



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
The Leader of the Council(Cllr Gibson) and the Corporate Director of Resources	Annual Council	10 May 2012	8

APPOINTMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD LEAD MEMBERS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To appoint a lead member for each of the geographical areas identified in the Council's new approach to neighbourhood engagement.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Improved neighbourhood engagement.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That a Councillor, who is not a member of the Cabinet, be appointed as the Neighbourhood Lead Member for each of the following areas:
- Fleetwood
 - Cleveleys
 - Thornton
 - Poulton
 - Rural East
 - Rural west.

4. Background

- 4.1 On 26 April the Council approved a "Shaping your Neighbourhood" document setting out a new approach to neighbourhood engagement and locality planning. A significant part of the new approach is the designation of a non-executive member as the "neighbourhood lead" for each of the six specified areas.
- 4.2 The role of the Lead Neighbourhood members, as approved by the Council in April, will be to raise the profile of neighbourhood engagement and to ensure that the various new initiatives embodied within the new approach are progressed. They will be expected to:

- build up a detailed knowledge of the priority needs and issues in their neighbourhood area;
- be a primary member contact point on issues affecting the neighbourhood and to help co-ordinate the collation and dissemination of information;
- report issues raised by members of their area to relevant officers and Portfolio Holders and provide feedback on such issues;
- liaise closely with relevant members of their engagement network, relevant officers and Portfolio Holders on the development and implementation of the locality plan for their area, following approval of that plan by the Cabinet.

5. Key Issues and Proposals

5.1 The intention is that the members for each of the six areas will nominate their own Lead Member.

5.2 The members in each of the areas are:

Fleetwood:

Councillors E Anderton, M Anderton, Beavers, I Duffy, R Duffy, C Grunshaw, J Grunshaw, R Hewitt, Rogers, Shewan, Smith, T Taylor and Treece-Birch.

Cleveleys:

Councillors Amos, Hodgkinson, Kay, Martin, Ormrod, A Vincent, M Vincent and Walmsley.

Thornton:

Councillors Anderson, R Gandhi, Greenhough, Lees, MacNaughton, Newsham, Perkin and Turner.

Poulton:

Councillors Bannister, Berry, Birch, Bridge, Cocker, M Gandhi, Gibson, Hargreaves, Henderson and McKay.

Rural East:

Councillors Lady Atkins, Balmain, Brooks, Collinson, Murphy, Swift, Williams and Wilson

Rural West

Councillors Bowen, Catterall, Lawrenson, McCann, Moon, Pimbley, Robinson and V Taylor.

- 5.3** The Council will be asked to confirm the appointments of the Lead Neighbourhood Members for each area, to be nominated by the Members of each of those areas, which will be reported to the meeting.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Whilst there are no initial cost implications, future consideration of whether the holders of these roles should be entitled to a special responsibility allowance will be a matter for the Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations on.
Legal	The Lead Members will have no delegated decision making powers.
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report.
Equality and Diversity	The new approach to neighbourhood engagement will address the needs and priorities of all sections of our local communities.
Sustainability	The appointment of Lead Members for each area will enable the Council's new strategy to be delivered and sustained.
Health and Safety	None
Risk Management	We need to effectively engage with our communities to ensure that we provide the best value for money services and to ensure that we build a positive reputation for Wyre Council.
Asset Management	None.
Climate Change	None

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List of Background Papers:		
Name of Document	Date	Where available for inspection
None	-	-

LIST OF APPENDICES

None

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