

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader	Council	6 April 2017	8(b)

Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

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

2. Finance

- 2.1** Members should now have received their council tax bills for the 2017/18 financial year reflecting this Council's decision to increase its element of the bill by just £5 on a Band D equivalent property to £188.31 or just under 52p per day.
- 2.2** Whilst the total band D council tax (excluding parish precepts) is now £1,641.00, I wish to remind members that the Wyre element is only 12% of the charge with the costs of Lancashire County Council (74%), the Police and Crime Commissioner (10%) and the Fire Authority (4%) all contributing to the final bill that drops through our residents' letterboxes.
- 2.3** With our most recent financial projections in the Medium Term Financial Plan indicating a gap between expenditure and income of £2.2m in 2020/21, there is still a great deal of work to be done between now and then to identify further efficiency savings. The Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service in conjunction with specific project teams are working on a variety of schemes to ensure our continuing financial sustainability.

3. Human Resources

- 3.1** The Cross Directorate Project Group tasked with revamping the performance appraisal process has now met a number of times and generated some really innovative ideas. Their ideas and recommendations will be presented to CMT for approval before being rolled out across the Council from June. The scoping meeting of the next Cross Directorate Project Group was held on 20 March 2017, this group is looking at our approach to marketing to ensure that we are maximising commercial opportunities.

4. Procurement

4.1 The Building Maintenance team have completed a procurement exercise which has signed up 11 local companies to a new Reactive Repairs and Maintenance works framework agreement for eight different lots. The lots include: groundworks; joinery; plumbing and drainage; electrical; roofing and cladding; mechanical engineering; painting and decorating and general building work. The framework agreements will run for one year with an option to extend annually for a maximum contract period of four years.

5. Asset Management

5.1 As Members will know, one of our business plan priorities is to make the best use of our assets, the aim being to improve the return thereby promoting sustainability of our services. Fleetwood Market is one of these key assets. We have recently installed a cash machine at the market and have been progressing repairs to the roof and tiled flooring. A new lighting scheme is shortly to be installed and the external signage is being updated with the new Fleetwood Market branding along with some external repairs and decoration. A digital marketing plan is being prepared with the emphasis on developing an online presence for the market to help raise the profile both locally and nationally.

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.