

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr. Michael Vincent, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder	Council	12 April 2018	8(g)

Executive Report: Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Health and Community Engagement Portfolio, as set out below.

2. Community Engagement

2.1 **Wyre Voice** is being distributed this month to all homes in Wyre. This edition includes a four page feature on Healthier Wyre promoting all the events and activities going on in the area to improve the lives of local people. It also includes council tax information, community news, a section for young people, information about Wyre Council organised events, plus information on green waste, business, weddings, the leisure centres and council news.

2.2 **Together We Make A Difference Network** - the Anti-Social Behaviour Group for Marine Gardens are working closely with the Early Action Team to map activities and facilities available for young people. This will be combined with the results of the recent Fleetwood Futures youth consultation. This work will inform a programme of activities for summer to help bridge any gaps.

2.3 **Wyre Youth Mayor - Lancashire Young Citizen of the Year 2018**
Wyre Youth Mayor, Jessica Basquill has been named as the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen of the Year 2018. Jessica topped a list of more than 65 young and inspiring people from across the county who made a real difference in their community. The announcement was made during a special award ceremony at Lancashire Police headquarters in Hutton. Jessica was praised for her productive and supportive role as Wyre Youth Mayor. The role has seen her raise more than £1,500 for local charities, provide support for a number of local projects and has seen her attend many civic events.

2.4 International Women's Day

On 8 March, we celebrated International Women's Day with a social media campaign to showcase some of the women that work for the council. We spoke to women at all levels of the organisation and featured them in our #WomeninWyre campaign. The campaign was very successful and reached over 3,000 people on Facebook and 2,600 on Twitter.

3. Health and Wellbeing

3.1 Health Initiatives for Garstang and Over Wyre

With the transfer of Garstang Medical Centre and Great Eccleston Health Centre to NHS Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group from 1 April 2018, we are in conversation with the newly formed Wyre Rural Extended Neighbourhood (WREN) to identify projects to be developed to deliver against our Business Plan Healthier Wyre project to 'Support Neighbourhood Health Initiatives for Garstang and Over Wyre to address social isolation and loneliness'. Proposals being discussed include projects to support a number of friendship groups supporting older isolated residents.

3.2 NHS Fylde and Wyre Patient Participation Group (PPG) and Empowering Communities Conference

Officers recently attended the NHS Fylde and Wyre Patient Participation Group (PPG) and Empowering Communities Conference at Ribby Hall. Healthier Fleetwood, our Harmony and Health singing groups and other community health initiatives were showcased to encourage similar projects across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast.

3.3 Fylde and Wyre Multispeciality Community Provider Project to support Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde)

A business case presented to the Fylde and Wyre Multispeciality Community Provider (MCP) that proposed a shared cross-sector project aiming to maximise the role of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) and Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde) to speed and better support discharge from hospital to home and to maintain the independence of those living at home that could be at risk of hospital admission has been approved. This will see increased resources to support the project for Care and Repair. To support the project the MCP Project Team coordinated and held a workshop on 27 February 2018 attended by representatives from; Wyre Council, Fylde Council, Lancashire County Council (LCC) Occupational Therapist Service, Adult Community Services, Blackpool Hospital Occupational Therapist Service, Lancashire Better Care Fund and LCC Public Health that undertook a process mapping exercise to understand the existing supporting pathways, entry points and organisational boundaries.

The workshop recognised the role DFGs and Care and Repair play in preventing falls and injuries, improving independence, improving accessibility and mobility in the home, improving mental health and supporting carers. Work is now being taken forward that will see new referral mechanisms from Primary Care and Secondary Care into our Care and Repair Service.

4. Environmental Health

Taxi Licensing

- 4.1** The National Anti-Fraud Network, hosted at Tameside Council, are about to introduce a national register for refused or revoked taxi drivers. Together with a number of other Lancashire District Councils we have agreed to sign up to this database. This will ensure our Licensing Team and subsequently our Licensing Committee will have access to additional relevant information when deciding whether an individual is a fit and proper person to become a taxi driver. Taxi drivers carry some of our most vulnerable residents and our sign-up to this database will provide additional re-assurance and so help to ensure that the highest possible standards, outlined in our taxi licensing policy, will be maintained.

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.