



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Lead Member for Rural West, Councillor Julie Robinson and Corporate Director of Resources, Philippa Davies	Council	28 November 2013	17

SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: RURAL WEST PERFORMANCE REPORT
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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 Rural West 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 Rural West 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: Rural West 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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SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: RURAL WEST

Neighbourhood Lead: Cllr Julie Robinson
Supporting Officer: Marianne Hesketh

Performance report: April – Sept 2013

Key:
G = On schedule **A** = Minor issues
R = Major issues **B** = Complete



Introduction

This is the six monthly performance update for **Shaping Your Neighbourhood: Rural West**. Rural West is the extensive rural area to the east of the River Wyre, comprising of a collection of villages. It covers the wards of Great Eccleston, Pilling, Preesall and Hambleton and Stalmine-with-Staynall.

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

Funded Community Projects - Overview		
Project name	Related Key priority	Status
Great Eccleston Village Centre Refurbishments The refurbishment work is progressing well. The rooms within the centre have recently been painted and new chairs have been ordered for the main lounge area. The next stage is sourcing some new IT equipment for the training room.	Rural Isolation	G
Hambleton Play Area improvements This project was completed in the first half of the year. New teenage play equipment has been installed, along with a teenage shelter at the Bob Williamson Park playing fields.	Play facilities	B
Inskip Play Area improvements New play equipment has now been installed at School Lane play area in Inskip, as a result of a £64,000 investment - £25,490 coming from this Shaping Your Neighbourhood fund.	Play facilities	B

Overview of Resources			
Funded Project	Funding Allocated (£)	Other Contributions (£)	Total Spend (30.09.13) (£)
Great Eccleston Village Centre	12,500	0	0
Hambleton Play Area	27,000	5,000	32,260
Inskip Play Area	25,490	39,000	64,490

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Locality Plan Priorities	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuel Poverty The community energy switching scheme, People Power, had 163 people switching over to cheaper tariffs in Wyre. This was the highest district figure in Lancashire. Together with the Lancashire authorities, we are currently evaluating running another scheme after Christmas.	G
An evaluation of last year's affordable warmth initiatives has been used as the basis for discussions with Public Health to identify funding for winter warmth initiatives across Lancashire.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Needs of Elderly Work has commenced on affordable housing at Hambleton. However, this is not specifically designed for elderly residents. The issue of housing needs for elderly in rural areas will be considered as part of the Local Plan process. Jointly with Fylde and Blackpool, we have commissioned consultants to look at the Strategic Housing Market Assessment to identify housing needs across the Borough to inform the Local Plan. A draft report will be available in November.	R
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Isolation 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 Voluntary Community Sector (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.	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety Lancashire County Council's commissioning plan identifies a number of initiatives in place to highlight road safety amongst target groups. The issue for Rural West was mainly around the A588 and this is still a hot-spot for accidents. Following a review of the use of road safety signs on Amounderness Way, further use of signs in hot spot areas will be considered.	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Fouling 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	G
In addition a public presentation has been produced by Overview and Scrutiny to highlight the issues, and raise awareness about the subject.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Parking at Great Eccleston This was again flagged up at the recent area walk with the Chief Executive. A parking strategy needs to be developed with Lancashire County Council and this issue will be explored further.	R
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding / Sewerage Lancashire County Council are progressing a number of actions around flood investigation and mitigation projects – areas highlighted for Rural West are Hambleton, Preesall and Out Rawcliffe. Reports have been undertaken by LCC and Wyre Council for all areas in Rural West. A scheme has been put forward for Sunnyside Terrace.	G

Locality Plan Priorities (cont'd)	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knott End Ferry Slip Discussions are being held with the Environment Agency about the inclusion of the Ferry Slip in the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Scheme, planned to commence this financial year. Preliminary designs have been presented, with potential to include environmental improvements through Parishes.	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of allotments / community gardens During the recent area walk, a couple of potential sites for Community Gardens were identified. One in Hambleton and one in Stalmine. These will be explored further.	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellbeing We are working with Public Health colleagues to utilise JSNA data. Fylde and Wyre Health and Well-being Partnership are currently evaluating local health needs data to determine long-term health needs, in particular issues for an ageing population. Work is ongoing with Fylde and Wyre Health and Well-being Partnership about how best to address health inequalities across Wyre.	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal Defences along Pilling Coast This will be considered as part of the Flood & Coastal Defence Strategy.	Not Started

Project Pictures / Community Feedback



New play equipment at Inskip play area.

Other Key Activity in Rural West

The Chief Executive and Lead Member for Rural West undertook an area walk on 16 September 2013 to look at how the Shaping Your Neighbourhood projects were progressing. Some new issues have been highlighted to form part of the refreshed Locality Plan for 2014, such as Stalmine play area.

S106 monies have been agreed to fund environmental improvements at Preesall playing fields – this includes a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), youth shelter, tree planting and realignment of entrance.