### Review Topic
Engaging with Communities

### Chair
To be confirmed

### Group Membership
Councillors Emma Anderton, Lady Atkins, David Bannister, Colette Birch, Roger Brooks, Kerry Jones, Lesley McKay, Paul Moon, Patsy Ormrod and Dave Walmsley

### Officer Support
Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer

### Purpose of the Review
To look at ways in which the council can better support Lead Members and assist councillors in engaging more effectively with their communities

### Objective of Review
To identify ways to improve community engagement and ensure that residents are more involved in shaping the design and delivery of services.

### Aims of Review
- To identify ways in which the council can facilitate greater involvement of its communities.
- To review the effectiveness of the Engagement Network in supporting councillors as ‘community champions’.
- To identify ways in which the Council can engage more effectively through established community groups.
- To consider how engagement can be improved in areas that do not have established community groups.
- To identify ways in which the Engagement Network can help enhance and develop the role of councillors in championing community engagement in their wards.
- To identify ways in which the Council can engage more effectively with Parish and Town Councils.

### Methodology
- Reviewing relevant reports and documentation
- Interviewing witnesses at task group meetings
- Attending a selection of meetings of local community groups, as observers.
- To review positive community engagement work undertaken by other local authorities

### Scope of Review
- The review is limited to how the Council engages with communities

### Potential Witnesses
- Leader of the Council
- Cllr Pete Murphy (Chairman of Councillor Development Group)
- Chief Executive
- Head of Transformation
- Wyre Council's Lead Members for Shaping Your Neighbourhood
- Backbench/Ward councillors
- Representatives from Town and Parish councils
- Representatives of local community groups
- Councillor Development Officer (or appropriate line manager)

**Documents to be considered**
- Business Plan Project Brief
- Shaping Your Neighbourhood Evaluation Report – submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Head of Transformation on 28 April 2014.
- LGIU Policy Briefing – People-shaped places – How Lambeth let residents redesign the neighbourhood (June 2014)

**Risks**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level of Publicity</th>
<th>Low</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Indicators of a Successful Review**
- Increase in number of residents who know who their local councillor is
- ‘Life in Wyre’ survey results, around how well the Council runs its services

**Intended Outcomes**
More effective council decision-making.

**Approximate Timeframe**
To be completed by 31 December 2014 (so long as the results of the ‘Life in Wyre’ survey can also be taken into account.

**Projected Start Date**
23 September 2014

4 August 2014