

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Lead Member for Poulton, Councillor David Henderson and Corporate Director of Resources, Philippa Davies	Council	28 November 2013	15

<p>SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: POULTON PERFORMANCE REPORT</p>
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide a performance report which shows progress updates against the priorities and issues in the Poulton locality Plan, including projects funded through Shaping Your Neighbourhood.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Issues and priorities identified and addressed at a neighbourhood level.
- 2.2 Effective delivery of projects funded through the Shaping Your Neighbourhood initiative.
- 2.3 Better engagement with our residents and communities.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the performance report for Poulton be noted.

4. Background

- 4.1 As agreed in the Shaping Your Neighbourhood report, presented to Council on 26 April 2012, regular performance updates would be provided to Council to highlight progress against the delivery of the Locality Plans. The first performance update, covering the period from October 2012 to March 2013, was presented at the Council meeting on 6 June 2013.

5. Key Issues and Proposals

- 5.1 The performance report, covering the period from April to September 2013, is attached at Appendix One.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Spend against the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) is set out in the Appendix.
Legal	There are no legal implications.

OTHER RISKS/IMPLICATIONS: CHECKLIST

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

Implications	✓ / x
Community Safety	X
Equality and Diversity	X
Sustainability	X
Health and Safety	X

Risks/Implications	✓ / x
Asset Management	X
Climate Change	X
Data Protection	X

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List of Background Papers:		
Name of Document	Date	Where available for inspection

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Shaping Your Neighbourhood: Poulton Performance Report – September 2013.

This appendix can be viewed in colour on the Council's web-site and an A3 size colour printed version can be obtained on request from Democratic Services (Tel: 01253 887481).

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Key:

G = On schedule
R = Major issues



A = Minor issues
B = Complete



Introduction

This is the six monthly performance update for **Shaping Your Neighbourhood: Poulton**. Poulton is located to the south west of the River Wyre. It is the least densely populated of the urban areas in Wyre, but its population is older in comparison with the average for Wyre. It covers the wards of Carleton, Breck, Tithebarn, High Cross and Hardhorn.

This report shows performance up to September 2013 and provides updates against Poulton's Locality Plan, including projects funded through Shaping Your Neighbourhood.

Funded Community Projects - Overview		
Project name	Related Key priority	Status
<p>Play Area Improvements at Jean Stansfield Vicarage Park</p> <p>The play area improvements at Vicarage Park are complete with a community launch planned for mid-October.</p> <p>The park has recently been awarded Green Flag status for the first time which is great news.</p>	Play facilities	
<p>Developing sustainable travel champions in our schools to encourage walking and cycling</p> <p>Consultation has taken place and responses to the questionnaires analysed to identify potential footpaths for improvements. Approval is being sought from the various owners for improvements.</p> <p>4 primary schools are now taking part in Walk Once a week. 2 secondary schools held workshops and each school is planning to give a presentation at full council in October.</p>	Traffic Congestion & Air Quality	

Overview of Resources			
Funded Project	Funding Allocated (£)	Other Contributions (£)	Total Spend (30.09.13) (£)
Vicarage Park Play Improvements	65,000	4,500	69,500
Sustainable travel champions	10,512	15,000	2,461

Locality Plan Priorities	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre improvements / Regeneration <p>A Pop Up Shop operated in Poulton throughout July and August and supported over 20 businesses new to retail, most of them local to Wyre. The initiative was the first Start Up Britain venture in the entire north of England. Several former tenants are now working together at various events, e.g. festivals and Christmas markets and one has recently opened up a new business in Poulton, in partnership with another trader. Many tenants realised that the only way to be able to afford to set up in high street premises was to work in partnership to reduce overheads. Two businesses in Fleetwood, who visited the Pop Up shop in Poulton, have also set up in business together in Fleetwood Town Centre, operating from one Town Centre premises.</p> <p>Booths is continuing to work within the Teanlowe Centre. The major work will commence in the new year. Booths have committed to the new link road through Hardhorn Car Park, which will be open and usable late 2014, prior to the main phase of development on the main store.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion and Air Quality <p>£15,000 funding has been awarded by DEFRA in addition to the Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding to encourage school children to walk and cycle to school in Poulton. The funding will be used to improve footpaths and to purchase portable air quality monitoring equipment.</p> <p>4 possible schemes have been identified. However, one is not being taken forward, following community consultation. The remaining 3 are: a scheme proposed to the Governors at Hodgson Academy; a British Rail owned footpath to be re-tarmacked by the end of the year; and signposting by Lancashire County Council for a footpath between Poulton and Carleton.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking <p>There will be provision of free parking at the Teanlowe Centre, following the Booths development.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been reviewing the resident car parking permit scheme, but this review has not yet reported.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing the needs of the ageing population <p>The Council is one of only 32 local authority areas to be invited to bid for Big Lottery Funding to tackle social isolation in older people. We have now appointed Community Foundation for Lancashire, as our Lead VCS organisation, who will work closely with Wyre Together to take the Wyre bid forward. A vision and strategy will need to be developed by April 2014.</p>	

Locality Plan Priorities (cont'd)	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving open space and sports / leisure / play facilities <p>Capital programme funding has been approved for playground improvements at Farnham Way, Carleton. This will be used to support funding by United Utilities, as part of the 'United Futures' project, which will also include hard landscaping, a sustainable drainage system and planting works.</p> <p>ISG has been appointed as the design and build contractor for the Leisure Centre development project. The design and layout has now been agreed. A public information day is planned at Thornton Little Theatre for 6 November. The information day will include a suppliers stand to encourage local contractors to be considered for work on the site.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling Dog Fouling <p>We have recently launched a quick and easy e-form for residents to report dog fouling with a new interactive mapping facility that will enable us to better pinpoint problematic areas. http://www.wyre.gov.uk/reportdogfouling.</p> <p>In addition a public presentation has been produced by Overview and Scrutiny to highlight the issues, and raise awareness about the subject.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of provision of allotments <p>The community garden project at Cottam Hall Playing Fields is progressing well and is attracting lots of community interest. There is an open day planned for the 15 October.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Night time economy <p>Taxi ranks have recently been marked out and are now enforceable. Regular monitoring took place throughout the summer to check that the temporary agreement with the trade is working. To improve the situation further, there is a proposal to use Hardhorn car park, as a feeder rank to Ball Street to remove the need for taxi parking on Chapel Street.</p> <p>CCTV continues to be very useful for monitoring night time activity.</p>	

Other Key Activity in Poulton

Poulton market has received a commendation in the 2013 Towns Alive Awards. Run by Action for Market Towns, Towns Alive is a national scheme to recognise initiatives that help small market towns to flourish.

Poulton will be the focus of the next Taking Pride event aimed at tackling crime and neighbourhood issues in Wyre. Wyre Council, Lancashire Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Trading Standards, Care and Repair and other agencies are joining forces for a week of action from 14 October 2013.