

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr R Berry – Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder	Council	adjourned from 27 November 2014 to be considered on 22 January 2015	5(e)

**EXECUTIVE REPORT NOVEMBER 2014: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES  
PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Service Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Environmental Health – Private Water Supplies**

**2.1** A Lancashire wide review of how District Local Authorities investigate Health and Safety at Work accidents, is currently being undertaken because there have been recent changes to the Reporting of Injuries Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995. This has led to changes in guidance to enforcement officers, which will be considered as part of the review. This work is being undertaken by a Health and Safety officer group, including representatives from all Lancashire District Authorities including the Health and Safety Executive. The findings will be implemented across Lancashire.

**2.2** The main changes were to simplify the reporting requirements in the following areas:

- the classification of ‘major injuries’ to workers is being replaced with a shorter list of ‘specified injuries’;
- the previous list of 47 types of industrial disease is being replaced with eight categories of reportable work-related illness;
- fewer types of dangerous occurrence require reporting.

There are no significant changes to the reporting requirements for:

- fatal accidents;
- accidents to non-workers (members of the public);
- accidents which result in the incapacitation of a worker for more than seven days.

**2.3** The Authority has been involved in a project to risk assess some of the private water supplies located within the Borough as required by the Private Water Supply Regulations 2009. 19 supplies have been identified as either a small domestic supply serving more than 1 dwelling

or a large domestic supply or a supply which provides water to a commercial or public premise. It is expected that all 19 supplies will be risk assessed by the end of December 2014. To date, of the 17 completed, only 4 supplies have been found to be acceptable.

### **3 Community Safety – Anti-Social Behaviour**

- 3.1** The Anti-Social Behaviour Police and Crime Act 2014 was introduced in October 2014. The Act provides new tools and powers to Wyre Council, Police and social landlords to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour. Here in Wyre the Police and the Council continue to work closely together to investigate and deal with alleged incidents of this nature. The new Act also allows the victim to formally request a review of their case under the community trigger procedures.
- 3.2** It is proposed that existing Fylde Town Centre CCTV systems for St Annes, Kirkham and Lytham are integrated into the Poulton Civic Centre control room. The cost of integrating the systems and the provision of improved equipment will be met by the first years contribution from Fylde Council.
- 3.3** Wyre's CCTV Control room is operated by a mixture of paid and volunteer staff. A draft 5 year agreement between the two Authorities is currently being prepared and will result in Fylde Council making an annual contribution of £15,000. The Scheme represents value for money for both Authorities and is a good example of partnership working.

### **4. Rossall Coastal Defences**

- 4.1** Rossall Coastal Defences are continuing with rock deliveries at an accelerated rate. Two rock groynes have been constructed to date. Design work to the revetment is nearing completion following investigation of alternative proposals put forward by the contractor. Piling operations are due to commence in the New Year.
- 4.2** An amendment to the planning conditions relating to working hours has been submitted and accepted. Working hours will therefore be extended to 07:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday (from the original 08:00 to 18:00) No changes have been made to weekend working. This will allow greater flexibility in working with the tide and avoid rush hour traffic for deliveries.

### **5.. Fleetwood and Cleveleys Storm Event**

- 5.1** Works to repair the beach retention groynes from Cleveleys to Fleetwood Marine beach damaged in the winter storms is nearing completion. As part of the scheme material lost from the beaches on the western frontage and deposited at Fleetwood marine beach have been excavated and moved back to the start of the system at Cleveleys. In total 10,000m<sup>3</sup> of material has been moved. There are benefits to both the flood protection along the western coast and to navigation within the Wyre estuary through these works. The works will be externally funded through a grant from the Environment Agency to a value of £300,000.

## **6. Comments and Questions**

- 6.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.

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