

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Lead Member for Poulton, Councillor Lesley McKay and the Corporate Director of Resources, Philippa Davies	Council	5 June 2014	12

**SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:
POULTON PERFORMANCE REPORT**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Council on the issues and priorities in the Poulton Locality Plan, including progress on the community projects funded through the Shaping Your Neighbourhood initiative.

2. Background

- 4.1 The Shaping Your Neighbourhood Approach was approved by the Council on 26 April 2012. It was agreed at that time that regular performance updates would be provided to Council to highlight progress against the delivery of the Locality Plans for each of the Neighbourhoods. The last performance updates were submitted to the Council meeting on 28 November 2013.

3. Key Issues

- 5.1 The performance report, covering the period from October 2013 to May 2014, is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Comments and Questions

- 4.1 Members of Council are invited to make comments or ask me questions on the contents of this report.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Shaping Your Neighbourhood: Poulton Performance Report – May 2014.

SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: POULTON

Neighbourhood Lead: Cllr Lesley McKay
Supporting Officer: Marianne Hesketh

Performance report: May 2014

Key:
G = On schedule
R = Major issues

A = Minor issues
B = Complete

Introduction
<p>This is latest 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.</p> <p>This report shows performance up to May 2014 and provides updates against Poulton's Locality Plan, including projects funded through Shaping Your Neighbourhood.</p>

Funded Community Projects - Overview		
Project name	Related Key priority	Status
<p>Play Area Improvements at Jean Stansfield Vicarage Park The play area improvements at Vicarage Park are complete.</p>	Play facilities	G
<p>Developing sustainable travel champions in our schools to encourage walking and cycling Schools have received walk once a week badges for an entire school year, the results are in the process of being collated to see if it has increased walking to school. The two secondary schools have received educational training from the riot act and delivered presentations to full Council. Hodgson Academy held a sustainable travel day on 9 May, with a presentation delivered by Wyre Council about sustainable travel on 5 May.</p>	Traffic Congestion & Air Quality	G

Overview of Resources			
Funded Project	Funding Allocated (£)	Other Contributions (£)	Total Spend (30.04.14) (£)
Vicarage Park Play Improvements	65,000	4,500	66,863
Sustainable travel champions	10,512	0	5,461

Locality Plan Priorities	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre improvements / Regeneration Work has started on the improvements to the Teanlowe Centre and is progressing. <p>Wyre Council was the sole winner of a National competition, 'Revive and Thrive', which resulted in £191,000 funding for business support, consultancy and advice, for the four town centres (Cleveleys, Poulton, Fleetwood and Garstang).</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion and Air Quality Air quality has improved. £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. Signage is being improved between Poulton and Carleton to raise awareness of a route into Poulton and looking at improving signage at other pathways, using money left from the grant. <p>The Path from Tithebarn area of Poulton to the Train Station has also been repaired by Network Rail at a cost of £71,000.</p> <p>Also, the council is in the process of appraising a scheme to provide a link road through Hardhorn car park and planning a sustainable travel day for businesses.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking There will be provision of free parking at the Teanlowe Centre, following the Booths development. <p>New car parking strategy has been agreed by Cabinet and the action plan will be implemented. There are no immediate changes on parking policy or fees planned, until a review of the impact of the Booths development has been completed.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing the needs of the ageing population Wyre was one of only 100 local authority areas invited to bid for Big Lottery Funding to tackle social isolation in older people and is now down to the last 32. A core partnership led by Community Foundation for Lancashire has been formed and this partnership has been progressing the next stage of the bidding process. A Vision and Strategy has now been submitted to Big Lottery under the project title of WELL – Wyre Embraces Later Life. The outcome of this bid is expected by end of July 2014. 	G

Locality Plan Priorities (cont'd)	
Progress Update	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving open space and sports / leisure / play facilities Funding from United Futures fund is no longer available for playground improvements at Farnham Way. However, United Utilities has agreed to honour £2,500 fees that Groundwork would have received as part of the funding to oversee an alternative funding submission to Veolia for £30,000. This will also cover designs, consultations, workshops and tender preparation works. <p>Planning permission for significant improvements to Poulton Leisure Centres has been granted. Work started on site at the end of April with a completion date of mid-November.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of provision of allotments The community garden project at Cottam Hall Playing Fields is progressing well and is attracting lots of community interest. An Open Day was held on 15 October. 	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Night time economy Since the taxi ranks have been marked out, made enforceable and monitored, the situation has improved and will continue to be monitored. <p>CCTV continues to be very useful for monitoring night time activity and the control room is being successfully monitored by volunteers.</p>	G

Other Key Activity in Poulton
<p>New funding announced for community projects - £10,000 available for Poulton – deadline for bids end of May 2014.</p>

<p>Play area improvements at Jean Stansfield Vicarage Park.</p>