



Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Gordon McCann, Economy Portfolio Holder	Council	26 July 2012	10(d)

EXECUTIVE REPORT: ECONOMY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Council of the current position on a number of issues within the Economy Portfolio as set out in paragraph 2 below.

2. Current and Future Issues

(a) Town Centre Investment

- 2.1 Plans for the new Booths store in Poulton could be considered by the Planning Committee in the near future, subject to resolving outstanding planning issues.
- 2.2 An application for a Sainsbury's superstore off Fleetwood Road, Thornton, is still under consideration.
- 2.3 An application for an Asda store in Poulton has now been received.
- 2.4 An amended Portas Pilot bid was submitted in late June and we are expecting to hear back any day.

(b) Adopting a new planning policy

- 2.5 Responses to representations made during the Core Strategy consultation are now being written. Interestingly, a number of people have asked us to increase our housing numbers.
- 2.6 Work has started on an Employment Land and Commercial Leisure Study to provide necessary evidence for proposed policies relating to these two areas.
- 2.7 Next step, subject to Cabinet approval, is to set a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for developers to fund roads and

community facilities identified as development needs in our Local Plan.

(c) Building of affordable homes

2.8 An application is being considered for 126 dwellings at Fylde Farm off Normoss Road, Poulton.

(d) Transport

2.9 Funding is now in place to deliver a GRIP2 study this summer for the Poulton to Fleetwood railway. Talks with LCC are under way to deliver a feasibility study within the next 12 months looking at the shorter option of a community/tourist line to get the line operational.

3. Comments and Questions

3.1 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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