

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr David Henderson, Leader of the Council	Council	12 April 2018	8(a)

Executive Report: Leader of the Council
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on a number of issues, as set out below.

2. Recent Activities

- 2.1 Since being elected as Leader I have attended numerous meetings and events including the Commonwealth Day Flag Raising Ceremony which was very well attended; 'Meet the Marines', a three day event held in Fleetwood with hundreds of young people attending from across Lancashire; Bite Size Briefing on the Transport for the North Strategic Transport Plan and I met with representatives from the Local Government Association (LGA) to discuss various matters including how the LGA can provide support and training and development opportunities not just for me but for all Members.

3. Ward Walks

- 3.1 The programme of Ward Walks in April and May of this year has now commenced and I and the Chief Executive are looking forward to completing the remaining walks with Members and I hope that Members will continue to use the opportunity to showcase the great work that they and others in the community are doing in their local area.

4. Lancashire District Leaders and Shadow Combined Authority Meetings

- 4.1 Lancashire District Leaders met on 20 February but owing to a lack of business, the meeting on 22 March was cancelled. Operational matters including the overall financial position of District Councils were discussed at the District Leaders meeting. I updated my fellow District Leaders on our strong financial position and the commercial approach that was now well embedded within staff and the benefits of a "can do" attitude as referenced by the LGA Peer Review Team.

- 4.2** I have found the Shadow Combined Authority meetings interesting and at the meeting on 22 March a revised draft Scheme of Governance was discussed. Members will be aware that in December 2015, based on the then proposed Scheme of Governance, full Council took the decision not to take part in discussions/meetings on a formal basis. The draft Scheme of Governance discussed on 22 March is significantly different from that considered in December 2015 and once a final Scheme of Governance has been agreed I will, in due course, bring a detailed report to full Council for Members to consider, debate and reach a decision on a revised Scheme of Governance.

5. Comments and Questions

- 5.1** 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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