e. not in enforcement uniform) and chat to people in the businesses to establish their immigration status.
- 4.4 Companies who either knowingly take on illegal workers or ignore their legal obligations to carry out pre-employment checks can expect to face fines. Such behaviour helps to encourage illegal immigration, cheats the taxpayer, undercuts honest employers and denies legitimate job seekers employment opportunities. The Home Office have requested the opportunity to accompany our officers on further inspections.

#### 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 on this report or on any Health and Community Engagement matters. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.