

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item No.</b>
Cllr. Lynne Bowen, Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder	Council	6 April 2017	8(f)

<b>Executive Report: Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder</b>
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**1. Purpose of report**

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

**2. Volunteering**

- 2.1** Our Volunteering Services continue to go from strength to strength with the number of volunteer hours delivered in 2016/17 exceeding all previous years. New volunteer opportunities for 2017 will include The Mount in Fleetwood, with volunteers helping to support events within the building as well as looking after its gardens.

**3. Tourism and visitor services**

- 3.1** The Discover Wyre Guide 2017 has been produced and circulated to our three Tourist Information Centres and six Tourist Information Points prior to the Easter break. We also hold a stock of leaflets for National marketing opportunities as well as for any enquiries and promotional opportunities throughout the year.
- 3.2** Hosted by the Council, the Marsh Mill AGM took place on 23rd February with approximately 25 attendees. It was announced during the AGM that Marsh Mill would open its doors to visitors on Easter Saturday and be staffed by a dedicated group of volunteers. There will be a programme of visitor events throughout the year when the sails will turn supported by varied activities within the Mill and in the village.

**4. Sports development**

- 4.1** A number of projects were submitted from Wyre for Sportivate funding. We have three successful projects and these are a clubbercise project for students at Myerscough College, self defence sessions for women in Fleetwood and a beginners running group also aimed at women in Fleetwood. These projects will be delivered during 2017.

- 4.2** A successful funding application was made to Table Tennis England to provide a table and equipment at Fleetwood YMCA. New programmes of activity to promote table tennis will now be developed to encourage use of the tables.
- 4.3** Planning is underway for Year 2 of Trysport activities with our partners Fylde Coast YMCA and Fleetwood Town Community Trust. Both service delivery partners have been awarded contract extensions and a new programme brochure will be launched after Easter. A new reward scheme is now in operation to encourage increased participation and retention.

## **5. Comments and questions**

- 5.1** 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.