



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Lead Member for Rural West, Councillor Julie Robinson and the Corporate Director of Resources, Philippa Davies	Council	5 June 2014	14

**SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD:
RURAL WEST PERFORMANCE REPORT**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update Council on the issues and priorities in the Rural West 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: Rural West Performance Report – May 2014.

SHAPING YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: RURAL WEST

Neighbourhood Lead: Cllr Julie Robinson
Supporting Officer: Marianne Hesketh

Performance report: May 2014

Key:

G = On schedule
R = Major issues

A = Minor issues
B = Complete



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

Funded Community Projects - Overview		
Project name	Related Key priority	Status
<p>Great Eccleston Village Centre Refurbishments</p> <p>The refurbishment work is progressing well. The rooms within the centre have been painted, new chairs have arrived for the main lounge area and IT equipment has been ordered.</p>	Rural Isolation	G
<p>Hambleton Play Area improvements</p> <p>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.</p>	Play facilities	B
<p>Inskip Play Area improvements</p> <p>This project is complete. New play equipment has been installed at School Lane play area in Inskip.</p>	Play facilities	B

Overview of Resources			
Funded Project	Funding Allocated (£)	Other Contributions (£)	Total Spend (30.04.14) (£)
Great Eccleston Village Centre	12,500	0	7,654
Hambleton Play Area	27,000	5,000	32,260
Inskip Play Area	25,490	39,000	62,019

Locality Plan Priorities	Status
<p>Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fuel Poverty <p>Together with other Lancashire authorities, Wyre ran another collective energy switching scheme, a smaller scheme than the previous one. Currently awaiting the results.</p> <p>As part of work on Affordable warmth in winter 2013/14, Wyre worked with Groundwork to target the fuel poor. A post has been funded until next winter to work on fuel poverty. Over £92,000 (for Fylde and Wyre) from Public Health (Lancashire County Council) and £40,000 from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been invested for affordable warmth, with Care and Repair co-ordinating work.</p> <p>Also, working with LESS (Local & Effective Sustainable Solutions) and Directors of Public Health in Lancashire to map areas where there are high levels of fuel poverty.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Needs of Elderly <p>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, a Strategic Housing Market Assessment has been completed to identify housing needs across the Borough to inform the Local Plan.</p>	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural Isolation <p>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.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety <p>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.</p>	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Fouling <p>Dog Patrols have increased and in line with intelligence and reporting. Hot spot areas continue to be monitored. The launch of the interactive mapping facility has enabled us to better pinpoint problematic areas. http://www.wyre.gov.uk/reportdogfouling.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car Parking at Great Eccleston <p>Current car parking provision (owned by Parish) has been incorporated by Council's Parking order and can therefore be enforced, on request by Parish. The council will work with Parish to find alternative car parking options.</p>	A

Locality Plan Priorities (cont'd)	Status
<p>Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flooding / Sewerage <p>Reports have been undertaken by Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Wyre Council for all areas in Rural West. A scheme has been approved for Sunnyside Terrace, with money available from the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.</p> <p>The Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group held an event for schools, to promote change in perceptions of water usage and water issues. St. Aidan's School in Preesall attended.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knott End Ferry Slip <p>Following discussions with the Environment Agency about the inclusion of the Ferry Slip in the Environment Agency's Flood Risk Scheme, works have commenced on Knott End Slip Way. Flood defence scheme incorporated improved access and a wider headland area at the top of the slipway.</p>	G
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of allotments / community gardens <p>A couple of potential sites for Community Gardens have been identified. One in Hambleton and one in Stalmine. These will be explored further.</p>	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellbeing <p>Wyre Council is engaging with the Clinical Commissioning Group in the development of their Health and Care Vision.</p>	A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal Defences along Pilling Coast <p>Review of Embankments is to take place, in the light of information on the National Pathfinder schemes, with similar shoreline management plan policies.</p>	Not Started

Other Key Activity in Rural West
<p>Work has been completed to provide a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), youth shelter, tree planting and realignment of entrance, at Preesall playing fields, using S106 monies.</p> <p>New funding announced for community projects - £10,000 available for Rural West – deadline for bids end of May 2014.</p>
 <p>MUGA at Preesall playing fields</p>