

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Children and Young People	Council	6 February 2020

Lead Member Report: Children and Young People

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the Council on some of the activities I have been involved in over the last year as Lead Member for Children and Young People.

2. Current and future issues

- 2.1 A summary of activity is included in Appendix 1 relating to the following issues:
- Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board
 - Happy Being Me Exhibition
 - Doherty's Destiny
 - Youth Mayor/Youth Council
 - Youth Engagement
 - Intergenerational Christmas lunch
 - Remembrance Service

3. Questions and Comments

- 3.1 I will respond to any questions or comments on the contents of my report or on any other issues relating to young people in Wyre.

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Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update – January 2020

I have been involved with a wide range of activities across the children and young people's agenda since my last report in January 2019. The following, highlights key areas of work:

Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board

Fylde, Lancaster and Wyre Children's Partnership Board continue to meet quarterly and support the work for Lancashire's Children, Young People and Families partnership vision. This focuses on:

- ensuring children, young people and families are safe from harm and build resilience
- achieve their full potential in education, learning and future employment
- enjoy a healthy lifestyle and know how to help others
- have a voice in shaping the support they receive
- enjoy a good quality of life, be happy and want to stay in Wyre

Following on from the work which was commissioned by the board to create a poster for young people's mental health, I have continued to promote this within our voluntary, community and faith sector and wherever possible to have the poster on display and promote the support services available.

Happy Being Me Exhibition

Following the Sincerely You exhibition I updated you on in my last report, where letters written by children and young people leaving care, to their younger selves were placed on display. I attended the follow up exhibition entitled Happy Being Me. This exhibition was in recognition of National Care Leavers Week 2019 and launched the book of Sincerely You which includes the letters from the earlier exhibition. The focus of National Care Leavers Week is to highlight the needs of care leavers, and to encourage all organisations responsible for looking after them to work effectively together. Young people leaving care were also present which gave me the opportunity to discuss with them their experiences and listen to what amazing young people they are.

Doherty's Destiny

I continue to support the work of the Doherty's Destiny charity, attending their annual music festival #JamesFest, which is in its second year and was held at Cleveleys Plaza in May 2019. I have also supported their suicide support group which is an informal group where anyone affected by suicide can come along and listen or talk without pressure or judgement and in confidence to like-minded people who have suffered similar experiences. This group has continued to grow in numbers which demonstrates the need for this type of support within Wyre.

Youth Mayor/Youth Council

I continue to work closely with the Youth Mayor and Youth Council to support initiatives for our children and young people. The timetabling of the Youth Mayor role will be coordinated with that of the official mayoral year from May 2020.

Youth Engagement

I have attended many schools across Wyre to encourage children and young people to attend our local libraries and take part in reading challenges. This is something I took part in myself and my challenge included going into primary schools to read to classes of children, which then encouraged them to read out loud with me. I will continue this work into 2020.

Intergenerational Christmas lunch

In December 2019, I arranged a Christmas lunch at Manor Beach Primary School which involved over 70 members of community, who are either lonely or isolated, to come along to a Christmas lunch with the schoolchildren. This was a fabulous event which brought together young and old to enjoy a meal and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Remembrance Service

I arranged a remembrance service at Cleveleys Library to support members of the community who have suffered a bereavement. This was also attended by local schoolchildren. My aim is to make this an annual event.