

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council	Council	6 April 2017	8(a)

Executive Report: Leader of the Council
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 At the last meeting of full Council Cllr Fail raised again the format and level of detail of the minutes. Cllr Fail questioned who was responsible for the format and content of the minutes and requested that the minutes be greater in detail.
- 2.2 For a number of months Members have agreed the format and contents of the minutes of full Council. The minutes and level of detail have been consistent for a number of meetings and have been approved in the format and content as currently detailed in this agenda. The tedious repetition and questioning about the minutes by Cllr Fail is becoming rather wearing, adds no value to the debate and a line needs to be drawn under this matter. The Constitution is clear in that **only factual matters** related to the minutes may be considered; the format or detail of minutes is **not** a matter for debate.

3. Appointment and Ratification of the Chief Constable for Lancashire

- 3.1 As part of the interview process on the 28 February 2017 candidates were questioned by two stakeholder panels and the Chief Executive formed part of one of the two stakeholder panels. Two experienced and credible candidates were interviewed over a two day period and as a result the Police & Crime Commissioner offered Andrew Rhodes, the Deputy Chief Constable for Lancashire the post and on the 20 March 2017 the Police & Crime Panel held a Confirmation Hearing.
- 3.2 I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Andrew on his appointment, wish him well in his new role and I, Cllr Berry and Officers look forward to working with him and his Officers, particularly on the Early Action agenda.

4. LGA Peer Challenge

4.1 On the 14 March I welcomed an LGA Peer Challenge Team who were with us for 3 days and their focus was the health agenda and specifically:

- (a) How public sector agencies in Wyre can further accelerate progress on delivering improved health outcomes.
- (b) How Wyre Council can strengthen its internal working arrangements to ensure strong delivery of the Healthier Wyre priority.

Cllr Vivien Taylor will cover this matter in greater depth, but I would like to thank the Peer Team for their work and also the staff and Partners for their very valuable contributions.

5. County Council Elections and Purdah

5.1 As Members are aware the County Council Elections will be held on Thursday 4 May with the verification and count commencing at 10am on Friday 5 May at Marine Hall, Fleetwood. In addition, due to the resignation of Councillor Natalie Reeves there will be a local election in the Bourne Ward and the verification and count for the local seat will take place on the same day and at the same venue as the County Election.

5.2 The purdah period commenced on the 24 March (publication of the Notice for Elections) but that does not prevent the Council conducting normal business or decision making, it is only matters that are directly related to County matters or matters affecting Bourne Ward that we will not promote or attribute to any of our currently elected County Councillors or Borough Councillors or potential Ward candidates who are standing for election.

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.