

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	30 July 2015	9(g)

Executive Report: Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Community engagement

- 2.1 I am really pleased with how well the Local Plan consultation is progressing which has included widespread publicity in all local papers, online and on social media. Over 11,000 individual notifications have been sent out by email and posted to residents, businesses and community groups via Wyred Up, the engagement network and to our e-news subscribers. Briefings have been held for members, parish and town council planning ambassadors and council officers. Information can be found in libraries and other public buildings and there are posters in shops, medical centres and community venues. People can still take part in the consultation online at wyre.gov.uk/local_plan at any time until it closes on 7 August.
- 2.2 It's great news for 15 community projects which have been awarded Shaping Your Neighbourhood funding to a total value of £31,953.77 and a further 5 projects have funding pending additional information to a total value of £11,925. There is a really good variety of community projects benefiting from this funding including: Heritage train project at Thornton; Junior play area improvements at Jean Stansfield Park, Poulton; Outdoor kitchen at West View Community Association, Fleetwood; Sound system at St Oswald's drama group, Preesall and a World War 1 commemorative garden at Claughton-on-Brock. Full details of all the projects awarded funding can be found in my Portfolio holder report "[Shaping Your Neighbourhood – 2015/16 grant allocation](#)".

3. Health and wellbeing

- 3.1 This month we have submitted a bid to Lancashire County Council (Public Health) for up to £66,000 of funding to support winter warmth initiatives in Wyre and Fylde next Winter. We expect to hear the outcome of this bid towards the end of this month.

3.2 Meetings have been held with Lancashire County Council regarding the commissioning of additional services to tackle loneliness and isolation in Wyre. Building on work undertaken last year, developing work with Fylde and Wyre CCG and North Lancashire CCG we will be working with the County Council to inform commissioning decisions.

4. Environmental health

4.1 This month the Environmental Health team have worked closely with the Emergency Planning Team both here and at Lancashire County Council, reviewing the Council's participation in an emergency exercise looking at how the Council would respond to an incident at Vinnolit on the Hillhouse industrial estate. The exercise provides invaluable information on how the Authority would react and integrate its services with the emergency services.

4.2 Meetings have been held with the Food Standard Agency and the rural wildlife officer to high-light an increasing concern about food fraud. This includes livestock movements, illegal slaughter, poaching and incorrect labelling. Food Safety Officers from across the County are looking at encouraging communication between Local Authorities and police to start to address this growing concern.

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.