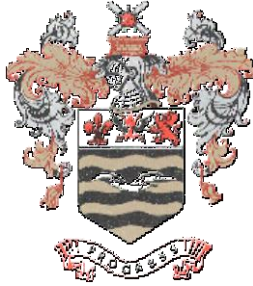


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BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, 13 September 2016

To: The Members of Blackpool Council

Madam Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Blackpool Council** to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Blackpool on Wednesday, 21 September 2016 commencing at 6.00pm for the transaction of the business specified below.



Director of Governance and Partnerships

Business

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned; and
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive official announcements from the Mayor.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2016

(Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2016 as a true and correct record.

4 RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE - COUNCILLOR EDDIE COLLETT (Pages 5 - 6)

Councillors will be asked to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Councillor Eddie Collett who sadly died on 25 July 2016.

Group Leaders and/ or representatives will be invited to pay tribute to Councillor Collett and to pass a resolution of condolence.

5 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive representations from members of the public in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS AND COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPORTS (Pages 9 - 40)

To consider the attached reports to Council from the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs) and the Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities) and the Combined Fire Authority report.

Members are reminded that:

- Each Senior Executive Member * has up to three minutes to present their report, after which there will be a period of no longer than 15 minutes per report for questions/comments (a green card will give a one minute warning, red for the end of the debate).
- There will be three minutes per question/ comment from any Councillor on anything within the portfolio and no limit to the number of times a Councillor can ask a question.
- There will be a period of up to ten minutes for a response from the Senior Executive Member * (or relevant Cabinet Member) at the end of the questions/ comments for each report.

* or Combined Fire Authority representative.

7 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD STRATEGY (Pages 41 - 52)

To consider the final draft of the Healthwatch and Wellbeing Strategy, as recommended by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive.

8 RELATIONSHIP WITH SANYA, CHINA (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider the request from the City of Sanya in China to enter into a 'sister city' agreement and in doing so seek to formalise and strengthen the current arrangements. Sister City (twinning arrangements as usually referred to in the UK) can include both formal and informal agreements between cities/ towns to work more closely in cultural, educational and economic areas.

9 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

(Pages 57 - 60)

In November 2015, Council appointed two additional members of the Independent Remuneration Panel to fill vacancies. This was following a recruitment process and after consultation with the two Group Leaders. One of those appointed has now stood down due to work related relocation. Council is asked to consider appointing a replacement member.

10 MOTIONS AT COUNCIL

(Pages 61 - 62)

To consider the motions which have been submitted as set out at Item 9 in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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Present:

Councillor G Coleman (Deputy Mayor, in the Chair)

Councillors

Benson	I Coleman	Kirkland	Scott
Blackburn	Cox	Matthews	Singleton
Brown	Critchley	Maycock	Smith
Cain	Cross	Mitchell	Stansfield
Callow	Elmes	O'Hara	I Taylor
Mrs Callow JP	Galley	Owen	L Taylor
Campbell	Hunter	Robertson BEM	L Williams
Clapham	Hutton	Roberts	T Williams
D Coleman	Jackson	Ryan	Mrs Wright

In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive

Delyth Curtis, Director of People

Steve Thompson, Director of Resources

Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships/Monitoring Officer

Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance

Yvonne Burnett, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

Jenny Bollington, Media Manager

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Rowson who was on official Council business.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In relation to agenda item 8, 'Blackpool Tramway Extension to Blackpool North Station', the following councillors declared personal interests:

- Councillor Mrs Wright as a Council appointed non-Executive Director and Chairman of Blackpool Transport Services Ltd
- Councillors Galley and Elmes as Council appointed non-Executive Directors of Blackpool Transport Services Ltd
- Councillor D Coleman and G Coleman as a family member was employed at Blackpool Transport Services Ltd
- Councillor G Coleman as a licensed taxi operator.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS HELD ON 16 MAY 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting and the special Council meeting held on 16 May 2016, be signed by the Mayor as a correct records.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Mayor paid tribute to former Mayoress, Mrs Jean Preston JP and former councillor, Mr Derek Lockwood OBE JP, both of whom had sadly died recently. Council then observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Deputy Mayor read a statement on behalf of the Mayor, expressing her thanks to all those involved in preparing for events for the Armed Forces week.

The Council was informed of the success of the Sandcastle Waterpark in achieving the Guinness World Record for the highest number of people down a waterslide in one hour and the Deputy Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated all those who took part.

4 HONORARY ALDERMAN

Members were aware that at the Special Council meeting held on 16 May 2016, it had been agreed to confer the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough to six former councillors including Mr Brian Doherty, who had been unable to attend the meeting on that date.

A speech of support was given by Councillors Campbell and Clapham in respect of Mr Doherty, after which the Deputy Mayor presented him with an Honorary Alderman medal. Mr Doherty then addressed the Council meeting.

5 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

Mr Lewtas and Mr Buckley, spokespersons for the Blackpool Licensed Taxi Operators Association addressed the Council in relation to the Executive recommendation to apply to the Secretary of State to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station. The Deputy Leader (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs), Councillor Gillian Campbell, responded on behalf of the Council.

6 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary presented reports to the Council on work undertaken in their own portfolio area and those portfolios under their responsibility.

The reports covered corporate, strategic and policy issues, together with work being undertaken in transforming services and with partners.

Questions, comments and debate were invited from all councillors on each of the report areas.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016

Notes:

- (1) In response to a request from Councillor Mrs Callow regarding the end of year Council Tax collection performance, the Leader agreed to clarify the amount in cash terms of the 1.7% figure quoted in the report and that future reports would contain figures rather than percentage rates.
- (2) The Deputy Leader agreed to provide a response to Councillor Robertson on whether the seagull-proof refuse bags that had been issued to some residents in the South Shore, would be extended to all South Shore residents, including commercial premises.
- (3) During debate on the report from the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Council agreed to extend the time limit for speeches by an additional five minutes.

7 FREEDOM OF ENTRY - DUKE OF LANCASTER REGIMENT

Members considered proposals to confer the Freedom of Entry status on the Duke of Lancaster Regiment which would give the service unit the right and privilege of marching through the streets of Blackpool on ceremonial occasions. In doing so, they noted that the Regiment was based in the North West locality and had strong links with the Borough, including active involvement in the Armed Forces week, regular career guidance and mentoring in Blackpool schools and support for employment events, as well as taking a key role in the Remembrance Day commemorations.

Motion: Councillor Blackburn proposed (and Councillor T Williams seconded):

- ‘1. To agree to arrange a Special meeting of the Council to be able then to pass a resolution under 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 to confer ‘Freedom of Entry’ status to the Duke of Lancaster Regiment, in recognition of the service provided by that unit to the Borough.
2. That the Director of Governance and Partnerships be requested to arrange this Special meeting of Council following the Council recess in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.’

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

8 BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY EXTENSION TO BLACKPOOL NORTH STATION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 20 June 2016, to apply for a Transport and Works Act order to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station. Members noted that that the proposals aimed to facilitate connectivity between the existing tramway and rail services, enhance the use of public transport and provide economic growth in linking the seafront and redeveloping town centre.

It was reported that the order would authorise the construction, maintenance and operation of the tramway works and would provide the necessary rights over land on a permanent and temporary basis, as well as a request to the Secretary of State for deemed planning permission along with draft planning conditions.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016

Members noted that there would be a series of notices to inform members of the public and other interested parties of the application and a statutory 42 day period where representations could be made to the Secretary of State for Transport on the proposals.

Motion: Councillor Campbell proposed (and Councillor Blackburn seconded):

‘To approve the making of an application to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Transport and Works Act Order under the 1992 Act, to authorise an extension of the Blackpool Tramway to Blackpool North Station.’

Prior to voting, five members of the Council requested that the vote on the motion be recorded. The voting was as follows:

For the motion: Councillors Benson, Blackburn, Cain, Campbell, D Coleman, I Coleman, Critchley, Cross, Elmes, Galley, Hobson, Hunter, Hutton, Jackson, Kirkland, Matthews, Mitchell, O’Hara, Owen, Ryan, Singleton, Smith, I Taylor, L Taylor, L Williams, Mrs Wright - **total 26.**

Against the motion: Councillors Brown, Mrs Callow, Callow, Clapham, Cox, Maycock, Roberts, Robertson, Scott, Stansfield, T Williams - **total 11.**

Abstentions: Councillor G Coleman - **total 1.**

Motion carried: The motion was therefore carried.

9 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Council was aware that it was required to have a Local Transport Plan in place and considered proposals to extend the current Plan for one year in order to fully review the content. Members were informed that the new plan would cover the period 2017 to 2022 and would take into account the Blackpool Local Plan, Part 1, the Blackpool Strategic Parking Review and the Fylde Coast Highways and Transport Masterplan.

Motion: Councillor Campbell proposed (and Councillor Blackburn seconded):

1. To approve the extension of the Local Transport Plan Strategy, 2011 to 2016, until April 2017.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Place to make the necessary amendments to the Local Transport Plan document to confirm the new period covered by the Plan and publish the Plan.’

Motion carried: The motion was submitted to the Council and carried.

Mayor

(The meeting ended at 7.56 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE FOR COUNCILLOR EDDIE COLLETT

This Council and the Townspeople of Blackpool were deeply saddened to learn of the death on 25 July 2016 of Councillor Eddie Collett, former Mayor of the Borough in 2013/ 2014 and member for Tyldesley Ward.

Eddie was first elected to Blackpool Borough Council in 1991, after a career in maintenance management and was a tutor at Blackpool and the Fylde College. During his time at the Council Eddie had held the positions of Deputy Leader of the Council and his other Portfolios included Education, Tourism, Economic Regeneration and Crime and Community Safety. He most recently served as the Cabinet Member for School Improvement and Children's Safeguarding and was also Chairman of the Governing Body of Waterloo Primary Academy, as well as a past Chairman of "Marketing Blackpool".

As Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool, Eddie and Heather attended many events throughout a busy mayoral year. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Heather, David and Sian in their great loss.

Councillor Blackburn will propose the motion and speak on the loyal and dedicated service to the Council from Councillor Collett.

The motion will then be seconded.

There will then be a Conservative Group representative who will also speak on the motion.

Council will then be asked to vote on the motion.

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Council:
21 September 2016

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

NAME	SUBJECT
1. Mrs Pauline Duncan (spokesperson for WASPI - Women Against State Pension Inequality).	Mrs Duncan wishes to speak on the following issue: “Seeking the Council’s support to lobby Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification”.

Response to be given by the relevant Cabinet Member.

NOTE: The representative will be able to speak for up to a maximum of five minutes.

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Executive Member Report to the Council
21 September 2016

AGENDA ITEM 6(a)

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –‘CORPORATE’ PORTFOLIO AREA COUNCILLOR SIMON BLACKBURN

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council’s website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Corporate Issues

Benefit Claims, Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debt Collections

The average number of days to process new Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction Scheme claims and changes in circumstances has increased from 16 to 20 days since the last report, this is due to the clearing of older items of work related to changes in circumstance.

The call answer rate for Customer First has been impacted by the “Green and Go” campaign recently when nearly 5,000 additional telephone calls were received compared to the same period last year.

At the end of quarter one, Council tax in-year collection performance was 26.8%, a reduction of 0.9% compared to the previous year, this equates to £435,000 based upon the Council Tax Net Requirement excluding Police and Fire. Recovery activity is well underway in respect of outstanding current year debts. Business Rate collection was 25.5%, exactly the same position as the previous year.

Sundry debt collection was 82.1%, which was significantly higher than the previous year when it was 55.6%.

An “unofficial” timetable for the 2016 rollout of the lower Benefits cap has been received from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

There are 336 affected claimants in Blackpool at the present time.

- From 5 September, claimants who are likely to be affected will be sent a letter from the DWP that sets out the likely loss of Housing Benefit in ‘band-widths’
- From 5 October, claimants who are carers who are currently ‘capped’ will get a letter from the DWP giving them exemption from capping from 7 November.
- From 7 November, claimants who are already capped (known as current stock cases) will be re-capped at the new lower level. The DWP will be notifying housing benefit sections of the relevant cases as close as possible to 7 November (and subsequent roll out dates) in order to make sure information about family size, disability benefits, rent levels etc. is current.

- From 14 November and for the following 12 weeks, newly capped claimants will be brought into scope. The DWP will start with smaller councils with smaller caseloads first, to ensure that if technology “goes wrong” it affects smaller numbers. The full schedule has not been agreed, except it will be within that 12-week framework.

Strategic Issues

Lancashire Combined Authority

Of the 15 Local Authorities in Lancashire, 14 have now come together as the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority (LCA). The shadow Lancashire Combined Authority met formally for the first time in July 2016 and will commence monthly meetings from September. I am delighted to have been elected as Chairman of the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority at the first meeting, with Councillor Alistair Bradley (Chorley) successful in his application to become Vice Chairman. As part of my new role, I have been meeting with other Leaders across the County to begin to determine the early operation and work programme for the Lancashire Combined Authority.

Officers are working closely with the Department for Communities and Local Government’s Governance Team to progress the Order that must be laid before Parliament to enable the full formation of the Lancashire Combined Authority. We remain hopeful that the Order can be presented to Parliament in autumn. This will enable the Lancashire Combined Authority to come into formal legal existence and we are targeting a date of 1 April 2017.

We continue to await Government’s signal to open formal negotiation on a first devolution deal for the County. For obvious reasons, there has been a period of flux at Whitehall over the summer, but we know that Lancashire is firmly embedded in the devolution deal ‘queue’. I am currently working with Chief Officers across the County on a work programme for the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority, to include Local Authority Leaders’ roles. Proposals to this effect will be presented at the September meeting of the shadow LCA. I am also pleased to confirm that the October meeting of the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority will happen here in Blackpool, with meetings rotating around the County thereafter.

Growth Deal 3

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was recently invited to submit funding proposals for Growth Deal 3 to Government. The LEP led a competitive process after inviting project submissions from partners across the County. Over 20 project proposals were submitted for consideration. The process of project prioritisation was overseen by both the LEP Board and the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority. I am pleased to report that Blackpool’s submission, a request for £15m of funding toward a new conference offer at the Winter Gardens, was eventually ranked as priority scheme number 3 for Growth Deal funding. The process was very competitive and we know that this round of Growth Deal funding will be heavily over-subscribed. However, Blackpool’s showing is strong and encouraging and I am hopeful our proposal will attract support in Government now that it is placed toward the top of Lancashire’s

priority scheme list. As a part of emerging governance arrangements, I jointly signed off Lancashire's Growth Deal 3 submission in my role of Chairman of the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority, alongside Edwin Booth, Chairman of the LEP.

Blackpool Museum

An agreement with the V&A for partnership working is in the process of being finalised. The museum will be holding a community consultation event with Variety performers at St John's Church on 29 September 2016 and a Heritage Lottery Fund gateway development review meeting will take place on 30 September 2016.

Financial Monitoring

Financial performance monitoring in the early part of 2016/ 2017 highlighted financial pressures emerging in Children's Services, Strategic Leisure Assets, Concessionary Fares and the Investment Portfolio with estimated working balances forecast to fall by £2,592,000 against the budgeted position over the year. This fall is in the context of unaudited working balances at the start of the year of £5,636,000.

In the context of £35.0m of Earmarked Revenue Reserves and with nine months of the financial year, remaining there should still be sufficient time to redress the position and revised service and financial plans are underway to do so.

The latest month 3 financial performance report for 2016/ 2017 was reported to the Executive on 12 September 2016.

The Budget for 2016/ 2017 required total savings to be found of £25.1m. As at 30 June 2016, (month 3) 79% of the 2016/ 2017 savings target had already been delivered and the full-year effect of the 2016/ 2017 savings in 2017/ 2018 amounted to 90% of the £25.1m target.

Policy Issues

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

The 2017/ 2018 Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation began on 22 August 2016 and will run to 16 October 2016.

Transforming Services

Online facility for council tax and business ratepayers

A new online facility has recently gone live on the Council's website for council tax and business ratepayers. Customers can now easily set up direct debits online and inform the Council of changes of address and other changes in circumstances.

By registering for the full service customers can view their bill instead of receiving it through the post and view other documents they have been sent. They can also view payments they have made, see the balance on their account and make payment arrangements.

Working with Partners

Shared Service for emergency planning

A shared service, to be held by the Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, is in the process of being developed for emergency planning. The main benefit of this approach will be increased resilience across both organisations as well as retaining the expertise and knowledge of the Council's former Emergency Planning Officer who joined the Trust in August 2016. The shared service is in the early stages of development and will be piloted for a 12-month period at which stage an evaluation will be undertaken to determine whether this is the appropriate model going forward.

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Governor Elections

Following on from supporting the Referendum on 23 June, the Council's Elections Team, working with governance staff from the Trust, ran the elections for the 13 vacant governor positions (eight public and five staff), which took place during August with the Count taking place on Wednesday 17 August 2016.

**DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (TOURISM, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS) –
COUNCILLOR GILLIAN CAMPBELL**

The Places area covers my portfolio and those of:

- Councillor Fred Jackson (Municipal Assets),
- Councillor Mark Smith (Business and Economic Development) and
- Councillor Wright (Housing, Procurement and Income Generation).

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Corporate Issues

Plymouth Road Bridge

The programme to repair or replace ten bridges within the Borough continues with the replacement of Plymouth Road Bridge, which started in July 2016. The cost of replacement is £5.1m, although Network Rail requires the bridge heightening, which they are providing the extra funding for, which is approximately £1m.

The works are being carried out in three phases, as follows:

(Phase 1) The service diversion works commenced on site Monday 4 July 2016 and are expected to be completed by Sunday 6 November 2016. The operation involves transferring all the services that currently run over Plymouth Road Bridge onto the temporary bridge before we can replace the bridge deck.

The temporary service bridge was successfully erected in July to create a temporary pedestrian crossing over the railway line for the duration of the project. Two-way traffic flow is being maintained at all times during this operation and works are currently running as per programme.

(Phase 2) The bridge deck replacement works will commence on Monday 7 November 2016 and are expected to be complete by Friday 7 April 2017. The works have been coordinated with Network Rails possession dates in January.

(Phase 3) The service diversion works will commence transferring the services back from the temporary bridge back into the highway from Friday 7 April 2017 to 27 July 2017. Two-way traffic flow will be maintained at all times during this operation.

Other Activities

- Key stakeholders will be invited in to discuss the temporary traffic management for the full bridge closure. The meetings have been arranged for September as per the Communications strategy.
- Blackpool Council is currently negotiating the fixed rate Implementation Agreement with Network Rail for the scheme budget amount so no financial risk will be placed on the project.
- Resurfacing works on the signed diversion route are due to take place between September and October 2016. Extents of works are still to be agreed.
- Co-ordination meetings are taking place to make sure no works are undertaken on the surrounding streets to Plymouth Road Bridge unless deemed as emergency works.
- Preparing the advanced signage to be erected on site weeks before the full closure is implemented.
- Road closure order has been drafted, this will be sent to Legal early September.
- Resident notification letters are currently being drafted for the full closure works.

Anchorsholme Sea Defence

Public consultation meetings were held in August in relation to the progress of the Anchorsholme sea defence scheme. The meetings were extremely well attended, giving the local community an opportunity to raise any issues or concerns and ask questions.

The meetings were attended by Ward Councillors, Council Officers and senior management of Balfour Beatty, who all collectively contributed to ensure people were as informed and updated in relation to progress. The overriding response from the public was extremely positive and supportive of the works and scheme.

Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS)

Growth funding of £2.16m has been allocated to Blackpool to implement an ITMS within the Borough.

This will consist of 18 digital signs (electronic LEA signage) at key locations within the Borough. The signage will in particular inform people in relation to parking, with the ability to promote other messages as well e.g. events, road incidents etc.

This will help in terms of traffic flow and contribute to a smarter use of the transport network. The ITMS is in the design stage, with aim for implementation between October 2016 and March 2017.

Quality Corridors

Growth and Blackpool Transport Plan funding of £7.4m has been allocated to Blackpool to improve key roads within the town centre network over the next four years.

The programme of works, which is titled ‘Quality Corridors’, will provide highway and pavement improvements and upgrading, which includes street furniture and signage.

Within this financial year, Church Street, between Cookson Street up to St John’s Square will receive investment. In terms of the following three years, a programme of works is being formulated.

Multi-Agency Hotels / HMO Operation

Officers of the Public Protection Division have led a series of raids under court warrant to gain entry into former hotels and Bed and Breakfasts thought to be operating illegally as Houses in Multiple Occupation and rented accommodation. Partner agencies including Police, Fire Service, Immigration and HMRC were involved along with support services to assist vulnerable individuals. In total eleven properties were entered across central and south Blackpool with a number of breaches detected, notices issued and prosecutions to be pursued.

Public Space Protection Order

A dedicated operation with the Police has occurred over a number of weeks, primarily at night and over the weekends, focusing on enforcing the provisions of the Order. Particularly targeted has been the issue of loitering around cash machines and shop doorways for the purposes of begging and for selling “gag mag” type publications. As a result, thirteen separate offenders have already been detected, with three already having been reported for prosecution regarding gag mags and four repeat offenders reported for prosecution regarding loitering for begging purposes. More will now follow.

Contracts awarded since the last meeting are as follows:

CONTRACT	PROVIDER (Locations)	TERM (including extensions)	CONTRACT VALUE
Lightpool Show for Blackpool Illuminations	The Macula (Prague)	ad-hoc – 5 months	£32,344
Leisure Products for Sports Centres	Zoggs (Surrey)	2 + (1)	£14,025
Vending Products for Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	Jack Turner Refreshments (Blackpool)	2 + (1)	£34,495
Webcasting	CLC Media (Blackpool)	1 + (1+1)	£23,000
Tramway Storage Depot Works	Warden Construction Ltd (Preston)	ad-hoc – 2 months	£160,000

CONTRACT	PROVIDER (Locations)	TERM (including extensions)	CONTRACT VALUE
Architect to Complete RIBA Stage II Concept Design for Conference Centre	Bisset Adams (London)	ad-hoc – 2 months	£10,000
Scrap Metal	Advantage Waste Brokers t/a Recycling Lives (Preston)	1 + (1)	£25,000
Intruder Alarms and Fire Alarms	EFT Ltd (Southport)	1 + (1+1+1)	£70,000
Plymouth Road Bridge Repairs	National Rail (London)	ad-hoc – 6 months	£160,000
Adult and Community Learning	1) Lancashire Women's Centre (Blackpool), 2) UR Potential (Blackpool), 3) Blackpool & Fylde College (Blackpool)	1 + (1+1)	1) £10,000 2) £10,000 3) £85,000
WEEE Waste Disposal	Advantage Waste Brokers Ltd (Preston)	1 + (1)	n/a – income
ICT Software Development and Support	Pentagull Ltd (Blackpool)	3 + (1+1)	£794,500
Outgoing Mail	Whistl UK Ltd (Warrington)	2 + (1+1)	£904,480
Your Blackpool Design and Print	The Rothwell Group t/a Portfolio (Bolton)	1 + (1+1)	£60,000
Your Blackpool Delivery	The Letterbox Consultancy (Herts)	1 + (1+1)	£15,000
BTS – Secondary School, Diminimis and Swimming Transport	Blackpool Transport Service (Blackpool)	1 (no option to extend)	£206,552

CONTRACT	PROVIDER (Locations)	TERM (including extensions)	CONTRACT VALUE
Purchase of 6 Road Sweeper Vehicles	Johnston Sweepers Ltd (Dorking)	ad-hoc – 3 months	£345,342
Provision and Servicing of a Printer (Print Unit)	Canon Ltd (Surrey)	5 (no option to extend)	£23,270
Road Asset Management System, Surveys and Modelling*	Gaist Solutions Ltd (Lancaster)	4 (no option to extend)	£50,000

**this contract has been set up to be accessible to all local authorities in England and Wales and the Department for Transport.*

To put into context the proportion of third party spends of the Council with local suppliers as at year-end 2015/ 2016 was a healthy 42%.

Queens Park

The ‘blow down’ of the three remaining blocks was successfully undertaken on 31 July. The exclusion zone was set out and all residents were evacuated and returned to their homes at approximately 11am. The demolition occurred as planned with all material remaining within the site. The contractors will now begin the process of crushing the materials, all of which will be used in the Phase 2 new build redevelopment work, which will see another 99 new homes being built.

Foxhall Village Progress

On the West site of Foxhall Village, agreement has been reached to sell nine units to Great Places and will be marketed as affordable rent, with the same terms and conditions as the other 70 Great Places units including a requirement that tenants are economically active. The remainder of the units to be sold on both sites will be for market sale. The developers are now working on the East site piling three new blocks which should be available for the market in March next year. There is also continuing work to complete the units within Phase 2. There are currently 132 units either occupied or reserved across both sites.

Affordable Warmth

Work to insulate Blackpool homes has been credited for a huge reduction in the town’s carbon emissions. New figures show the town has reduced its carbon emissions by 30% over the last ten years, meaning almost a quarter of a million fewer tonnes of carbon being emitted into the atmosphere from the resort. The Government’s latest statistics show a stark improvement in the town’s carbon footprint and the biggest fall was in the domestic use of gas and electricity in homes and the 35% drop in emissions from Blackpool homes was the biggest across the entire

United Kingdom. The CHiL programme, which recently received an Ashden Award for its work in reducing fuel poverty, is available to residents across Lancashire, offering free and subsidised boilers, free first time central heating and a number of insulation measures to keep homes warm and energy efficient over the winter.

Strategic Issues

Keep Blackpool Tidy Litter Strategy 2016/ 2020

At the last Council meeting the 'Keep Blackpool Tidy' Litter Strategy was highlighted, which has six objectives related to Monitoring, Communication, Design, Education, Engagement and Enforcement.

A multi-agency group Chaired by Keep Britain Tidy has been established to guide and deliver the strategy.

Key focus at present is getting more local people involved in volunteering within their areas and communities, a sign-up and commitment of local businesses to the campaign, development of a marketing plan and in addition 3GS Environmental Services have started in relation to providing litter and dog fouling enforcement.

In terms of the latter, this is a one-year pilot. The company currently operates in other boroughs including Bournemouth, Leeds, Swansea and Rhondda Cyn Taff.

Central Business District - Phase 1

Speculative Offices, Retail Units and Sale of Assets

New Council Office First Floor - A number of both public and private sector organisations have viewed the first floor and are very interested, but none have yet committed.

Talbot Multi-Storey Car Parks - The Contract with The Gym was completed on 27 June and they have now taken possession of the site. A schedule of the landlord works has been agreed with The Gym.

Demolition

The demolition of 23 High Street, 58, 60 and 62 Springfield Rd are complete.

The demolition of 25 to 31 Deansgate and 12 to 14 (The Garage) East Topping Street is complete.

Central Business District - Phase 2

The Wilko's Building

Coolsilk was granted Outline Planning Permission for the Tower Street development on 8 March, but still have not submitted their detailed proposals. They remain obligated to relocate the Wilko store to this site by the end of 2017.

The purchase of this site will enable the new Tram Stop on Talbot Road/ Dickson Road to be located off the Highway and create development opportunities for the future. In the short term, the income from the existing tenants and the car park will pay for the acquisition. Once Wilko's has been demolished, the surplus land can be converted to a surface level car park prior to any further development.

Highways Infrastructure

There will be revisions to the infrastructure required to accommodate the tramway link and the new entrance to Bank Street Car Park. The Council's Highways team has proposed outline plans for a Traffic Management Scheme that will require modifications to Talbot Road, Cookson Street, Topping Street and Deansgate to accommodate the disruption to the network and provide resilience. Their proposals provide a Tram/ Taxi/ Bus Interchange.

Further consultations will need to take place with both the Highways and Planning teams to determine how the tramway link affects the highway network both within and beyond the Talbot Gateway area.

Key Development Applications

A number of applications for 'Major Development' have now passed pre-application advice stage and it is anticipated that before the end of the calendar year applications for the Winter Gardens Conference Centre, Leopold Grove, Sands Venue/ Hotel, Promenade and Wilkinson's Tower Street will have been submitted. In addition, an application for approval of reserved matters for the relocation of the Police Station to the former Progress House site in Clifton Road will shortly be determined. In conjunction with the application for the conversion of the former post office on Abingdon Street (to hotel, restaurant and retail uses) and the progression of Talbot Gateway Phase II, this represents a huge tranche of investment from both the public and private sectors, which will help to build confidence in Blackpool as a place to do business.

Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone

The Blackpool Enterprise Zone (EZ) became operational on 1 April 2016, and will run for a period of 25 years. It covers a total area of 144 hectares straddling the boundary between Blackpool and Fylde. The Enterprise Zone is able to offer two financial incentives with set areas, business rates relief of up to £55,000 for five years or enhanced capital allowances, which allows companies to offset 100% of fixed capital investment up to a total of 125m Euros against tax in a single year.

With effect from 1 April 2016, new business moving onto the EZ can apply for up to 100% business rates relief, a protocol has been agreed amongst the three Fylde coast authorities setting out consistent criteria for award of business rates relief, which will see companies' rates paid by central Government. Business rates growth retention and Enhanced Capital allowances will only become operative at the Airport EZ from 1 April 2017.

Work is progressing to support the delivery of the Enterprise Zone, with initial activity focusing on preliminary marketing to attract occupiers into existing vacant accommodation within the

EZ, to establish positive momentum in the early months whilst longer lead activity including provision of primary infrastructure to open up development sites is progressed. To date in excess of 100 enquiries have been received across the two Enterprise Zones (Hillhouse EZ in Thornton being the other) with some 80 relating to Blackpool Airport EZ. A total of 17 companies now having committed to the Airport EZ since its confirmation hosting around 400 jobs of which 125 are new jobs to the area, this level of interest suggests this is amongst one of the most successful EZ's in the country.

Three new private sector developments have secured planning consent and are underway in the Blackpool section of the Enterprise Zone and will see new accommodation in the form of smaller incubator type units available for occupation in early 2017. Whilst good progress is being made on Blackpool and The Fylde's Lancashire Energy HQ on the site of the former airport terminal in Fylde, which will open in September 2017.

Governance arrangements for delivery both Blackpool Airport EZ and Hillhouse EZ have recently been approved by Lancashire LEP, with the board of Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Economic Development Company to act as Programme Board for both Fylde Coast EZ's. In March 2017, an implementation agreement and five year delivery plan will be negotiated with key stakeholders and be subject to full council approval.

Winter Gardens Conference and Exhibition Centre

The conference and exhibition centre continues to progress. Initial scheme plans have been completed and an outline planning application submitted for a total capacity for the complex of 7,000. Architects have been engaged in order to continue to develop designs, the appointment will be extended subject to the approval of required funding allowing development to the stage where a full planning application can be submitted.

Other areas of activity, which continue to progress include:

- State Aid compliance work
- Economic appraisal
- Independent business plan verification

Grant funding bids have been submitted for Growth Deal 3 (GD3) monies £15m, and Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) £2.9m. Confirmation of progression to round two CCF is anticipated early September, updates on progression with regards GD3 is expected later this year.

Universal Culture Offer to Increase Engagement in Art and Culture through Public Libraries

The Society of Chief Librarians has recently announced the creation of a new Universal Culture offer, as part of its popular Universal Offers for Public Libraries. The Culture Offer recognises public libraries as welcoming places where children and adults can immerse themselves in every form of art, learn from local artists, create their own art, watch theatre, music and dance performances and learn about art and culture through books and reading.

The benefits of art and culture are well documented. Libraries are often the first place that children and young people experience art and culture, through books, free taster sessions and library events. Library staff are catalysts for activity and exploration, often making suggestions that customer would not have thought of on their own.

The Universal Culture Offer will sit within the existing Universal Offers for Public Libraries, Health, Reading, Information, Learning and Digital and is being developed in partnership with Arts Council England. Library staff in Blackpool will be trained to become confident Cultural Champions and we will be provided with resources for libraries to maximise partnerships with local and national arts organisations.

Policy Issues

Update on the Review of the Holiday Accommodation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

In June, I reported that Envision Consultancy had been commissioned to review the Holiday Accommodation SPD. The Holiday Accommodation SPD forms part of the Council's policy approach to manage the reduction of holiday accommodation in the town to ensure suitable levels of quality accommodation are provided in the most sustainable locations.

During July and August, Envision have been undertaking Stage 1 of the commission. This has involved reviewing the following:

- the background to the Holiday Accommodation SPD including key evidence, the Fylde Coast Sub-Region Visitor Accommodation Study (Humberts) from 2009;
- The policy context including the Blackpool Core Strategy (2016); the Holiday Accommodation SPD (2011) and the New Homes from Old Places Residential Conversion and Sub-Division SPD (2011);
- Five years on since adoption of the Holiday Accommodation SPD in 2011, what the current evidence tells us and what people have told us (informal consultation in 2016 with Hoteliers and commercial agents and other stakeholders);
- An opportunity to look at experience from other seaside resorts and elsewhere including supplementary guidance, HMO's, and Article 4 directions;
- Identifying what are the key issues; and
- Developing the options available.

The above analysis is ongoing and it is expected that the consultants will report with a draft report and recommendations in September. Subject to the satisfactory completion of Stage 1 work, the consultants will commence Stage 2 of the commission, which requires the drafting of a revised Holiday Accommodation SPD for consultation. Member approval of the draft will be sought prior to public consultation.

Working with Partners

Transience

Our Transience Team has secured funding from Lloyds Banking in partnership with the Volunteers Centre, to deliver a pilot Supported Volunteering Programme with residents in the Licensing areas. This will target those residents furthest from employment and volunteering and support them into volunteering. The residents will have the opportunity to gain new skills, confidence and references with local organisations, offering them the opportunity to progress into further volunteering or employment. The Team has also secured funding from LeftCoast to promote arts activity with residents in South Beach, encouraging local people to find their voice, confidence and gain new skills. Further funding bids and new partnerships were currently being developed to support communities to identify and deliver against local need, developing a legacy for the Transience Programme.

Central Library Café

In June, it was reported that the Central Library had welcomed the Camerados' Living Room pop up café to operate between 19 May and 18 June. Following the success of the "pop up" and breaking with tradition, the Camerados' Living Room will continue in the Central Library space. The national team is currently in the process of appointing some paid trainees who will work alongside volunteers and a new Business/ Catering Manager.

Great Exhibition of the North

The Government is running a competition to find a venue in the North of England to host the Great Exhibition of the North. Blackpool has reached the shortlist of four locations to host the Exhibition, with the winners to be announced in September.

The winning venue will create and implement an exhibition that celebrates great art, culture and design of the North of England, showcasing local artists and performers, cultural organisations and creative businesses, promoting innovative and entrepreneurial activity, and highlighting research conducted by universities in the region.

The Government is providing £5m funding towards the Great Exhibition of the North. There is an expectation that the host venue will at least double this figure through fund-raising. The exhibition is planned to take place in the summer of 2018 at either an existing venue or temporary structure, and will run for a minimum of two months. It will be free to attend.

The exhibition is part of Government's investment in the North of England, and follows funding for the Factory Manchester and Hull UK City of Culture 2017. The Exhibition will open in July 2018.

Arts

Blackpool Arts and Libraries Festival of Words, Wordpool received a two-year boost of £70,000 of Arts Lottery funding through Arts Council England earlier this year and the new funding has

allowed the expansion of the festival, a key strand of our literacy programme, to create three new mini-festivals during the year. This July a specially themed Big Friendly Family Day was held on Saturday 2 July in Stanley Park featuring a month of storytelling activities in schools and over 20 different events and activities attracting an audience of over 3,000. Also new was TimeHop, a young adult fiction festival held at the Grand Theatre where young people from South Shore Academy and Unity Academy took part in workshops, talks and discussion panels with seven acclaimed authors who write specifically for this age group.

In October, we are working with Blackpool BID to launch a town centre poetry trail of illustrated poems installed in empty shop windows. The Festival of Poetry and Performance coincides with National Poetry Day on Thursday 6 October and features Poet led workshops, slams and performances. In February 2017, we are launching a new Festival of Written Words focusing on ways to nurture new writing. We will be working throughout the two years with a range of well-known and emerging authors.

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CABINET SECRETARY (RESILIENT COMMUNITIES) – COUNCILLOR GRAHAM CAIN

The Resilient Communities area covers my portfolio and those of:

- Councillor Amy Cross (Reducing Health Inequalities and Adult Safeguarding), and
- Councillor Maria Kirkland (Third Sector Engagement and Development).

The full details of the portfolio areas can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/Your-councillors/Executive-members.aspx>

Corporate Issues

Strategic Issues

Adult Social Care

We are continuing to work with our health partners on the Vanguard New Models of Care schemes in a collaborative capacity. The six Blackpool Neighborhood Teams, delivering the Enhanced Primary Care model are presently being configured and at this stage, we are evaluating our existing pathways to Adult Social Care services to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose.

We are continuing to manage the influx of new assessment work into our generic teams, and have plans in place to improve our reviewing of cases across all teams, which should start to impact in October 2016.

Policy Issues

Accommodation for Children in Care

The local authority duty to provide accommodation for children in care was strengthened in 2011 with the introduction of Sufficiency Statutory Guidance and the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations.

This duty of sufficiency requires Blackpool Council to:

- Ensure a range of placements sufficient to meet the needs of children and young people in the care of the local authority
- Arrange to promote co-operation with relevant partners to improve the well-being of children in the local area.

A new strategy has been prepared and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Your-Council/The-Council/Documents/Children-Looked-After-and-Care-Leavers-Sufficiency-Statement-2016-2018.pdf>

This statement document sets out how Blackpool Council intends to meet the Sufficiency Duty. It also emphasises the Council's commitment to children and young people who are in the care of the local authority or on the edge of care to ensure that, their life chances and outcomes are improved. The statement takes into account population trends and projections, placement data and market factors for Blackpool Council to fulfil responsibilities and duties as a Corporate Parent for children and young people.

Children's Social Care

A number of significant Children's Services policy documents have been published over the summer period. The main documents, a brief synopsis and hyperlinks are listed below:

Putting children first: our vision for children's social care

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/putting-children-first-our-vision-for-childrens-social-care>.

This paper sets out the government's reform programme for children's social care in England over the next five years. It builds on a previous policy paper: 'children's social care reform: a vision for change'. It has three key pillars which it argues should be the foundation for children's social care:

1. People and Leadership
2. Practice and systems
3. Governance and accountability

The paper focuses on ensuring that the right calibre of people can be recruited into the sector and then they can be developed to be the practice leaders of the future. It also calls for innovative practice with professionals being supported to work in effective partnerships and new delivery models. Blackpool has submitted three bids to the Innovation Fund for the development of the adolescent hub, specialist foster care and intensive support therapeutic beds.

Children's residential care in England

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-residential-care-in-england>

A report has recently been published which is Sir Martin Narey's independent review of children's residential care in England; it can be read at the above link. The report in summary:

1. Looks at the role of residential care within the wider care system and
2. Recommends how to improve the outcomes of children in residential care.

The lack of specialist residential provision is a significant issue across the Region and one, which has been highlighted to Members in the Resilient Committee Scrutiny Committee. This report makes a series of significant recommendations including:

- Local Authorities develop joint commissioning arrangements to attempt to manage better the provider market. Blackpool is a long-standing member of the regional framework, Placements Northwest.
- The development of hub approaches to supporting young people. Blackpool is developing an Adolescent Hub.
- Housing need for young people should be a key part of the local plan. Blackpool has positive transitions in place and this work is a key part of the development of the Adolescent Hub.
- The report recognises the lack of secure placements available nationally. This is something Blackpool has already highlighted with Government and Ofsted and we have submitted an innovation bid to the Department for Education to develop a pan Lancashire approach to meeting the needs of very complex young people who may otherwise need secure placements.

“Keep on Caring” – Supporting young people from care to independence

This document is the latest vision for care leavers. It has a number of new elements within it:

1. Setting out in law for the first time what it means to be a good corporate parent – Blackpool has already held a corporate parenting conference and has a robust member-led corporate parent panel.
2. Extending entitlements up to the age of 25 – the adolescent hub is designed to offer support up to 25 years old.
3. Improve education training and employment for care leavers – this is a key development area for the hub and Headstart will support Our Children to be emotionally ready and resilient for work.
4. Improve stability – the development of staying close, which enables young people to remain in residential care for longer if they wish. This is a challenge, as it will have cost and resource implications for Blackpool and needs to be considered as part of the wider commissioning strategy.
5. Improved access to mental health support. Recognising the challenges of access to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the need to look at better provision in this area. Blackpool has a number of very positive developments, the successful Headstart bid to work with Our Children on building resilience, a pan-Lancashire transformational plan that includes increasing access to psychological therapies and the pan-Lancashire innovation bid to develop intensive support via therapeutic residential provision. A report on the work HeadStart will undertake will be given at a future date. In addition, we have been successful in securing £100,000 for therapeutic work for young people with sexual abuse histories.

6. Young people should be financially secure. Through the Corporate Parenting Panel, we are looking at a range of options to support Our Children, including apprenticeships, work experience offers, take-over days, interview practice and mentoring.

Transforming Services

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education Pilot

Through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the process of developing the Health and Wellbeing Board action plans for alcohol and sexual health, Public Health identified a need for a consistent approach to the delivery of PSHE across all Secondary Schools in Blackpool, to address the local Public Health priorities of:

- Sexual Health including sexual exploitation
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Self-Harm and emotional wellbeing

The evidence base on effective PSHE was reviewed by Lancaster University and Ofsted and included information from consultation with young people and the PSHE Association, which collectively prescribed the way forward using a multi-component whole school approach. As PSHE is not mandated within the school curriculum, to support schools in the delivery of a consistent approach, participating schools were offered an incentive.

All Blackpool secondary schools agreed to deliver Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) and Drugs and Alcohol education within their school to all Year 7 and 9 pupils from September 2015 to July 2016. In addition to this, Unity and South Shore Academy also delivered to Year 8 pupils. Montgomery and South Shore Academy also delivered an optional Emotional Health and Wellbeing scheme of work to their Year 8 pupils. School nurses and the hub and Wellbeing in Sexual Health (WISH) teams co-delivered some lessons.

Approximately 1,333 Year 7, 350 Year 8 and 1,251 Year 9 pupils took part in the lessons. All schools received one-year membership to the PSHE Association. School PSHE Leads attended the PSHE Forum and received three Continuing Professional Development training days.

Schools have been asked to again take part in the Schools Health Education Unit, Young Persons Health Survey in 2017 to measure and evaluate the impact of the project. In order to evaluate the project at a local level, some schools were asked to let their staff and pupils take part in focus groups, where pupil and staff comments were overwhelmingly positive.

Pupils said that they enjoyed learning about healthy relationships, keeping safe on the internet, drugs and peer pressure. They gained a lot of knowledge, now felt able to resist peer pressure and learned about the effects of drugs and alcohol. Some students felt that the lessons were not long enough.

Staff feedback was that the pilot has significantly helped to focus and refresh existing PSHE provision. Students have enjoyed the discussion-led approach and have shown improved knowledge and understanding. The long-term impact will be tested when the Schools Health Survey is repeated in 2017.

Ofsted have included positive comments in their reports for St George's, Montgomery, South Shore Academy and Unity in respect of the PSHE content within their curriculum. Janet Palmer Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) (National Lead for PSHE Education) has said that 'Ofsted has found there to be a close correlation between the good overall effectiveness of a school and the strength and effectiveness of its PSHE programme'.

Care Quality Commission Ratings of Blackpool Care Services

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and social care in England. It is the CQC's responsibility to make sure health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high-quality care and encourage care services to improve.

The CQC monitors, inspects and regulates services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety and publishes the findings, including performance ratings to help people choose care.

In 2014, the CQC changed the way that they inspect and rate social care services. Services can now be rated at Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement, or Inadequate.

Blackpool Council contracts with 71 providers of Residential Care and 64 of these have been inspected under the CQC's new regime.

Blackpool Council contracts with 17 Care at Home providers and 14 of these have been inspected under the CQC's new regime.

The following tables show how the percentage of each rating compares with national figures for Residential Care and Care at Home respectively.

National figures are correct as of 2 August 2016 and local figures are correct as at 15 August 2016.

RESIDENTIAL CARE	Blackpool	National Total
	%	%
Outstanding	4.69%	0.60%
Good	81.25%	56.37%
Requires Improvement	14.06%	22.41%
Inadequate	0.00%	20.62%
	100.00%	100.00%

Blackpool has a higher proportion of Residential Care Homes rated Outstanding and Good than the national average.

Blackpool has a lower proportion of Residential Care Homes rated Requires Improvement and Inadequate than the national average.

CARE AT HOME	Blackpool	National Total
	%	%
Outstanding	0.00%	1.07%
Good	85.71%	77.10%
Requires Improvement	14.29%	20.27%
Inadequate	0.00%	1.56%
	100.00%	100.00%

Blackpool has a higher proportion of Care at Home agencies rated Good than the national average.

Blackpool has a lower proportion of Care at Home agencies rated Requires Improvement and Inadequate than the national average.

These results reflect the continuing work of Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group's joint policy for managing poor contractor performance. The policy is based on a developmental approach that reflects mutual dependence and partnership, and that supports improvements in the first instance. Under the policy, Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group always try to address poor performance at an early stage by providing appropriate support to improve.

Working with Partners

Self-Care

Initial scoping work has begun on behalf of the Vanguard New Models of Care partnership to develop a self-care strategy for the Fylde Coast. The aim of such a strategy is to provide more of a focus on prevention and put individuals, carers and families at the heart of self-care and self-management.

The Department of Health has defined self-care as:

“The actions individuals and carers take for themselves, their children, their families and others to stay fit and maintain good physical and mental health; meet social and psychological needs; prevent illness or accidents; care for minor ailments and long term conditions; and maintain health and wellbeing after an acute illness or discharge from hospital.”

There is an increasing body of evidence from research and practice that person and community centred approaches to health and well-being – the drive for services to do more to empower individuals and communities - will improve:

- Mental and physical well-being;
- NHS and Social Care sustainability, and
- Wider social outcomes.

Having the knowledge, skills and confidence to self-care and self-manage ill health conditions is key and can have a positive impact on health and social care outcomes, personal experience and appropriate use of services. A Self Care Strategy will help to achieve this by:

- Demonstrating the active role that individuals and communities can play
- Identifying and modelling the impact of key evidence-based approaches and developing tools to support implementation
- Supporting culture change, by developing a range of cutting edge behaviour change approaches to impact on the relationships between professionals and people
- Aligning the system by identifying relevant system change levers and drivers
- Providing an approach to effect change locally, which has been developed and refined across a number of healthcare economies.

In the UK at least 60% of adults have a long-term condition (a condition that cannot be cured, but can be managed through medication and/ or therapy) a figure which is likely to increase given the ageing population and the rising numbers of people with risk factors such as obesity. Individuals with long-term conditions require substantial support and resources from health services with 80% of GP consultations and 67% of acute hospital admissions related to long-term conditions. However around 80% of care for people with long-term conditions is undertaken by the patients themselves or by their carers (Department of Health, 2004 *Chronic disease management: A compendium of Information*).

For those living with long-term conditions, self-care includes eating well, exercising, taking medicine, keeping in good mental health, watching for changes, coping if symptoms worsen and knowing when to seek help from health and social care professionals. Interventions can range across a continuum from passive information provision by providers (e.g. leaflets, electronic information) and providing technical skills (e.g. home measurement of blood pressure or blood glucose) at one end, to interventions that aim to improve self-efficacy and support behaviour change.

A stakeholder engagement event is planned for November 2016 during Self Care Week, to launch this work.

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Summer Ventures, Blackpool Council's Connexions service summer programme for NEET and school leavers at risk of becoming NEET, has completed its third year of delivery and 70 young people have completed the programme with 68 of them having a concrete progression plan for the next academic year.

Connexions have completed their first full year delivering the Virtual Early Leaver service. This service is designed to quickly identify early leavers from Colleges and training Providers and then provide immediate support to them. At the end of June 2016, 435 young people have come through the service with 303 moving into a positive destination within six weeks.

Connexions and Virtual Schools continue to work together to provide all 16-24 Looked After Children who are in education with specialised Careers Guidance, financial advice and early intervention for those at risk of disengaging. This project has also allowed us to know what the current destinations of our Children in Care including the qualifications they are undertaking and progress against them. Currently seven of 'Our Children' are planning to start degree level qualifications in the new academic year and one is planning to commence postgraduate studies. The project has also helped to reduce the number of 'Our Children' that are NEET. Currently 45 of Our Children are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) compared to 53 at this time last year.

Connexions is working with Blackpool Sandcastle as part of the Corporate Pledges made last year at the Corporate Parenting conference to support 'Our Children' into employment. Currently four of 'Our Children' now have paid employment with the Sandcastle.

Youth Employment

As at the end of June 2016, Blackpool had seen an increase in participation of education, employment of training against June 2015 for 16/ 17 year olds, June 2016 – 84.9%; June 2015 – 83.4%. There has also been a reduction in those that are Not Known June 2016 – 5.3%; June 2015 – 7.3%. This data is from the Department of Education.

Blackpool Council's Connexions service has continued delivery of its pre-traineeship programme, Advance, for long term NEET 19-24 year olds with the support of the Adult, Community and Family learning team. Over the academic year 2015/ 2016, 65 young people have taken part with 37 moving onto employment or training.

Adult, Community and Family Learning

The Family Learning team has worked with 234 families on projects to support directly adults and children to improve their English, Maths and Language skills. Of these, 38 adults achieved qualifications in Maths and/ or English. Accredited courses in Physical Care of Babies and Children and Awareness of Safeguarding have also been delivered with 28 learners achieving qualifications. Courses were delivered in 30 venues in Blackpool, including children's centres, schools and libraries. The Family Learning service continues to work closely with schools and children's centre staff as well as with partners in Better Start, where we have delivered Sharing

REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy) with Parents and contributed to family literacy events, with colleagues in libraries, supporting Summer Reading Challenge and National Bookstart Week and with the Arts Service to support Save our Stories and Wordpool.

A new course was piloted over the summer called “Learn the Tablet, Keep the Tablet” which involved providing new tablet computers and including the cost in the tablet course. The learner received the tablet on session one, learnt to use the device throughout the three weeks, taking it home in-between and keeps the tablet at the end of the course. It is designed for the digitally illiterate and the computer phobic who would struggle to transfer their newly learnt skills to another device when they get home. The first class was full with one elderly learner asking if the tablet was second hand and commented that he could not believe the opportunity. If successful, the course will be rolled out in September and will hopefully encourage those remaining residents who are too afraid to reach out to technology. The course is funded through Skills Funding Agency.

Adult Learning are moving forward into Year 2 of the Mental Health Pilot now being overseen by Department of Education. There were 190 unique learners who accessed these courses from its inception in March 2015 to 31 July 2016. These courses are aimed at those who have mild to moderate mental health issues, but those who have more severe and enduring issues are also participating in courses with excellent evidence of impact (70% of learners had an improvement in their mental health by the end of their course). Many of those who attended reported that they felt considerably better about themselves with some progressing to mainstream courses such as English and Mathematics and others doing some volunteering. The second year of funding will allow Adult Learning to work with this client group offering a variety of courses.

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COUNCIL APPOINTED COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE - REPORT TO THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS JACKSON, MATTHEWS AND T WILLIAMS

This report updates the Council on the work of the Combined Fire Authority. The Fire Authority is made up of 25 Councillors (19 representatives from Lancashire County Council three from Blackburn and Darwen Council and three from Blackpool Council).

Since the last report to Council, the Combined Fire Authority has met on two occasions 25 April and 20 June 2016. The Combined Fire Authority has produced a summary of those meetings and the appointed representatives will update the Council on any issues.

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) 25 APRIL 2016

1. ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN

Members received a presentation by AM Cox on the Annual Service Plan, which linked through to the Integrated Risk Management Plan and our aim of making Lancashire safer. The Annual Plan had been designed primarily to inform staff of what Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service's (LFRS) key projects and focus would be in the following 12 months, copies of which were made available to Members.

The Plan was structured around four Key Priorities:

1. Preventing and Protecting – preventing fires and emergencies happening and minimising their impact on life and property when they do. Prevention and protection services are tailored to the important stages in life, to help people start safe, live safe and age safe. Prevention and protection activities are themed around home safety; business safety; road safety and working with children and young people. The Plan highlighted the development of better data sharing; direct marketing campaigns to use the data collected from the Home Fire Safety process to target communications; support to business in fire safety and business continuity; strategic partnerships and a new type of intervention that would address a broader range of safety and wellbeing issues.
2. Responding – delivering operational excellence. Responding quickly, with the right training, right information and equipment to deal with the incident effectively and safely. Planning and preparing for emergencies locally and nationally, often with other organisations and emergency services. Activities highlighted were the delivery of a new Day Crewing Plus station at Skelmersdale, the replacement of the radio system with the national Emergency Services Mobile Communication Project, the trial of a water tower vehicle, the evaluation of the pilot first responder scheme with North West Ambulance Service (NWAS), the delivery of a new Community Fire Station in Lancaster in partnership with NWAS, the pilot the use of volunteers and development activities to strengthen, support and improve the Retained Duty System.

3. Engaging with Our Staff – investing in creating the best working environment, with safe systems of work, training and personal protective equipment. The Plan highlighted the recruitment of whole-time firefighters; the delivery of a formal coaching and mentoring programme; delivery of information, facilities and support to improve fitness, health and wellbeing and a review of how staff and organisational achievements are rewarded.
4. Delivering Value for Money – managing funding reductions systematically to provide an affordable, value for money service. The Plan highlighted the introduction of a new maintenance of skills system, further development on the use of tablets and the geographical information system, a single location to centralise equipment and breathing maintenance, developing the concept of area training hubs, reviewing how information is used, stored and shared and reviewing for further development of delivering services to the public digitally using web technology.

The Plan focussed on consolidation; building on the past to strengthen the future and make Lancashire safer.

2. MEMBER CHAMPION ACTIVITY

Member Champions presented their reports to the Authority for the period up to March 2016 and the following key points were noted:

Equality and Diversity

The Champion for Equality and Diversity, Councillor Aldridge presented the report. Community engagement with the people of Lancashire continued to provide positive evidence of effective processes being in place and the activity was mainstreamed. Internally, the Service continued to review its Human Resources practices and communications and was establishing revised mechanisms. The Director of People and Development was a representative of the Local Government Association on the Joint National Joint Council working party for the “Inclusive Fire Service” initiative, whilst within the Service, consideration was being given to engagement in positive action in advance of the forthcoming external recruitment campaigns – experience had previously shown that a long lead-in was required to have any beneficial effect.

Older People

The Older Person’s Member Champion, County Councillor Perks had actively worked across all Service Delivery areas. The Keep Safe and Warm initiative continued to be promoted actively across all areas. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), of which Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service was an active partner, continued to concentrate efforts on referrals for older vulnerable members of our community.

The approach to delivering prevention and protection services was framed around an inner core made up of three interlocking components; Stay Safe; Live Safe and Age Safe. Partners included Lancashire Constabulary, Adult Social Care, Health, Mental Social Services and others had been asked to screen any cases that they were involved with and to provide suitable referrals to LFRS.

During the three months since the last Member Champions' report a total of 58 high quality referrals had been received (via the MASH) for vulnerable older people over the age of 60 where positive interventions had resulted.

County Councillor Perks reported that since the last meeting he had attended a further Lancashire Older Person's Champion Network Event where the Authority's Community Fire Safety Reports were circulated to all partners to highlight the good work done in Lancashire.

Members noted that County Councillor Perks had been filmed at Chorley Fire Station to show "A Day in the Life of a County Councillor". The film had been commissioned by the Local Government Association to show to prospective County Councillors the diversity of the role.

Road Safety

Councillor Jackson continued to support Safe Drive Stay Alive programme. Since the last report, the Safe Drive Stay Alive Multi-agency Road Safety Team had delivered the presentation to another 2,200 students making a total of 4,420 students who had received this programme since November 2015.

Councillor Jackson continued to support Wasted Lives, which was now embedded into the work LFRS carry out on a daily basis. This education programme had now been delivered to approximately 60,000 young people throughout Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.

The new initiative, Childsafe Plus was supported by Councillor Jackson as it continued to be rolled out to Year 6 students in all Lancashire primary schools, prior to transition to High School. This age group were vulnerable due to being a pedestrian or a cyclist, which the classroom educational programme focused on in an attempt to reduce those killed or seriously injured within this particular age group.

A request from the Driving Vehicle Standards Agency (DVLA) had been received about the possibility of the DVLA utilising some Fire Stations within Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. The Fire Stations would be used as testing centres to enable them to offer additional localised test centres. This was work in progress and a meeting was being organised to move this forward.

Environment

The Champion for the Environment, Councillor Brown presented the report. New waste bins separating general and recycling waste had been rolled out across the Service to provide a generic system for the management of waste. Early indications showed that the amount of waste recycled as a proportion of the total waste was progressively increasing. Total waste was starting to reduce and further ways of reducing waste at source were being explored but if waste was produced then if this could be recycled this would be the preferred option.

3. FIRE RELATED PROSECUTIONS

A report detailing prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson related incidents within the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2016 was endorsed by Members. There were no completed prosecution cases reported although Members noted there were seven further fire safety cases/ investigations ongoing.

Fire protection and business support information provided included use of the simple caution procedure at a house of multiple occupancy in St Annes and details of an internal seminar delivered to Fire Safety Officers regarding the implementation of the functional structure for Protection.

In addition, five arson convictions were reported including a notable incident that demonstrated the benefit of an Arson Threat Home Fire Safety Check which had been delivered by the Service and which had contributed to the safe escape of the occupants of the premises.

4. COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

This report included information for the two Unitary and 12 District Authorities relating to Fire Safety initiatives and Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

As part of this report Members received a presentation by Station Manager J Williams entitled "Who We Are and What We Do".

LFRS had designed a video for use across Lancashire that showed 'who we are and what we do'. The video had been used in Blackburn with Darwen to support the delivery of a six-week training course to children in Year 5 at school. Following a successful trial, the course was now being piloted to three more schools. Training resources were pre-prepared and made available electronically which negated the need for LFRS personnel to attend the schools to deliver personally the training and thereby saved costs. During the third week of the course, pupils viewed the video and similar videos from North West Ambulance Service and the Lancashire Constabulary. Any questions raised at the end of the course were added to an ongoing bank of questions with answers available electronically. The video is available by following the link: <https://vimeo.com/158312740>. Members undertook to consider extending this project to schools in other parts of the County.

REPORT OF THE LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) 20 JUNE 2016

1. COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The meeting held 20 June was the Authority's AGM and Members appointed County Councillors F De Molfetta and M Parkinson as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority respectively for 2016/ 2017.

2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed new Members, County Councillors Vivien Taylor and Ron Shewan from Lancashire County Council. He thanked the continuing Members for their contributions to the work of the Authority over the previous year and looked forward to another successful year working together for Lancashire residents.

3. SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

The Authority considered the Safety, Health and Environment Annual Review Report for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service covering the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. As the body with ultimate responsibility for staff health, safety and environmental compliance, it is important that all CFA Members are aware of performance in this respect. The report therefore provided a summary of key actions, overall progress and outturn performance in respect of accidents and near misses and carbon emissions, together with a look forward.

The report summarised the arrangements in place to deliver the Service's Health and Safety Policy and provided a summary of health, safety and environment performance data. It included the reporting on occupational safety, health and environmental issues that had arisen during the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

The Director of People and Development was pleased to report that the Service had again seen a very positive year in terms of overall safety, health and environment performance. The number of accidents to LFRS staff was the second lowest on record with 60 events being reported of which only 23 resulted in lost time accidents. LFRS continued to deliver projects to reduce its carbon emissions. The health and safety and environment management systems would continue to be developed and this was supported by external reviews that advocated robust policies, systems and a positive culture were in place within the Service.

4. FIRE PROTECTION REPORTS

A report detailing prosecutions in respect of fire safety management failures and arson related incidents within the period 1 April 2016 to 31 May 2016 was provided. At the request of County Councillor O'Toole, Group Manager Tony Crook presented Members with an overview of the work undertaken in respect of rented accommodation. This set out the various types of premises, the lead organisation responsible for inspection and enforcement action, the legislative framework, reasons for and types of inspection, actions undertaken to reduce risk and a summary of two prosecution examples.

5. COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY REPORTS

This report included information for the two Unitary and 12 District Authorities relating to Community Fire Safety Initiatives and Fires and Incidents of particular interest.

As part of the report, Area Manager Simon Fryer gave a presentation to Members on the different operational strategies taken for recent waste fires at Fleetwood and Walton Summit to provide Members with an insight into the dilemmas faced by the Service.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
Date of Meeting:	21 September 2016

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 12 September 2016 relating to the approval of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Council has a statutory duty to produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The previous strategy expired at the end of 2015 and a new draft strategy has been in development over the last few months. The Strategy has been developed in line with the vision and priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2015.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 A draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy had been produced based on the vision and priorities agreed by the Board at a development day in 2014. These were reaffirmed at a Board discussion in December 2015, where it was agreed that the evidence related to health outcomes in Blackpool suggests that there are a number of drivers that need to be addressed in order to achieve the Board’s vision “Together we will make Blackpool a place where ALL people can live, long, happy and healthy lives” .

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 6(a) - Executive Decision Notice EX38/2016

A copy of the supporting documentation to this decision notice was submitted with the agenda for the Executive and can be found on the [Council’s website](#).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 It is a statutory requirement to complete a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 An Equality Assessment has been carried out as part of the development process.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

- 12.1
- Health and Wellbeing Board - 20 April 2016.
 - An online public survey was produced by Infusion
 - Social media
 - Healthwatch Blackpool
 - Stakeholders
 - Public Health Scrutiny Committee that took place on 22 April 2016
 - Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body in July 2016

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX38/2016
Relevant Officer:	Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
Date of Meeting:	12 September 2016

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To present the final draft of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for approval following the public consultation carried out with Blackpool Healthwatch. The Strategy and the performance monitoring proposals have already been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on the 20 July 2016.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the consultation summary, attached at Appendix 3b, to the Executive report.
- 2.2 To recommend the Council to approve the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, attached at Appendix 3a, to the Executive report.
- 2.3 To note the performance monitoring proposals outlined at Paragraph 5.9 which have been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 20 July 2016.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Council has a statutory duty to produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The previous strategy expired at the end of 2015 and a new draft strategy has been in development over the last few months.

The Strategy has been developed in line with the vision and priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2015.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

There are no alternatives – the Council must have a strategy in place.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 A draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been produced based on the vision and priorities agreed by the Board at a development day in 2014. These were reaffirmed at a Board discussion in December 2015, where it was agreed that the evidence related to health outcomes in Blackpool suggests that there are a number of drivers we need to address in order to achieve the Board's vision:

5.2 Vision

"Together we will make Blackpool a place where ALL people can live, long, happy and healthy lives"

5.3 Priorities

1. Housing

To improve the quality, mix, and management of private rented homes through Blackpool Housing Company and other initiatives such as Selective Licensing. Create higher quality new homes at Queen's Park and Foxhall Village.

2. Tackling substance misuse (alcohol, drugs and tobacco)

To address lifestyle and addiction issues by developing policy interventions, treatment programmes and education in order to prevent substance misuse, and support individuals and communities with substance misuse issues.

3. Building community resilience and reducing social isolation

To build resilience within individuals and communities to improve their mental health and wellbeing and enable them to cope in difficult situations and circumstances.

Support communities to work together to determine their needs, developing

a co-production approach to service design that will promote community empowerment, community led decision making and increase social action to reduce social isolation experienced by sections of our communities.

In addition to the above, the board recognises the importance of taking preventative action at the earliest possible time; to prevent a problem becoming a crisis, therefore identified an additional priority.

4. Early Intervention

Encourage more upstream intervention to prevent a problem from becoming a crisis; this approach will be implemented throughout the life course and will reduce the need for expensive interventions further down the line.

5.4 Consultation

A draft strategy was considered at the Board's meeting on 20 April 2016 and it was agreed that public consultation would be undertaken to inform the strategy. An online survey was produced by Infusion, the Council's in-house market research organisation and a consultation took place throughout June to seek views on the vision and priorities.

5.5 The survey was circulated via social media and also through Healthwatch's engagement mechanisms; this included circulation to key voluntary sector organisations including Blackpool Carers, Age UK, Salvation Army, Creative Support, Autism Initiatives, Arthritis Care, NCompass, Empowerment, Blackpool Citizen's Advice Bureau, Action for Blind People, Groundwork, and Streetlife. Healthwatch also visited a number of organisations and assisted people in completing the survey.

5.6 In total 144 responses were received. The main issues raised from the consultation are summarised at Appendix 3b, to the Executive report.

5.7 Stakeholders have been engaged throughout the strategy's development via the Strategic Commissioning Group and have inputted into the development at different stages of the process. Drafts of the strategy have also been presented to a special Public Health Scrutiny Committee that took place on 22 April 2016 and to the Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body in July 2016. Comments and issues raised at these meetings have subsequently been addressed in producing the strategy attached at Appendix 3a, to the Executive report.

5.8 Performance Monitoring

A performance monitoring framework has been developed to accompany the strategy; this includes new and existing performance indicators. A list of indicators is included on p22 of the strategy. In some cases the indicator does not exist and would

require a resource commitment to establish, for others it may require a data source or suitable proxy. The Board may wish to suggest other measures directly relevant to the priorities and comment on how the measure could be obtained.

5.9 It was originally proposed that a six-monthly report would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board updating on the progress of the actions and an annual report of performance indicators. However, in light of the forthcoming changes that under consideration for the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme, the Director of Public Health will be asked instead to ensure that the priorities and performance monitoring arrangements are incorporated into any new structure.

5.10 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.11 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 3a – Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-19
Appendix 3b– Health and Wellbeing Consultation Report

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 It is a statutory requirement to complete a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 An Equality Assessment has been carried out as part of the development process.

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 None

10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

11.0 **Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The consultation undertaken is described in Background Information section at Paragraphs 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number: 12/2016

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: 2 September 2016 Date approved: N/A

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1 None

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

1. To note the consultation summary, attached at Appendix 3b to the Executive report.
2. To recommend the Council to approve the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, attached at Appendix 3a to the Executive report.
3. To note the performance monitoring proposals outlined at Paragraph 5.9 which have been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 20 July 2016.

18.2 Date of Decision:

12 September 2016

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

The Council has a statutory duty to produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The previous strategy expired at the end of 2015 and a new draft strategy has been in development over the last few months.

The Strategy has been developed in line with the vision and priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2015.

19.1 Date Decision published:

12 September 2016

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1 Councillor Cain, in the Chair

Councillors Cross, Jackson, Kirkland, Smith, I Taylor and Mrs Wright

Apologies were received from Councillor Blackburn who was engaged elsewhere on Council business.

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes :

22.1 The following non-Executive members were in attendance: Councillors D Coleman and Singleton.

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Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Place
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting	13 th September/ 21 st September 2016

RELATIONSHIP WITH SANYA

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the request from the City of Sanya in China to enter into a ‘sister city’ agreement and in doing so seek to formalise and strengthen the current arrangements. Sister City (twinning arrangements as usually referred to in the UK) can include both formal and informal agreements between cities/ towns to work more closely in cultural, educational and economic areas.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To agree that the proposed arrangement with the Chinese City of Sanya is likely to promote or improve the economic well-being of Blackpool and its inhabitants.
- 2.2 To confirm the arrangement to enter into the proposed ‘sister city’ agreement and twinning arrangement with Sanya.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To strengthen and formalise the existing relationship which has developed with Sanya over recent years.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not enter into a formal relationship.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Sanya is a young city that was established in 1984 in the south of Hainan in China. Sanya is a coastal town with a strong tourism economy. Its major exports include aquatic products, pharmaceuticals and fashion accessories. The major export markets are Hong Kong, Taiwan, the US, Japan and the EU.

5.2 A delegation from Sanya has already been to visit Blackpool three times in recent years, with the most recent being this month. A reciprocal visit was also held earlier this year in March when the Leader of the Council, the then Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Place visited Sanya.

5.3 During the visit in March, the Mayor of Sanya confirmed the city's interest in developing a long term relationship for the benefit of both resorts. A number of common issues of interest were discussed with senior government officials in charge of tourism, economic development and education including:

- developing tertiary education in terms of catering and hospitality qualifications together and students moving between the two resorts.
- investment discussions relevant to what is happening in Blackpool and Sanya.
- challenges faced by both resorts and how to share learning and opportunities.

5.4 There was also a meeting with business people from Sanya and there was significant interest in developing links between Blackpool and Sanya in terms of ballroom dancing. A meeting also took place with three of the larger leisure investors and this relationship is continuing.

5.5 The link with Sanya has developed over recent years and is a great opportunity both in terms of economic impact and cultural benefits. Blackpool's current links with a Chinese company has already seen a £4 million investment in the Winter Gardens with the Illuminasia attraction and now the Blackpool Dance Festival in Shanghai will bring in significant income over the next five years. The visit in March also tied in with the launch of the Blackpool Dance Festival in Shanghai.

5.6 There are now over 50 formalised links between UK towns/ cities and Chinese towns/ cities. A number of these being added to in recent years. In most cases, the association, especially when formalised by local government, is known as "town twinning" though other terms, such as "partner towns" or "sister cities" are used, (as in this case) by other countries. Linked with the Northern Powerhouse key cities to

benefit from devolution deals have established links with the Chinese towns. E.g. Liverpool with Shanghai (1999), Manchester with Wuhan (1986) and Sheffield with Chengdu (2010). In September 2015, the then chancellor George Osborne delivered a speech encouraging more business partnerships between China and Northern England and highlighting the existing twin city relations between Sheffield and Chengdu as proof of the close Sino-British relationship.

5.7 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.8 **List of Appendices:**

None.

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 The 'sister city' agreement would not represent a legally binding contract between Blackpool Council and Sanya. It does, however, signify an intention to co-operate over a five year period (and beyond that unless the agreement is brought to an end) and clearly therefore should only be entered into if this does represent the Council's intentions.

6.2 If the Council agrees that the proposed arrangement with Sanya is likely to promote or improve the economic well-being of Blackpool or some or all of its inhabitants, the legal power to enter into this would be provided by the Power of General Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 There are no additional human resource implications to the agreement with Sanya.

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 The Council's relationship with the Chinese community in Blackpool is key to the development of the relationship with Sanya and they are an integral part of the the process.

9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 There are no costs with signing the agreement itself. The costs of the trip in March this year was approximately £5,000 with the hosts providing the accommodation. This was split between the Council and Blackpool Entertainment Company Limited. Any future visits would look to be supported in this way and can be met, as required, from existing Council budgets.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Not signing the agreement could possibly hinder the development of the relationship and limit opportunities for economic growth.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Dialogue over the formalisation of the relationship has taken place between the Leader of the Council, senior officers at the Council and the Mayor of Sanya and senior officials there. Visitors from Sanya were in Blackpool in early September and a document was signed by the Leader of the Council signifying an intention to enter into this arrangement and Council is asked to confirm this agreement.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Regulatory Services
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting	21 September 2016

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL APPOINTMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 In November 2015, Council appointed two additional members of the Independent Remuneration Panel to fill vacancies. This was following a recruitment process and after consultation with the two Group Leaders. One of those appointed has now stood down due to work related relocation. Council is asked to consider appointing a replacement member.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to appoint Mr G Molyneux be appointed as an Independent Remuneration Panel member.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To fill vacancy on the Independent Remuneration Panel without delay due to the work currently being undertaken by that Panel.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To seek further advert.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The recommendations in this report meet all the Council's priorities.

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel was formed by the Council in 2001 and has a duty to provide the Council with recommendations on its scheme of members' allowances and amounts to be paid. One of the Independent Remuneration Panel members Mr H Evans has decided to stand down from the Panel as his workplace will change to Southport from Blackpool. The Panel has not had a reason to meet since that appointment, but is due to meet in the next few weeks to undertake the 12 month reviews requested by Council into the allowance paid to Independent Persons who support the standards process under the Localism Act and also the remuneration paid to non executive directors serving on Council companies.
- 5.2 The criteria of the type of person sought states that the applicant should have no formal political party affiliation, not be an employee of, or an elected member of Blackpool Council and not be currently a close friend/ relative of an elected member of Blackpool Council. Interviews were held in November 2015 with three individuals and all three were deemed appointable. Mr Evans and Mrs Hockenhill were both appointed by Council as they had previous experience of serving on Remuneration Panels for other Councils. The third interviewee Mr G Molyneux met all the criteria to be appointed, but as the other two had additional experience then he missed out at that point. Mr Molyneux runs his own business and is also a Board member of Healthwatch Blackpool.
- 5.3 Following notification of the vacancy this last month, consultation was undertaken with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group about appointing Mr Molyneux. Both supported the recommendation to appoint Mr Molyneux.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices: None

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 set out the requirements for appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 There are no Human Resource considerations

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 There are no equalities considerations to this report.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 There are no financial considerations, other than the Panel members can claim reasonable expenses for attending meetings, which may be held.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 There are no risk management considerations other than not having sufficient members to serve on the Panel.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 There are no ethical considerations

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has taken place with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Conservative Group regarding the appointment.

13.0 Background papers:

None.

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Item 10 - Notice of Motions

To consider the following motions which have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 12.1:

a) BLACKPOOL SPORTS CENTRE. Councillor T Williams to propose.

Blackpool Council recognises the important contribution that Mr Brian London has made in regard to the sport of boxing in the UK and by association representing his long term adopted home town of Blackpool.

Brian was British and Commonwealth champion, fought Muhammad Ali for the world championship and fought many great fighters all over the world including at large venues in the USA.

When he retired he became a successful businessman employing hundreds of local residents in his world famous night club the 007. Many celebrities were regular faces at the club and it attracted visitors from across the UK.

As well as being a sporting celebrity and successful businessman Brian has been a very active supporter of local charities including the Variety Club and many local sport related associations.

He has lived close to Stanley Park for more than 40 years and used the perimeter of the park every day up until recently to train and keep fit.

The Council is therefore requested to rename Stanley Park Sports Centre to become The Brian London Stanley Park Sports Centre in recognition of Brian's successful historic contribution to the sport of boxing and as a positive ambassador for Blackpool.

b) STAND AGAINST RACE/HATE CRIMES. Councillor O'Hara to propose.

The people of Blackpool are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society . Hate crimes are utterly abhorrent regardless of whether they target a person because of hostility or prejudice towards that person's:

- disability
- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity

Blackpool Council condemns this unequivocally and will not allow hate to become acceptable and will work with other organisations, as appropriate, to ensure local bodies and programmes have resources needed to fight hate crime. It seeks to reassure all people living in Blackpool that they are valued members of the community.

As a further commitment to this stance, the Council hereby resolves to support the #saynohate campaign that the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner's office is coordinating during hate crime awareness week 8 to 15 October.

c) STATE PENSION AGE FOR WOMEN. Councillor Mrs Wright to propose.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification. This affects many women in Blackpool and the Chief Executive is asked to write to the Secretary of State to outline the Council's position.