

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder	Council	9 January 2020

### Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Resources Portfolio, as set out below.

#### 2. Finance

- 2.1 As a result of the General Election, notification from Central Government of the 2020/21 financial settlement did not meet their 6 December target deadline. This means that the timescales are extremely tight for producing the council's annual budget. It is likely that the budget for 2020/21 will be based on provisional data.
- 2.2 It is still the intention that an updated forecast showing our projected spending levels and the recommended council tax for 2020/21 will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on the 12 February. I can confirm that, as in previous years, Budget Briefings will be arranged for the benefit of members.

#### 3. Human Resources

- 3.1 We have had a number of applications for the Wellbeing Champion roles reported on previously, with particular interest from staff in the 'Listening Ears' and 'Voluntary/charity work in the community' aspects.
- 3.2 Training was arranged for 'Listening Ears' at the beginning of December and volunteers took part in a two day 'Mental Health First Aider' course.

#### 4. Asset Management

- 4.1 During the first week in December, the £158,200 works to replace the boilers at Fleetwood Leisure Centre commenced with the installation of temporary boilers to allow the centre to operate during the works with minimum disruption. The permanent boilers were due to be installed and in operation before Christmas. Installation of the Building Management System (automated controls) and commissioning will take place in January with a handover planned for the first week in February.

## **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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