



Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Leader of the Council	Council	26 July 2012	10(a)

EXECUTIVE REPORT: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To bring Members up to date on several issues.

2. Current and Future Issues

2.1 I wish to draw the following items to your attention:

- Shaping Your Neighbourhoods
- District Leaders and Lancashire Leaders meeting
- Health and Wellbeing

3. Shaping Your Neighbourhoods

3.1 Members will recall that Shaping Your Neighbourhoods was approved by Council on 26 April 2012. Since then a period of consultation has been undertaken with our engagement network. 18 responses were received and these flagged up some useful comments that will be fed into the Shaping Your Neighbourhood approach as it develops. Six Neighbourhood Lead Members have now been nominated and have started to meet with ward councillors in their areas to identify priorities. As all our areas are so different, it will be interesting to see how this develops but the initial focus is around identifying community projects that need funding. The first round of bids is to be submitted by the end of August 2012 and I will update Members further in September.

4. District Leaders and Lancashire Leaders meetings

4.1 Members will recall that I previously reported that at the Lancashire District Leaders Group meeting which took place on the 14 May I was appointed Chairman for the year. At the 9 July meeting Cllr Julie Cooper, Labour Leader of Burnley Council, was appointed to the position of Vice Chairman and this appointment ensures the Lancashire District Leaders Group leadership is reflective of the political make-up of Lancashire. Cllr Cooper will join me on the LEP Board.

4.2 At the 9th July Lancashire Leaders Group meeting various issues were debated including the Localisation of Council Tax Support – A Standardised Scheme Across Lancashire. The Lancashire Chief Financial Officers have been discussing and debating this matter for some months and Lancashire Leaders have agreed that each Authority would consider and evaluate through consultation the potential impact a standardised scheme will have on its own residents. Accordingly the schemes may vary slightly from Authority to Authority reflecting the different demographics across Lancashire. Implementation of a scheme must be agreed by the end of December and there must be a 12 week consultation prior to publishing a proposed scheme. If an Authority does not publish a scheme within the prescribed time period Government have the right to impose one. It is imperative that we devise a scheme that is in the best interests of our residents and having regard to the tight timescales we will be considering a report on this matter at Cabinet on the 1 August 2012.

5. Health and Wellbeing

5.1 Members will recall at the 11 May meeting Members unanimously approving a recommendation to form a joint Fylde and Wyre Health and Wellbeing Partnership. The proposal has been considered and approved by the Cabinet at Fylde but that decision must now be ratified by their full Council at a meeting on the 31 July. I will report the outcome in my September update.

5.2 As part of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Authorisation process each CCG must prepare a plan and consult with their partners. In our case our communities fall within 4 CCG's and the Chief Executive has written to all four CCG's reminding them of their obligation to consult with us. We are still awaiting a response from the 4 CCG's but Members can be assured that I will provide a further update in September.

5.3 I can inform Members that our Head of Housing Services, Mr Mark Broadhurst, has been nominated and accepted the role of Lead Representative on the Lancashire Local Authority Health Group a cross cutting group for one of the Lancashire priority outcomes –Long term conditions. This work is due to start in Oct/Nov 2012 and has the objective of: Reducing the incidence of and mortality from, long term conditions, and to improve quality of life for people with long term conditions and their carers.

5.4 In addition the LCC Public Health Unit on behalf of the LanCS Health and Wellbeing Board are looking at delivering some 'early wins interventions', one of these concerns affordable warmth and Mr Broadhurst has been asked to assist in pulling together an intervention planning report designed to: Create clarity on the desired impact of each intervention and on the specific roles of partners in delivering the intervention; Make explicit the shifts in ways of working that will allow partners to deliver the intervention.