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EXECUTIVE REPORT: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To bring Members up to date on several issues.

2. Current and Future Issues

2.1 I wish to draw the following items to your attention:

- Working Together Hubs Pilot
- 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
- New Ways of Working Lancashire West Sub-County Group
- Staff Listening Days

3. Working Together Hubs Pilot

3.1 Wyre has been selected by Lancashire County Council to be one of four authorities across Lancashire as a pilot authority the purpose being the development of a common model to deal with families with complex needs. It is often the case that families with complex needs receive multiple visits from the various agencies including the Police, PCT, Lancashire County Council and ourselves. Multiple visits and silo working results in inefficient working and greater costs. The purpose of the pilot is to develop a common model within which all agencies will work, underpinned by shared principles, which enabled organisations to manage risk better and increase the resilience of families with complex and multiple problems. Narrowing the gap in outcomes for these families and the children and young people within them will be a priority.

Issues to be covered include the following:

- Information sharing and the need to establish a common record of involvement with families was identified as an issue.
- The need to engage GPs and the emerging Clinical consortia.

- Alignment with other developments, such as Integrated Offender Management.
- Evaluating the impact of the work will be critical to its success – both financially and in terms of outcomes.
- Involving and engaging families in the development of the model are essential both in terms of encouraging ambition and assessing progress.
- Communicating the proposals to a wider audience.

I will provide regular updates as matters progress.

4. 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

- 4.1** Members will be aware that the 2013 review of Parliamentary constituencies has commenced and the deadline for comments on this first round of consultation is the 5th December 2011. Information for the public has been displayed in the reception of the Civic Centre and I would reiterate the comments made by the Boundary Commission that encourages everyone to use this opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies. Due to the parameters laid down there will, without doubt, be implications for Wyre.

5. New Ways of Working Lancashire West Sub-County Group

- 5.1** In an attempt to develop closer partnership working Lancashire County Council have established new ways of working with the districts. County meetings with all the Lancashire Authorities including the two Unitary Authorities (Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen) will continue but on a quarterly basis as will the District meetings. However, in August the County proposed to hold meetings with the district authorities on a smaller footprint and this offer was accepted by the Districts and viewed as an opportunity to develop closer and more productive working. Fylde and Wyre will meet with the County as the Lancashire West Sub-County Group and indeed we had our first meeting on the 19th September 2011.
- 5.2** The first meeting was extremely positive and provided the opportunity to discuss such matters as partnership working, communication and other issues in far greater detail and depth than previously. I look forward to developing further a positive relationship with the County and welcome their willingness to work closer with us as a District. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21st November 2011 and I will update Members in due course.

6. Staff Listening Days

- 6.1** Members may well be aware the Chief Executive has arranged a series of Staff Listening Days based on our corporate values. The purpose of

the sessions is to listen to the views of the staff in an open and honest environment. The first sessions took place in July and the response from staff was excellent with many very valuable comments received. All the comments have been captured and are available to view on the intranet. One recurring suggestion was Member attendance at the Listening Days. One of our values is One Team One Council and I consider that working together is one of our great strengths and it was thus a pleasure for me and Members of Cabinet to attend the recent Staff Listening Day sessions and we found the whole experience very worthwhile. Dates of future sessions will be posted on the intranet.

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