

Report of:	To:	Date	Item no.
Cllr. Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Council	6 April 2017	8(e)

Executive Report: Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio as set out below.

2. CCTV and Lancashire Constabulary

- 2.1 The partnership between our CCTV control room and neighbourhood policing teams continues to go from strength to strength. The Wyre and Fylde CCTV control room is at the centre of intelligence led policing, providing valuable information to target criminal activity within both Wyre and Fylde. The information gathered by the team is used to undertake operational orders within the borough and has led to arrests. It is essential that close co-operation between public sector agencies is maintained to help keep Wyre a safe place to live, work and visit.

3. Funding to support victims of domestic abuse in Lancashire

- 3.1 We are a partner in a bid by Lancashire councils for funding to support victims of domestic abuse. On 8 March we were informed of a successful outcome and Lancashire will share more than £1.3m of government funding for refuge provision and support to victims of domestic abuse.
- 3.2 The new funding will allow the creation of new bed spaces in refuges and other specialist accommodation, supporting victims with somewhere safe to live and rebuild their lives with additional access to education, employment and life skills training.

4. New funding to support community-led housing projects

- 4.1 Based on council tax information provided, in December 2016 we were awarded a grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG's) Community Housing Fund to help deliver community-led housing projects in our area. The grant is being

distributed in two equal tranches, the first of which was paid up front in January 2017. The payment of the second tranche is dependent on our provision of satisfactory evidence that the money is to be spent in accordance with the objectives of the Fund. Evidence has been submitted to DCLG to support the second tranche of receipt of funding.

5. Flooding Events Resilience

5.1 Following the closure of applications for flood resilience grants in December the final applications are being determined. In total, 97 properties received the £500 flood hardship payments and 89 applications for resilience grants have been made of which 71 have been approved, 3 refused and 5 are pending. The pending applications require Environmental Permits from the Environment Agency and discussions are ongoing.

6. Rossall Coastal Defence Improvement Scheme

6.1 Good progress continues to be made on the UK's largest coastal defence scheme. A presentation was made to members prior to the Full Council meeting on 2 March. Works to the bridging structure over the United Utilities pipeline commenced 9 March. The coastal defence scheme is scheduled for completion at the end of November with the landscaping and planting scheduled for completion the following Spring.

7. Comments and questions

7.1 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.