

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>
Councillor David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	9 January 2020

**Executive Report: Leader of the Council**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.
- 1.2** Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to wish members and officers a very happy New Year and I am sure that 2020 will be another successful year for the Council.

**2. Economic Prosperity Board (EPB)**

- 2.1** The meeting of the EPB will be held on the 7 January 2020 which is after this agenda has been published and two days before the meeting of full Council so at the meeting of full Council I will provide members with a verbal update on matters raised at the EPB.

**3. Climate Change**

- 3.1** In November 2019 I advised members that Lancashire Authorities would be eligible for a grant from One Carbon World, I am pleased to be able to confirm that this grant has been approved and work is underway to measure our Carbon emissions for Scope 1 – direct emissions (activities of an organisation or one under their control), Scope 2 – indirect emissions from energy purchased and used by the organisation and Scope 3 – all other indirect emissions from activities of the organisation, those associated with business travel, procurement, waste and water. This information will be invaluable for the Climate Change Policy Working Group in assisting them to develop an action plan that ensures we make the council's activities net zero carbon by 2050.
- 3.2** In addition I am pleased that we have approved the implementation of an initial programme to plant 25,000 trees within the borough. Our ambitious project includes the creation 10 hectares of new native woodlands and the planting of new hedgerows by 2024. This marks the first steps of our climate targeted tree planting initiative that will play a vital role in helping to mitigate climate change and protect wildlife.

#### **4. Wyre Business Awards**

- 4.1** On the 5 December 2019 we held the Wyre Business Awards in the Marine Hall, Fleetwood a spectacular event and a true celebration of business successes here in Wyre. Over 260 business people attended and the event was hosted by our Chief Executive and Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and officers from various departments who worked together as one team to deliver a very successful event.

#### **5. Future High Streets Fund**

- 5.1** As Members will be aware we were successful in the first round of the Government's Future High Streets Fund and as a result we were awarded £150,000 to develop a masterplan and business case. I was contacted directly by Radio Wave to give an in depth interview on the next steps. A critical part of developing a masterplan is consultation and engagement with the community and key stakeholders so that a shared vision and strategy for the town can be created together and on 2 December 2019 the Chief Executive and a number of senior officers attended a public consultation event at Marine Hall. The event was also used as an opportunity to showcase the numerous plans and projects that we and our Partners are delivering in Fleetwood and Cllr Michael Vincent provides greater detail in his report.

#### **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.