

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Vivien Taylor, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	20 July 2017	8(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 Consultation at Wyre Estuary Country Park - an initial consultation has been held with stakeholders, volunteers and visitors at Wyre Estuary Country Park. The consultation sought opinions about the Stanah site including what could make it better for visitors and tourists. The results of the consultation will now be evaluated and will help to develop an improvement plan for the facilities in order to maximise the economic significance and tourism potential of the estuary section of the Wyre Way route. In addition the plan will assist the council to look for funding for improvements in the future.

2.2 Wyre in Bloom 2017 - This year Wyre has 11 area entries into the Britain in Bloom competition, categories are decided on population.

- Large town: Fleetwood
- Town category: Thornton
- Small town category: Garstang, Preesall and Knott End
- Large village: Catterall, Hambleton, Pilling, Great Eccleston
- Village: St. Michael's, Inskip, Bilsborrow

Judging is carried out by representatives from the North West in Bloom team which are taking place this week in Wyre. We also have 27 neighbourhoods entered into competition across the borough in addition to the formal category entries. In addition, three of our parks have entered into the RHS scheme for judging this year, Memorial Park, Jean Stansfield Park and Kepple Lane Park. The children and young people of the borough will also be represented this year as 19 schools have entered Young Wyre in Bloom, results for which will be released in the coming weeks.

2.3 Pilling 2020 Community Project - The Engagement Team have been providing bid support to Pilling Memorial Hall, a registered charity set up to provide a new village hall in Pilling which is part of a larger community project to provide social, recreational, leisure and educational activities for all residents of Pilling and surrounding neighbourhoods. If the bid is successful the new village hall will be able to accommodate groups of up to 250 and provide flexible accommodation catering for a variety of needs. The Engagement Team are happy to provide a critical friend service to any groups across Wyre wishing to bid for external funds, this can improve chances of success and ensure groups are ready to deliver new services.

3. Health and wellbeing

3.1 Proposed NHS Fylde and Wyre CCG Boundary Changes - Consultation on a proposal for the merger of Great Eccleston Medical Centre and the Landscape and Windsor Surgeries in Garstang into NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group are underway. Any proposal must be approved by NHS England. If a decision is made to support a boundary change we would expect implementation from 1 April 2018.

3.2 Healthier Fleetwood Questionnaire – The Healthier Fleetwood partnership is conducting a survey to establish a current view of resident health and happiness in the town. The results of the survey will be used to help plan services in the future and identify issues that the partnership can focus attention upon. The questionnaire can be found at listening@healthierfleetwood.co.uk and I would encourage our Fleetwood elected members to encourage their constituents to complete the survey.

4. Environmental health

4.1 Large-scale projects and noise – The Environmental Protection Team continues to ensure that noise nuisance from a number of large-scale infrastructure projects is minimised. These projects have included the electrification of the Blackpool to Preston railway line.

4.2 During such projects there may be times when noise can be excessive and at such times it is crucial that the contractor operates an effective communication management system to inform the Local Authority and residents likely to be affected of the measures they are taking to mitigate the noise and how long the noise is likely to last. It is known that tolerance to noise is greatly enhanced if individuals know in advance of the disturbance and the likely timescales of the work being undertaken. Our Environmental Health Officers continue to work with developers and contractors before works starts on site to agree methods for minimising any noise impact and, where there are departures from any agreed plan, to act on behalf of the residents.

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.

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