

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, PROCUREMENT AND INCOME GENERATION -  
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**Supporting the development of Affordable Housing**

The Council has sold 44 flats and maisonettes at All Hallows Road, Bispham, to Great Places Housing Group to enable demolition and re-development with new homes. Most of the 31 new houses and bungalows will be let at affordable rents and will provide much better accommodation for families in housing need. There has been a setback in the re-development with the building contractor going into liquidation, but a new contractor is now being appointed and the delay to the construction timetable is expected to be limited to two months. The new homes will be available to tenants in summer 2016.

**Parking Services**

The year 2014/ 2015 was an extremely good year for Parking Services with income achieved more than £250,000 ahead of the previous year when less car parking was available due to refurbishment and other developments.

During this year, a number of parking promotions took place, such as the discounted Christmas and the Small Businesses Day parking offers, which proved popular amongst those using the car parks. It is anticipated that these will be repeated this year.

More recently, an accommodation parking voucher was launched which allows hotels and guesthouses to provide discounted parking to their guests at a number of selected car parks. A number of these have already been purchased and positive feedback has been received from those using them.

The current financial year has started well for Parking Services, aided by a number of high profile events that have generated additional car parking usage. These include assisting 20 Century Fox with the filming of director Tim Burton's latest Hollywood film, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children", the Rugby League Summer Bash event and the Red Arrows display on the Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May.

The Council's staff parking scheme is now in its second year and the newly established online system has worked very well since its launch in the last couple of months, with over 670 permits issued to members of staff.

**Contracts and Purchasing / Procurement**

The following contract awards have been made since the last report in March 2015:

Infrastructure Support to Voluntary Organisations	Blackpool Fylde and Wyre CVS (Blackpool)	£50,000
Vending machine supplies for leisure centres	Batleys Foodservice (Preston)	£57,000
Public Advertising	The Whole Caboodle (Harrogate)	£70,000

<b>CONTRACT</b>	<b>PROVIDER (Location)</b>	<b>CONTRACT VALUE</b>
Children's Software - Extension with Capita for 12 months	Capita One (Bedford)	£119,500
Schools Information Management System - Software	Capita (Hertfordshire framework)	£104,000
Christ the King Primary School - Internal refurbishment works, minor external works	F Parkinsons Ltd (Blackpool)	£185,581
Breast Feeding Peer supporting and School Nursing	Breastfeeding Network (Paisley)	£150,000
Blackpool Museum Project - consultancy support governance & management	DCA Consultancy Ltd (Birmingham)	£20,000
Your Blackpool Delivery	Letterbox Consultancy Ltd (Hertfordshire)	£4,488
Waste Paper Collection	Helping Hand (Blackpool)	£24,893
Wheeled Bin Management	Helping Hand (Blackpool)	£24,893
General Advice to Blackpool Residents	Blackpool CAB (Blackpool)	£50,000
Lightpool – Blackpool Tower Façade Architectural Projection Mapping	War Productions Ltd (Edinburgh)	£443,526
Mobile HWRC (ROVER)	Helping Hand (Blackpool)	£43,595
Winter Gardens Metric/Condition Surveys	Jubb and Jubb (Preston)	£275,000
NW e-tendering portal	Due North (Cramlington)	£17,120 (Blackpool costs only)

<b>Blackpool Entertainment Company Limited</b>		
Winter Gardens Washroom Service	PHS (Warrington)	£11,500 pa

A total of 39% of Council overall third party spend is now with local providers/ suppliers as at 2014/ 2015 year-end. This has increased from 38% as at 2013/ 2014 year-end.

The Council's Executive has considered and approved a Social Value Policy, which has been developed in conjunction with the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA). This will support commissioners to build social, economic and community outcomes into pre-procurement processes and should lead to third-party suppliers and providers seeking to deliver Social Value on behalf of the Council through contracting and tendering opportunities.

### **Commercial Waste Services**

Commercial Waste continues to perform well. Currently the service is the largest local provider of business waste collections and has approximately 48% of the market share with 1,400 trade bin customers and 1,600 sack customers across Blackpool and Wyre.

In 2014/ 2015, 5,959 tonnes of waste was collected and approximately 65% was recovered/ diverted as the waste is processed through the waste treatment plants. In addition 293 tonnes of glass was collected, 100% of which was recycled.

The Confidential Waste Service was launched in 2014/ 2015 with most of Blackpool Council now using this service contributing to the ongoing need for cost savings.

The service also carries out the household textile collection function as well as servicing the town's on-street recycling units and mini bring-sites.

The hugely successful Re-use shop located at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) generated sales in excess of £90,000 in 2014/ 2015 and once again donated to the Mayors Charity of £10,000.