Notes of the meeting of the Engaging with Communities task group held on Monday 9 March 2015 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Task group members present:

Councillor E Anderton  Councillor Jones  
Councillor Brooks  Councillor McKay(Chair)  
Councillor Hewitt  Councillor Moon  

Others present:  
Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer

EC.37 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bannister, C Birch, Ormrod and Walmsley.

EC.38 Declarations of Interest

None.

EC.39 Notes of last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 12 January 2015 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

EC.40 Meetings with community groups and organisations

Peter Foulsham, Scrutiny Officer, had submitted a report that summarised the findings from a series of open drop-in sessions for community representatives, which was run during February.

Nine drop-in sessions were held across the borough, which were attended by a total of 46 people. Many of the 46 were residents who spoke with task
group members by chance, so the number of representatives who chose to attend for that purpose was less than twenty. Consequently, the findings in the report, which was published with the agenda, should not be seen as significant.

Despite the small number of responses, there was some evidence of correlation between the views expressed by community representatives and the evidence already gathered by the task group.

EC.41 Draft report

Councillors considered the initial draft report and debated the likely conclusions and recommendations, based on the evidence that has been gathered.

Peter Foulsham agreed to draft some conclusions and recommendations and circulate them to task group members for comment.

EC.42 Next steps

Once the task group had had the chance to see and comment on the draft conclusions and recommendations the Chairman would meet informally with the Leader of the Council and the Head of Transformation to advise them of the contents of the draft report. Task group members would be informed about the outcomes from that meeting, and a further task group meeting only arranged if necessary.

EC.43 Date and time of next meeting

None arranged at this time.