

Blackpool Council

26 September 2023

To: Councillors Boughton, P Brookes, Hoyle, B Mitchell, D Scott, S Smith, Thomas, Webb and Wilshaw

The above members are requested to attend the:

LEVELLING UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 4 October 2023 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

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 either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

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 PUBLIC SPEAKING

To consider any requests from members of the public to speak at the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2023

(Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 June 2023 as a true and correct record.

4 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (Pages 7 - 18)

To consider the Executive and Cabinet Member Decisions within the remit of the Committee, taken since the last meeting.

5 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 19 - 36)

To consider the content of the Council's Forward Plan, October 2023 – January 2024, within the remit of the Committee.

6 LEVELLING UP UPDATE (Pages 37 - 42)

To provide an overview of Levelling Up in Blackpool.

7 LEVELLING UP - HOUSING UPDATE (Pages 43 - 46)

To provide an overview of Levelling Up – Housing in Blackpool.

8 BLACKPOOL TOBACCO ADDICTION SERVICE (Pages 47 - 84)

To provide an update on the second year of progress made by the Blackpool NHS Tobacco Addiction Service – Community.

9 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN (Pages 85 - 94)

To consider the Workplan and to monitor the implementation of Committee recommendations, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review topics.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting as 8 November 2023 commencing at 6.00pm.

Venue information:

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

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact Jodie Stephenson, Democratic Governance Senior Advisor, Tel: 01253 477169, e-mail jodie.stephenson@blackpool.gov.uk

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Present:

Councillor S Smith (in the Chair)

Councillors

Boughton
P Brookes

Hoyle
Humphreys

B Mitchell
D Scott

Thomas
Wilshaw

In Attendance:

Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration

Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Vikki Piper, Head of Housing

Jodie Stephenson, Democratic Services Senior Advisor

Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council

Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling-Up Place

Councillor Paul Galley, Chair, Scrutiny Leadership Board

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no requests from members of the public to speak on this occasion.

3 EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Committee noted the decisions taken since its previous meeting.

4 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the contents of the Council's Forward Plan July 2023 to October 2023, relating to the portfolios of the Cabinet Members whose responsibilities fell within its remit and noted the upcoming items.

5 LEVELLING-UP INTRODUCTION

Mr Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration, provided the Committee with a detailed update with regards to the history of Blackpool's journey within the Levelling-Up pilot.

Mr Cavill explained that the Council and partners had worked hard to win Blackpool's status as a national Levelling Up Pilot in March 2022. A strong working relationship with the Department of Levelling-Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) and Homes England had been embedded and

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produced tangible results, which provided everyone with confidence that the partnership would continue to develop.

Work had begun with other government departments to push and test their response to making levelling up work right across government. He explained that in the coming months further commitment was expected across government to deliver on Blackpool's ambitions over an extended period of time.

The next strategic target was to secure a financial commitment to the first phase of physical housing intervention at scale via Homes England. In parallel, the Council would be working with Government to review capacity and governance arrangements to ensure Blackpool would be in the right position to deliver a wider programme of holistic regeneration, and start to truly level up for residents and businesses.

He advised that the 'Team Blackpool' ethos encompassed the partnership working with the Pride of Place Partnership, alongside commitment from civil servants and agency officials notably from the DLUHC and Homes England. The joint working had proved invaluable in terms of the support the Council had received.

The Committee raised concerns with regards to inflation pressures on the funding awarded to Blackpool and whether it could potentially cause issues for the developments in hand, in terms of failure or cut back.

Mr Cavill advised the Committee that the Council had been realistic with regards to inflation, and there had been a reasonable contingency incorporated from the outset. He added that a repeat investment plan would be undertaken to establish where the projects sat in terms of market inflation pressures.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Lynn Williams advised that the Levelling-Up pilot had prioritised developing the needs of the local economy by providing local people the skills and jobs they needed to have better lives.

Members enquired as to how the Council defined outcomes and goals and measured success. In response, Mr Cavill explained that all projects had been and would be analysed on a project by project basis. He advised that a number of economic factors such as the cost of living crisis, would have an impact on the wider economy. Future performance indicators would be developed in partnership with the Department of Levelling-Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC).

Ms Vikki Piper, Head of Housing, added that the Housing element of the Levelling-Up pilot would be a much slower process predicting a period of 10 to 15 years before major changes would be embedded and recognised.

Ms Piper advised that alongside the need for economic growth it had long been recognised that the housing conditions in the inner wards, particularly in the private rented sector (PRS), were amongst the worst in the country. The market was underpinned by rents set at benefit levels and was typified by short tenancies, a lack of quality and a transient group of tenants. Without addressing the poor inner ward housing conditions Blackpool risked not getting the full social benefit of the

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economic regeneration agenda that was in delivery across the town.

She advised the Committee that housing failure in the centre of Blackpool was the Council's number one public policy challenge. Sustained intervention and investment was now needed to reverse decline and deliver a better future.

She advised that the Levelling-Up White paper contained an action plan which included:

- Halving the number of non – decent homes by 2030 by introducing a Decent Homes Standard to the PRS.
- Abolishment of section 21 “no fault” evictions.
- Introduction of a new single housing ombudsman.
- Introduction of a new property portal

In response to further questions the Committee was informed that the new development on Grange Park would be 100% affordable rented properties. In addition, it was envisaged that the development was on track to be close to carbon net zero. The Multiversity phase of the project was over budget and this was due to a number of factors, not the ambition to achieve net zero premises.

The Committee also discussed the proposals for the combined authority and the Private Members Bill. In addition, Ms Piper advised the Committee that the Homes England Master Plan had been delayed slightly until around autumn.

6 TOURISM PERFORMANCE

Mr Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration provided the Committee with a background to the visitor economy and how performance had been assessed.

He explained that Blackpool used two distinct methods:

- The Annual STEAM Report
- The monthly Visitor Economy Performance Indicator (VEPI) report

In terms the annual STEAM report, this was a tool used by many UK destinations, and was based on trend analysis. STEAM generated an estimate of the overall number of visitors to Blackpool. However, Mr Cavill explained that the data was usually published nine months after the end of the calendar year (2022 due in September 2023).

The monthly Visitor Economy Performance Indicator (VEPI) report was produced in-house with contributions from Blackpool Transport, Northern Rail, a selection of visitor attractions and town centre retailers, as well as town centre and promenade footfall which was measured using mobile phone data.

Given the lag in production of the annual STEAM report, the VEPI reports provided more of a “real-time” flavour of performance against the previous year.

Members discussed the illuminations with a range of opinions discussed and provided an update upon a number of recently made improvements. The Committee was informed that the value of

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the winter extension of the Illuminations had been proven and had increased the economy dramatically, with the October half-term proving a popular time.

The Committee complimented the Winter Gardens Conference Centre and Mr Cavill advised that the centre had successfully brought value to the resort and other business in the town, and was on the right trajectory of growth, however the Committee was advised that this had been achieved at a slower rate than expected due to Covid.

It was queried whether Blackpool had a sufficient number of good quality hotels to accommodate the increased number delegates attending the conference centre. Mr Cavill explained that part of the Blackpool offer it was intended to provide a high standard of local conference accommodation, a large proportion of which must be branded hotels. The number of branded hotels was currently lower than required, however this should improve when the Holiday Inn development was complete.

The Committee discussed the need to develop stronger partnerships with all Blackpool attractions, and would consider this item at the workplanning workshop.

7 TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION UPDATE

Mr Cavill, Director of Communication and Regeneration provided a detailed overview of progress on various projects which had contributed in securing the regeneration of Blackpool Town Centre.

He explained that the Town Centre currently fell short of what was expected with regards to purpose and delivery for the community of Blackpool. Significant progress had been made on the delivery of a number of projects, with further approvals received for the funding of a number of additional projects. Progress had been made on the implementation of the Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan.

The Committee discussed the government's Active Travel Fund, which focused on improving walking and cycling facilities along key routes in the town. Members were informed that bike routes were being developed as part of the Transport Plan. New cycle lanes and traffic systems would aim to encourage cycling and to make it easier for the rider.

Members considered the number of vacant properties in the Town Centre. Mr Cavill advised the Committee that the vacant premises were closely monitored and analysed to see if there was a pattern. He explained that the number of void properties had reduced within the last six month period.

The Committee agreed that it receive rich data relating to vacant premises and suggested the item be considered at the workplanning workshop to determine whether the Committee felt this topic would be suitable for a deep dive Scrutiny review.

8 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

The Committee noted the date of the work planning workshop, and was asked to contribute with suggested items that the Members felt they would like to scrutinise further with the current sea

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quality concerns raised as a key area for scrutiny.

The Chair of the Scrutiny leadership Board, Councillor Paul Galley provided the Committee with an overview of the role of scrutiny.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meeting as 6.00pm on Wednesday, 4 October 2023,

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 7.50 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact:
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Report to:	LEVELLING-UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting:	4 October 2023

EXECUTIVE AND CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Executive and Cabinet Member decisions within the portfolios of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 Members will have the opportunity to question the Leader of the Council or the relevant Cabinet Member in relation to the decisions taken.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that the opportunity is given for all Executive and Cabinet Member decisions to be scrutinised and held to account.

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? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool
- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Attached at the appendix 4(a) to this report is a summary of the decisions taken,

which have been circulated to Members previously.

5.2 This report is presented to ensure Members are provided with a timely update on the decisions taken by the Executive and Cabinet Members. It provides a process where the Committee can raise questions and a response be provided.

5.3 Members are encouraged to seek updates on decisions and will have the opportunity to raise any issues.

5.4 Witnesses/representatives

5.4.1 The following Cabinet Members are responsible for the decisions taken in this report and have been invited to attend the meeting:

- Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture
- Councillor Jo Farrell, Levelling Up - People
- Councillor Mark Smith, Levelling Up - Place

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

- Appendix 4(a) Summary of Executive and Cabinet Member decisions taken.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

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DECISION / OUTCOME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DATE	CABINET MEMBER
Item Title				
<p>LOCAL LIST ADDITIONS: SOUTH SHORE AREA OF SPECIAL LOCAL CHARACTER, 137 PRESTON NEW ROAD AND 11-19 HILL STREET</p> <p>The Leader of the Council agreed the recommendations as outlined above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt the South Shore Area of Special Local Character. 2. To add 137 Preston New Road and 11-19 Hill Street onto the List of Buildings of Local Architectural and/or Historic Interest. 	<p>To request formal adoption of the three additions to the Local List which were recommended for inclusion by the Planning Committee on 13 June 2023 and 7 March 2023.</p>	PH48/2023	29 June 2023	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture
<p>ADOPTION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)</p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve and formally adopt the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document 2. To approve and agree for publication the supporting Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement 3. To authorise the Head of Planning Strategy to make any appropriate minor amendments to improve the presentation and finalise a published version of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document 	<p>This report presents the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document for adoption and the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation Statement for approval and publication, the latter setting out all the representations received and the Council’s proposed response.</p>	EX28/2023	10 July 2023	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture

<p>BUSINESS LOANS FUND- HAMPTON BY HILTON LOAN CONSOLIDATION</p> <p>The Executive resolved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the public and press be excluded from the consideration of Agenda Item 6 Business Loans Fund. This is on the grounds that this item contains the likely disclosure of information not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This information contains details of ongoing negotiations with third parties and the public interest would not be served by making this information public at the point, once the negotiations are concluded parts of that information would be published. 2. To note the amalgamation of loans totalling £7,781,490 into one Loan Facility, approved under EX36/2016 and PH7/2021. 3. To approve the loan terms and conditions as set out in Appendix 6a to the Executive report(exempt). 4. To authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter into such contracts as are necessitated by the successful approval. 	<p>To note the amalgamation of loans by Create Developments (Blackpool) Ltd, for the Hampton by Hilton Hotel South Promenade Blackpool.</p>	<p>EX30/2023</p>	<p>10 July 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place</p>
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<p>BUSINESS LOANS FUND- RYSCAR WAY The Executive resolved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the public and press be excluded from the consideration of Agenda Item 6 Business Loans Fund. This is on the grounds that this item contains the likely disclosure of information not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This information contains details of ongoing negotiations with third parties and the public interest would not be served by making this information public at the point, once the negotiations are concluded parts of that information would be published 2. To approve a loan of £5,535,000 to Create Developments (Bispham) Ltd to enable a new housing development at Ryscar Way, Bispham, Blackpool. 3. To approve the loan terms and conditions as set out in Appendix 7a to the Executive report (exempt). 4. To authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter into such contracts as are necessitated by the successful approval to deliver the scheme. 	<p>To consider a loan request from Create Developments (Bispham) Ltd, to enable a new housing development at Ryscar Way, Bispham, Blackpool.</p>	EX31/2023	10 July 2023	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
<p>HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND – ROUND 4 The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely: To agree that a number of processes and schemes as outlined below will be implemented to ensure that the fund will support the most vulnerable residents and to meet the overall fund requirements. The budget allocations are based on current estimates and may need revision as the projects progress.</p>	<p>To outline how the Council will support residents with Government funding that has been provided for the Household fund. The total award for Blackpool is £3,491,715 for the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024.</p>	PH50/2023	12 July 2023	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, People

<p>DEVELOPMENT OF THE LGBTQ+ BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AREA OF THE CLAREMONT WARD The Cabinet member agreed the recommendations as outlined above, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree that key representatives of the Council, North Shore Business Group (NSBG), Renaissance Charity, LGBT+ Facebook Friends, BAGS, Blackpool Pride Festival and other significant Claremont Community organisations meet to consider the scope of a consultation to the area and engagement. 2. To agree that once a robust consultation framework has been collectively agreed, the group will work with other stakeholders and appropriate parties identified within the process to timeline and rollout a consultation exercise to the area. 	<p>The purpose of the report is to highlight the potential to support the evolution of an already thriving LGBTQ+ business area sitting on the south-western part of the Claremont ward, and to use this as a foundation for the wider regeneration of the area to the benefit of residents and businesses.</p> <p>This report has been developed with the engagement of key members of the community, and sets out the proposed way forward for co-producing with the wider community a shared and collective vision for the area that can then be used as a catalyst for action, including supporting funding and investment bids.</p>	<p>PH52/2023</p>	<p>27 July 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up - People</p>
<p>PROPOSAL TO JOIN A RAIL NORTH WEST REGIONAL BUSINESS UNIT The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make a formal commitment to joining the North West Regional Business Unit, in partnership with North West Local Transport Authorities and Transport for the North. 2. To note that this commitment will be subject to a collaboration agreement, to be provided to Blackpool Council Legal Services, proving acceptable. 	<p>In response to the likely establishment of Great British Railways, a proposed national rail industry coordinating body, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has proposed founding a North West Regional Business Unit (NWRBU) and has worked with Transport for the North (TfN) and partner Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) to establish a structure for such a body. The North West Regional Business Unit's role would be to amplify the voice of Local Transport Authorities in influencing Great British Railways.</p>	<p>PH55/2023</p>	<p>2 August 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up - Place</p>

<p>BLACKPOOL TOWER STRUCTURAL STEEL REPLACEMENT AND REPAINTING</p> <p>The Executive resolved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree that Appendix 4a to the Executive report, the Financial Considerations is not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it includes detailed costings that enable the scheme to be viable. The publication of such information could prejudice continuing and future negotiations. 2. That the Director of Communications and Regeneration be provided with delegated authority to progress the continued renewal and repainting of the Blackpool Tower steel structure, to include the completion of all due diligence associated with the project, as set out in this Executive report and Appendix 4a to the Executive report. 3. To authorise the Head of Legal Services to continue to enter into any such documentation as may be necessary and to consider and deal with such due diligence as may be required to provide for completion of the Blackpool Tower steel structure renewal and repainting Scheme. 4. That authority is provided to complete the project funding package of eleven million pounds, through debt finance in the form of Prudential Borrowing, over six years commencing in Financial Year 2022/23, as detailed in the Appendix 4a to the Executive report. 	<p>To progress the continued renewal and repainting of the Blackpool Tower steel structure including the completion of all due diligence associated with the project and to complete the project funding package.</p>	<p>EX34/2023</p>	<p>11 September 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council</p>
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<p>TOWN CENTRE INVESTMENT The Executive resolved as follows: 1. That the public and press be excluded from the consideration of Agenda Items 5 Town Centre Investment. This is on the grounds that this item contains the likely disclosure of information not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This information contains details of ongoing negotiations with third parties and the public interest would not be served by making this information public at this point, once the negotiations are concluded parts of that information would be published. 2. To approve Prudential Borrowing of £0.75m for Houndshill Phase 2 and a rent allowance of 15 months. 3. To delegate to the Director of Communications and Regeneration the varying of the lease, agreements and contract terms as required for Houndshill Phase 2, and to provide the funding and agreeing the mechanism of return for the repayment of the funds/rent allowance provided. 4. To authorise the Head of Legal Services to prepare legal documentation and enter into and complete appropriate documents/contracts as necessary to complete the transactions.</p>	<p>To consider additional funding for the Houndshill Phase 2 development.</p>	<p>EX35/2023</p>	<p>11 September 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up Place</p>
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<p>DISPENSATION FROM CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES- DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT CONTRACT The Cabinet Member agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely: To approve the direct award of the contract for Adult Integrated Recovery and Clinical Service (Drug and Alcohol Treatment) as a dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules, due to the award of non-recurrent funding directly related to drug and alcohol treatment provision up to 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>To seek approval from the Cabinet Member to extend the drug and alcohol treatment contract with Delphi Medical, for an additional 12 months. This will bring the contract end date to 31 March 2025, with an option to extend for a further 12 months.</p>	<p>PH58/2023</p>	<p>21 September 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up - People</p>
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Report to:	LEVELLING-UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting:	4 October 2023

FORWARD PLAN REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the content of the Council's Forward Plan October 2023 to January 2024, relating to the portfolios of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 Members will have the opportunity to question the Leader of the Council and / or the relevant Cabinet Member in relation to items contained within the Forward Plan within the portfolios of the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council.

2.2 Members will have the opportunity to consider whether any of the items should be subjected to pre-decision scrutiny. In so doing, account should be taken of any requests or observations made by the relevant Cabinet Member.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable the opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny of the Forward Plan items.

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? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool
- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Forward Plan is prepared by the Leader of the Council to cover a period of four months and has effect from the first working day of any month. It is updated on a monthly basis and subsequent plans cover a period beginning with the first working day of the second month covered in the preceding plan.

5.2 The Forward Plan contains matters which the Leader has reason to believe will be subject of a key decision to be taken either by the Executive, a Committee of the Executive, individual Cabinet Members, or Officers.

5.3 Attached at Appendix 5(a) is a list of items contained in the current Forward Plan. Further details appertaining to each item is contained in the Forward Plan, which has been forwarded to all members separately.

5.4 Witnesses/representatives

5.4.1 The following Cabinet Members are responsible for the Forward Plan items in this report and have been invited to attend the meeting:

- Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Tourism, Arts and Culture
- Councillor Mark Smith, Levelling Up - Place

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a) - Summary of items contained within Forward Plan September 2023 to December 2023.

6.0 Financial considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Legal considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resources considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Risk management considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people

10.1 None.

11.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

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EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - SUMMARY OF KEY DECISIONS

Appendix 5a

OCTOBER 2023 TO JANUARY 2024*** Denotes New Item**

Anticipated Date of Decision	Matter for Decision	Decision Reference	Decision Taker	Relevant Cabinet Member
October 2023	Town Centre Investment (this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	1/2021	Executive	Cllr Williams
October 2023	Applications for Business Loans above £500,000. (this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	2/2021	Executive or Shareholder Committee	Cllr Williams
October 2023	To agree strategic acquisitions and investments in or adjoining the Enterprise Zone (this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	3/2021	Executive	Cllr M Smith
December 2023	Update of the Children's Services Medium Term Financial Strategy	12/2002	Executive	Cllr Williams

Anticipated Date of Decision	Matter for Decision	Decision Reference	Decision Taker	Relevant Cabinet Member
October 2023	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order to assemble the site identified in the February 2023 Executive report to deliver the Revoe Community Sports Village Project	12/2023	Executive	Cllr Smith
October 2023	To consider the making of a compulsory purchase order to assemble the sites identified in the February 2023 Executive report (EX20/2023) to deliver the Town Centre Car Parking Strategy	13/2023	Executive	Cllr Smith
October 2023	To approve public consultation, and submission to Secretary of State thereafter, on a new Selective Licensing Scheme for Blackpool	14/2023	Executive	Cllr Smith
November 2023	Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan	17/2023	Council	Cllr Williams
*January 2024	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	18/2023	Council	Cllr Farrell
*December 2023	Approval of Airport Enterprise Zone update report and approval of updated Delivery Plan	19/2023	Executive	Cllr Smith
*January 2024	To agree the outcome of the insurance procurement exercise prior to cover being placed from April 2024.	20/2023	Executive	Cllr Williams

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for Decision Ref N° 1/2021	Town Centre Investment (this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))
Decision making Individual or Body	Executive
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Senior Officers
How representations are to be made and by what date	None Applicable
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report
Name and address of responsible officer	Alan Cavill, Director of Director of Communications and Engagement e-mail: alan.cavill@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 47 7006

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for Decision Ref N° 2/2021	<p>To consider any applications for Business Loans from the Council's Business Loan Fund that exceed the key decision threshold.</p> <p>If any such applications are received the Director of Finance will present the application and a report to the next meeting of the Executive.</p> <p>(this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p>
Decision making Individual or Body	Executive or Shareholder Committee
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	N/A
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report of the Director of Resources Loan application
Name and address of responsible officer	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources, Resources Directorate, Blackpool Council, Number 1 Bickerstaffe Square, Talbot Road, Blackpool, FY1 3AH e-mail:steve.thompson@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 478505

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for Decision Ref N° 3/2021	To agree strategic acquisitions in the Enterprise Zone (this item to be considered in private by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))
Decision making Individual or Body	Executive
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up (Place)
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Fylde Borough Council (for any acquisitions that fall within their boundary) Commercially confidential and sensitive.
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report(s) supported by External Valuations and Justification report and Enterprise Zone Masterplan.
Name and address of responsible officer	Alan Cavill, Director of Director of Communications and Engagement Alan.Cavill@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 477006

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision Ref No: 12/2023	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order to assemble the site identified in the February 2023 Executive report to deliver the Revoe Community Sports Village Project
Decision making individual or body	Executive
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Councillor Mark Smith, Director of Resources, Head of Legal Services, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A, there will be no public representations
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Executive Report
Name and address of responsible officer	Alan Cavill Director of Communications and Regeneration Chief Executives alan.cavill@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: 01253 477006

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision Ref No 13/2023	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order to assemble the sites identified in the February 2023 Executive report (EX20/2023) to deliver the Town Centre Car Parking Strategy
Decision making individual or body	Executive
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Councillor Mark Smith, Director of Resources, Head of Legal Services, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A, there will be no public representations
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Executive Report
Name and address of responsible officer	Alan Cavill Director of Communications and Regeneration Chief Executives alan.cavill@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: 01253 477006

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision Ref No 14/2023	To approve public consultation, and submission to Secretary of State thereafter, on a new Selective Licensing Scheme for Blackpool
Decision making individual or body	Executive
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	October 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Main consultees will be landlords
How representations are to be made and by what date	There will be a full consultation process
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report and outline consultation proposal
Name and address of responsible officer	Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy e-mail: antony.lockley@blackpool.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision *Ref No: 17/2023	Following the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum answer “yes”, the Plan would need to be formally ‘made’ which requires Full Council to formally adopt the Marton Moss Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for Blackpool
Decision making individual or body	Council
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	December 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Finance, legal, Growth and Prosperity , ward members
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A – will be shared with Phase 1 planning consultation
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report Approved Neighbourhood Plan
Name and address of responsible officer	Nick Gerrard Growth and Prosperity Programme Director e-mail: nick.gerrard@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 47 6238

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for Decision *Ref N° 18/2023	<p>The Welfare Reform Act 2012 abolished Council Tax Benefit (CTB), billing authorities were required to adopt a new local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) by 31st January 2013 to take effect from 1 April 2013, and the Council formally adopted the 2013-14 Scheme at full Council on 23 January 2013.</p> <p>The legislation requires that billing authorities formally adopt the Scheme on an annual basis.</p> <p>This report outlines the proposed 2024-25 local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) which will apply to working age claimants and the options available to the Council.</p> <p>The report highlights any changes to the CTRS Scheme which accommodate wider welfare benefit changes made by Central Government.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the discretionary hardship fund should continue to be made available through the Discretionary Discount Policy.</p>
Decision making Individual or Body	Council
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	January 2024
Who is to be consulted and how	<p>Extensive consultation was undertaken on all options for inclusion in the scheme during 2012-13.</p> <p>Consultation has once again been undertaken with the precepting authorities as required by legislation.</p> <p>No changes are proposed to the Scheme for 2024-25 so no public consultation has been undertaken.</p>
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	<p>Report as outlined</p> <p>2024-25 Draft Council Tax Reduction Scheme</p> <p>Equality Analysis and Action Plan (no significant changes)</p>
Name and address of	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources, Resources

responsible officer	Directorate, Blackpool Council, Number 1 Bickerstaffe Square, Talbot Road, Blackpool, FY1 3AH e-mail:steve.thompson@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 478505
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EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision *Ref No: 19/2023	Approval of Airport Enterprise Zone update report and approval of updated Delivery Plan
Decision making individual or body	Executive
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Mark Smith, Cabinet Member for Levelling Up-Place
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	December 2023
Who is to be consulted and how	Finance, legal, Growth and Prosperity , ward members
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/A – will be shared with Phase 1 planning consultation
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	Report Update delivery plan
Name and address of responsible officer	Nick Gerrard Growth and Prosperity Programme Director e-mail: nick.gerrard@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: (01253) 47 6238

EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN - KEY DECISION:

Matter for decision: *Ref No: 20/2023	To agree the outcome of the insurance procurement exercise prior to cover being placed from April 2024.
Decision making individual or body	Executive.
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date on which or period within which decision is to be made	January 2024
Who is to be consulted and how	Consultation has taken place with senior management across the Council to inform the Council's insurance programme which formed the basis of the tender specification. An insurer's engagement day was also held in August 2023 to obtain their views prior to going out to tender. The outcome of the evaluation exercise has been considered by the Corporate Leadership Team.
How representations are to be made and by what date	N/a
Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration	A report will be provided.
Name and address of responsible officer	Steve Thompson (Director of Resources) Tracy Greenhalgh (Head of Audit and Risk)

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Report to:	LEVELLING-UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Regeneration and Communications Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive
Date of Meeting:	4 October 2023

LEVELLING-UP UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide an overview on various activities being undertaken in relation to Levelling-Up in Blackpool.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the progress being made following the previous updates in June 2023.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that the Committee are aware of the latest developments.

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

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"
- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

6.0 Background information

Economy and Growth - Blackpool Regeneration Projects Update

In the period since the previous update in June 2023, there has been notable progress on several key regeneration projects, which have benefited from Blackpool's designation as a Levelling Up Pilot.

Enterprise Zone

The Masterplan for the Eastern Gateway development is progressing, with the detailed technical masterplan for airport infrastructure relocation due to be finalised by October 2023. This follows the relocation of sports pitch provision with the opening of a new £6m state of art facility on 30th June, including 3G sports pitches and associated changing facilities, with a new floodlit Rugby League pitch to follow in October pending the pitch being ready. We are engaging with a contractor from the STAR framework and statutory undertakers to look at the diversion of existing services and provision of new connections. This £23 m project, which includes £7.5 Towns Fund money, will release 10.5 hectares of land for further development, enabling the support of additional jobs on top of the 2400+ supported to date. Works are behind schedule but will complete before the Towns Fund deadline of March 2026.

The Enterprise Zone is home to innovative businesses which are already taking advantage of the environment to grow and expand, with enquiries from others looking to do so. Recently, Multi-ply shared their intention to invest £5m in world-leading carbon fibre supporting the Medi-tech sector.

A review of the masterplan for Silicon Sands has commenced, and will be completed by December 2023, in parallel with an ongoing study into future utility requirements. This project seeks to capitalise on space created by the relocation of the airport infrastructure and the advantages provided by the location of the transatlantic internet traffic cable at Starr Gate. In particular, this is also looking at impacts and opportunities presented by the proposed routing of Morecambe and Morgan Windfarm transmission routes via the airport and confirmation by Electricity North West of their provision of the new 32MVA Primary substation. The plan retains flexibility to respond as new opportunities arise, particularly from the data energy and aviation sectors. Funding has also been awarded from InnovateUK for the Council and its partners CBN to undertake the preliminary stages of exploring a co-operative model heat network, which uses the latest technology to gain thermal benefit from the heat generated in data processing. This would ultimately be a town-wide model.

Blackpool Central

Construction of the new multi-storey car park is in the enabling phase and is expected to be completed early next year. The developer is currently conducting site investigations and surveys for the remaining areas of the site. Detailed plans for the upcoming leisure phases on the project are being drafted by the developers, with detailed planning applications expected in early 2024 and construction commencing next year.

Additionally, plans for relocating Blackpool Courts from either existing facilities to the Devonshire Road site are being managed by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Services. The proposed start on site is anticipated for late spring/early summer 2024. This area forms Phase 3 of the Blackpool Central proposals, with additional leisure attractions to be introduced in due course.

Talbot Gateway Phase 2

Work on the hotel is approaching completion, with both the hotel and tram scheduled to open in the upcoming spring.

Talbot Gateway Phase 3

The development of the Civil Service Hub is progressing rapidly and is currently running approximately two months ahead of the initial schedule, with an expected completion date in early 2025.

Houndshill Phase 2

In September 2017, planning permission was granted for an extension to the Houndshill Shopping Centre, which includes a multi-screen cinema complex, restaurant, and retail accommodation. Blackpool Council, serving as both owner and developer, have successfully overseen this development, which is nearing completion. It will soon be handed over to Backlot Cinema, who will lease the cinema shell and restaurant accommodation. The overall scheme has also been partly funded, with £5m of funding from the Government's Getting Building Fund. The cinema complex will house 9 screens, including one of the largest IMAX screens in the country, standing a massive 19 metres. The Cinema Opening Date is to be confirmed but scheduled for next Spring.

It is anticipated that the completed Phase 2 scheme will deliver:

Over 100 jobs created both directly through the scheme and locally.

0.5 acres of brownfield land developed.

76,500 sq. ft. of new commercial floor space, including 22,500 sq. ft. retail.

Cinema complex, which will house nine screens with a total of 850 seats, including IMAX

Approximately, over 260 construction jobs created over the build period.

Increase of 1.2m shoppers and visitors to the Houndshill Shopping Centre.

The external elevation has been finished with an external white ceramic tile finish, which complements and reflects the Grade II Winter Gardens Building.

Abingdon Street Market

At present, the market consists of 2 bars, 6 food outlets, 1 coffee stall, and 14 retail stalls, which also include provision for a butcher and fish monger.

Hotel Indigo - Former Abingdon Street Post Office - Capital Regeneration Project (CRP)

Since the scheme's approval as a CRP Project, officers have been working with its private sector bid partner, Ashall Projects, to continue with the scheme. Given the delays, a comprehensive review has been undertaken, taking into account rising inflation and interest rates. The delivery model is being revised to mitigate these risks in light of changed market conditions. Grant funding will support the purchase of the building from its current owners.

The transformation of an iconic building with private investment and the branding approach to be adopted by IHG with regard to the interpretation of the Listed Building, in the context of its location (a specialist requirement of their Indigo Brand), mean that the scheme is a strong fit for the town and the location. Ultimately, the scheme aims to create a new 4-star hotel with 144 rooms,

including 48 family suites, targeting both the business and family leisure markets.

Multiversity

Blackpool Council is currently in the process of assembling the required 1ha site at George Street which is currently occupied by 50 poor-quality houses and 17 commercial units. Where necessary, the council will relocate residents and businesses as part of the land assembly activities and is anticipating the use of its Compulsory Purchase Order powers before preparing the site for development through demolitions and infrastructure works.

Recent activities include, the successful procurement of the full Multiversity design team. In addition, a planning strategy has been agreed with the council's authority planning department, and a delivery programme has been developed and governance procedures established. The procurement route for contractors has also been set-out.

6.1 Economy and Growth - Tourism Performance Update

After an exceptional start to the tourism season in May and the first part of June on the back of a prolonged spell of good weather and an additional Bank Holiday, visitor numbers were more volatile as we moved into the main school holiday season. This was predominantly due to the poor weather over most of July which particularly impacted on visitor numbers at outdoor attractions.

The cost-of-living crisis was potentially also a factor, although Blackpool has repeatedly scored extremely well in national surveys on affordability. In a survey carried out by Travelodge at the start of the season, Blackpool was named among the top five staycation destinations alongside Cornwall, Devon, the Isle of Wight and Whitby. In the latest survey, carried out by finance specialists, RIFT, Blackpool and the Lake District came joint top in league table of the UK's most affordable staycation destinations, based on several factors including the cost of family days out, accommodation, fish and chips, and a pint of beer. Blackpool was named most affordable in each of the latter three categories.

Visitor numbers in the final half of June were also likely to have been adversely affected by the significant amount of negative publicity we received over the sewage discharge that resulted in our bathing waters being deemed unsuitable for a period of almost three weeks.

The trend in August was a much more positive one and was undoubtedly boosted by a spell of more settled weather coupled with the start of our major events, all of which are free to attend.

The first of those was the two-day Air Show Weekend. With the Red Arrows and Typhoon display teams performing on both days and with the added bonus of a Spitfire and replica Red Arrow within the Air Show village, the event once again attracted record crowds. Mobile phone data shows that the footfall on the Promenade was more than 350,000 across the two

days, outperforming what was a spectacular turn-out last year.

The Air Show was followed by the annual Ride The Lights and the Switch-On event, which this year included a Nickelodeon float parade along the Golden Mile featuring characters from the world's favourite children's TV channel. That was followed by a free-to-access celebration with family entertainment, fireworks and a light projection show on The Blackpool Tower. Singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor performed live on the headland before switching on the lights to trigger a four-month season.

The Switch-On event, which was held outdoors for the first time in four years, attracted more than 50,000 people to the headland – the biggest turn-out we have seen for many years.

The following week, we staged the first of three World Fireworks events – and that also attracted tens of thousands of people. At a time when affordability is an issue, these large-scale, high-quality free events are clearly proving a significant draw.

The forthcoming autumn and winter season will see the return of World Fireworks, Lightpool Festival and seven weeks of Christmas By The Sea running from November 17 to January 1.

6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations

10.1 Failure to continue to support our Levelling Up Pilot will jeopardise the chances of securing further investment for the regeneration of Blackpool.

11.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 The development of these facilities will incur carbon emissions both in the construction and

operation phases. Following approval of the Council's Climate Emergency Action plan in 2019, consideration is given to balancing the cost of these projects with their impact on the environment. Ultimately the housing work will lead to more energy efficient properties which will reduce the proportion of carbon emissions arising from the domestic sector in Blackpool.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

Report to: **LEVELLING-UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Relevant Officer: Vikki Piper, Head of Housing

Date of Meeting: 4 October 2023

LEVELLING-UP – HOUSING UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide an overview on the progress of the Blackpool enforcement pilot, funded as part of the Levelling Up programme, and update on other key housing projects.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the progress being made following the previous updates in June 2023.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that the Committee are aware of the latest developments.

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

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"
- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"

6.0 Background information

6.1 Housing - Decent Homes Enforcement Pilot for the Private Rented Sector (PRS) Update

Following the agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to pilot the new Decent Homes Standards for the PRS, with £1.2m of support, the pilot team is now fully staffed and trained, and comprises of:

- 6 Decent Homes Standard (DHS) Pilot Enforcement Officers
- 1 Team Leader Team
- 2 experienced Housing Enforcement officers have been appointed to provide additional support and guidance to new staff
- 2 named support workers allocated to the project to support the most vulnerable
- Dedicated legal support

The pilot team will work together to put pressure on landlords who operate below current minimum standards, and also provide advice to landlords on potential future standards.

A set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were agreed with DLUHC at inception, providing essential property and performance data to both the council and DLUHC. The performance data for Quarter 1 is presented in the table below.

The data shows that a significant proportion of properties inspected in Quarter 1 did not meet the existing Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) standards or the newly proposed DHS ones. However, it is important to note that a considerable portion of the Quarter 1 data comprises inherited reactive inspections (complaints), which should be taken into account. It is anticipated that Quarter 2 data will offer a more balanced reflection of property conditions as a result of increased proactive inspections.

During the first quarter, several barriers related to existing enforcement powers were identified, including challenges with processes for Rent Repayment Orders and timescales for Civil Penalties. However, through the pilot, we have established meaningful dialogue with policy makers at DLUHC and are actively collaborating to improve these processes.

Table 1: Quarterly Pilot Monitoring Profile

		Quarter 1				
		Houses	Flats	HMOs	HMO units	Total
1	Total number of visits carried out	46	1	5	28	80
2	Number of visits where informal advice given for HHSRS	46	1	5	28	80
3	Number of visits where informal advice given for breach of licence	0	0	0	0	0

	conditions					
4	Number of repeat visits required	45	1	5	28	79
5	Number of visits where DHS not met	39	1	5	N/K	39
6	Number of visits where Cat 1 hazards identified	42	1	5	28	76
7	Total number of Cat 1 hazards identified	51	3	10	5	69
8	Number of Enforcement Notices issued	4	2	8		14
9	Number of prosecutions for breach of Housing Act	0	0	0	0	0
10	Number of prosecutions for breach of licence conditions	0	0	0	0	0
11	Number of Civil Penalties issued	0	0	0	0	0
12	Number of Rent Repayment Orders applied	0	0	0	0	0
13	Number of Rent Repayment Orders successfully issued	0	0	0	0	0
14	Number of landlords exited the market as a result of action taken					
15	Number of properties not meeting The Blackpool Standard	32	0	0	0	32
16	Number of visits requiring support intervention	6	0	0	0	6
17	Number of people who engaged with Support Officers	10	0	0	0	10

6.2 Housing - Foxhall Village and Grange Park Update

At Foxhall Village, Great Places have commenced the final phase of the previously stalled development. With support from the council, the aim is to have an additional 88 homes and is scheduled for completion by August 2025.

At Grange Park, the first residents have already moved into their new homes. While there are some challenges due to rising costs, the remainder of the development is progressing as planned.

Regarding damp and mould issues, the council has engaged with all the requirements from the Secretary of State in respect of damp and mould reports and actions, both in the private rented sector and in our own housing stock.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

7.0 List of Appendices

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial considerations

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations

10.1 Failure to continue to support our Levelling Up Pilot will jeopardise the chances of securing further investment for the regeneration of Blackpool.

11.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 The development of these facilities will incur carbon emissions both in the construction and operation phases. Following approval of the Council's Climate Emergency Action plan in 2019, consideration is given to balancing the cost of these projects with their impact on the environment. Ultimately the housing work will lead to more energy efficient properties which will reduce the proportion of carbon emissions arising from the domestic sector in Blackpool.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

Report to:	LEVELLING-UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Liz Petch, Consultant in Public Health and Kerry Burrow, Public Health Practitioner
Date of meeting:	4 October 2023

BLACKPOOL TOBACCO ADDICTION SERVICE

1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This report outlines the second year of progress made by the Blackpool NHS Tobacco Addiction Service - Community

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To consider the performance of the Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service and review its efficacy

3.0 Reason for recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Update requested by Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee Yes
- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy approved by the Council? No
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered

- 4.1 N/A

5.0 Council priority

- 5.1 The relevant Council priority is:
- 'Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience'

6.0 Background and key information

- 6.1 The Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service is a local authority commissioned stop smoking service, provided by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- 6.2 Smoking is still by far the greatest cause of ill-health and premature death in Blackpool.

For many people smoking is a chronic and relapsing addiction. Our principle aim as a service is to contribute to reducing the inter-generational cycle of tobacco harm, especially in our most deprived communities, by offering accessible stop smoking services to those who need them.

- 6.3 The service offers a twelve-week program of support including nicotine replacement therapy to smokers wanting to stop smoking. Direct supply nicotine replacement therapy reduces barriers to stopping smoking and ensures where possible that clients attend regularly for appointments and carbon monoxide readings.
- 6.4 The service has continued to expand its venues and we now have eight locations for clients to attend across Blackpool. We offer early and late appointments and pilot sites outside traditional clinic venues.
- 6.5 The service continues to crucially work in partnership with the Trust's Inpatient Smokefree Service as part of the NHS Long Term Plan and other local authority commissioned community stop smoking services (i.e. Quit Squad), to centralise our social media engagement and maximize its benefit. Both community services and inpatient services sitting with BTH has been crucial in the success of both these services.
- 6.6 The service has developed more pathways to workplaces and to enable electronic referrals from a range of healthcare associated services and social care services.

6.7 Performance and Impact

- 6.7.1 We achieved 366 quits in 2022 for our community stop smoking services, exceeding our yearly target of 325 four week quits and equating to a 12.6% increase above our target.
- 6.7.2 The above resulted in the targets being increased for 2023. In their evidence review NICE Guidance 92 it is advised that we target 5% of estimated adult smokers with a 35% 4 week quit rate. Due to targets being met for Blackpool 2023 the new target is now based on 6% of estimated adult smokers being offered support with a 35% quit rate totalling 456.
- 6.7.3 Carbon monoxide (CO) verified quits have also increased and in 2022 we achieved an average CO validation rate of 71.2% compared to a national average of 15%
- 6.7.4 The service received 1,420 referrals in year, an increase of 60% from 2021 (569 referrals). Some of this may be explained by the establishment of the Inpatient Stop Smoking Services at the Acute Trust

- 6.7.5 Of the successful 366 people who achieved 4 week quits 116 were male and 183 were female with the highest number of quits being in the 45+ age bracket. For socioeconomic classification, retired and routine and manual occupations had the highest 4 week quits.
- 6.7.6 The NHS Targeted Lung Health Check (pilot lung cancer screening programme) generated 259 referrals: of those, 103 quit dates were set and 57 quit smoking (45 CO validated and 12 self-reported). Six were lost to follow up (LTFU) and 40 did not quit. The quit rate from this was therefore 55% which is a very successful programme intervention as those recruited were generally well and used it as an opportunity to address lifestyle issues.
- 6.7.7 Additionally, there were 173 Acute Trust outpatient referrals; 45 people set a quit date and 22 quit smoking (17 were CO validated, 5 self-reported), 8 lost to follow up and 15 relapsed – this quit rate was 48%.
- 6.7.8 In 2022 our Lost to Follow Up rate on four week quit dates set was 10.31 %
- 6.7.9 Overall, in 2022 we had 656 quit dates set for Blackpool Acute Trust Community Services. At 12 weeks post quit date 253 of the 366 successful four-week quits were still smokefree. 109 were CO validated and 144 were self-reported. Of the 656 Quit dates set 279 were not quit at 12 weeks and 124 were lost to follow up.
- 7.0 During 2022 we had 1,423 referrals, comparable to the 1,435 referrals received since 1st January 2023 to date. From 1st January 2023 to 30th June 2023 where our data is complete, we have had a total of 480 quit dates set and of these, 222 have successfully quit at four-weeks equating to a quit rate of 46%. Of those setting a quit date, 78% of them were CO validated at four-weeks.

7.1 Quality Improvement

- 7.1.1 In 2022, the NHS Trust launched its Inpatient Smokefree Service as part of the NHS Long Term Plan in its ambition to support the treatment of tobacco dependency. The Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service has worked cooperatively with the inpatient service to generate pathways and operating procedures to ensure seamless smoking cessation support between the hospital (acute) and the community pathways.
- 7.1.2 The service, in cooperation with the wider Tobacco Dependency Treatment Service across the Fylde Coast continue to invest in staff training. Standardisation of training for all Specialist Stop Smoking Practitioners across acute and community-based services has

now been formalised and nationally recognised as a model of best practice in integrated partnership working.

7.2 Tackling Health Inequalities

- 7.2.1 We continue to have close links with community rehabilitation services supporting service users who are recovering from chronic respiratory exacerbations or who suffer from coronary heart disease to recruit smokers into service and provide educational awareness of the health benefits of quitting smoking as part of a service user's rehabilitation programme.
- 7.2.2 Additionally, through the development of referral pathways in service across our Primary Care Networks, we work in partnership with GP practices across Blackpool to identify smokers living with chronic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and other respiratory diseases, including asthma, and offer enhanced stop smoking support to these groups.
- 7.2.3 We continue to take steps to actively recruit smokers with mental health conditions for stop smoking support. We prioritise smokers with mental wellbeing issues and have developed closer links with community mental health teams such as Healthier Minds, NHS Talking Therapies, and the harm reduction community in order to improve access to our service.
- 7.2.4 We continue with our close links with Renaissance and Horizon in Blackpool and have designed interventions to support our LGBTQ community where smoking rates are thought to be up to 50% higher than the general population.
- 7.2.5 The service has spent time sourcing new venues to extend our reach across Blackpool and make the service more accessible to populations who are reliant on public transport. We have increased our clinic time in children's centres and opened a new clinic in central Blackpool and are working with other agencies to develop safe and consistent venues.

7.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

8.0 List of appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 8a - BTAS Case Studies 1
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9.0 Financial considerations

9.1 None

10.0 Legal considerations

10.1 None

11.0 Risk management considerations

11.1 None

12.0 Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people

12.1 None

13.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations

13.1 None

14.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken

14.1 None

15.0 Background papers

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Case Study 1 – Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service

Susan started her journey to quitting after a conversation a medical professional regarding her health. After attending an appointment and setting a quit date Susan found a combination of NRT products (patch and Inhalator) and committing to regular weekly appointments with an advisor really helpful. Alongside the support of family, Susan is 21 days smoke free and her advice to anyone making a quit attempt is to “not focus on how you feel in the moment but look forward to how you will feel in a weeks’ time at your next appointment when you are still smoke free. Take deep breaths in the difficult times and keep yourself busy and distracted”.

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Case Study 2 – Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service

David came to the stop smoking service in March this year. He was 57 and had been advised by his doctors to give up smoking for his asthma and his heart. He was smoking very heavily and wanted to stop smoking as he wanted to be a role model for his children and help his health.

David decided to use Nicotine Replacement Therapy to help him stop smoking and he attended weekly and other than one lapse in week three stopped smoking. When he was discharged from us, and he was 77 days smoke free he told us he would never smoke again.

David was happy to Share his thoughts on stopping smoking:

Stopping Smoking to me means the world to me. I'm sure I were killing myself slowly but surely, I have a reason to live and that's my kids. I have emphysema and heart problems through smoking. I started smoking at school behind the bike sheds at 11 years old. I'm now 57. Before I stopped smoking, I was very short of breath and needed inhalers all the time. I don't need them as much at all now. I really don't think I could have stopped without stopping smoking program and my own will power. I say to anyone if you want to stop you will do it, it's not as hard as what you think. The patches helped tremendously, getting less and less mgs of nicotine over the weeks of the course. I know myself now that I was slowly killing myself. I have a reason to live and that's my kids and also, I like living. Anyone who tries to do it for someone else or just go through the motions will fail. I smoked all my adult life and thought I'd never be able to stop but I found it easier than what I imagined. The course is there to help you and if you are determined you will stop if you're kidding yourself, you will fail

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Tobacco Dependency Treatment Services: Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Performance

- 1.1.1 We achieved 366 quits in 2022, exceeding our yearly target of 325 four week quits and equating to a 12.6% increase above our target.
- 1.1.2 Carbon Monoxide (CO) -verified quits have increased in 2022 and we achieved an average CO validation rate of 71.2%. The rate achieved was under the 85% set by the commissioners but reflects the inability of some of our clients to attend face-to-face appointments, due to poor health and the provision of some telephone support for clients working away from home.
- 1.1.3 The service received 1,420 referrals in year, an increase of 60% from 2021 (569 referrals).
- 1.1.4 The increased number of referrals into service fed through to a rise in the overall number of quit dates set from 389 in 2021 to 656 in 2022. The increase in number of referrals led to a reduction in the conversion of referrals to quit dates set from 69% to 46%. The increase in generic treatment pathway referrals which may sometimes be considered more leads than referrals may account for this change.
- 1.1.5 In 2022 the Lung Age Programme generated 259 referrals: 103 Quit dates were set and 57 quit (45 CO validated and 12 self-reported). Six were lost to follow up and 40 did not quit. The Quit Rate was 55%. This was a very successful programme as those on recruited were generally well and used it as an opportunity to address lifestyle issues.
- 1.1.6 In 2022 the new inpatient service commenced as part of the NHS long-term plan. During 2022 there were 225 referrals from the inpatient service. Of these 82 set a quit date resulting in 47 four-week quitters (22 CO validated and 25 self-reported), 9 LTFU and 26 relapsed. For hospital patients this meant a quit rate of 57%.
- 1.1.7 In 2022 there were 173 outpatient referrals and of these resulted in 45 people setting a quit date 22 quitters (17 were CO validated, 5 self-reported), 8 lost to follow up and 15 relapsed. Although the quit rate was 48% a lot of referrals are required to generate four week quits.
- 1.1.8 In 2022 our *Lost to Follow Up* rate on four week quit dates set was 10.31 %
- 1.1.9 Our customer satisfaction survey, *Friends & Family* became automated in September 2022. Whilst the level of satisfaction remained high and the comments very positive, we had small numbers of returns last year.
- 1.1.10 In 2022 we had 656 Quit Dates set. At 12 weeks post quit date 253 of the 366 successful four week quits were still smoke free. 109 were CO validated and 144

were self-reported. Of the 656 Quit dates set 279 were not quit at 12 weeks and 124 were lost to follow up

1.2 Quality Improvement

- 1.2.1 In 2022 BVH launched a new In-Patient Smoking Cessation Service as part of the NHS Long Term plan to treat Tobacco Dependency. The Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service has worked cooperatively with the In-Patient Service to generate pathways and operating procedures to ensure seamless smoking cessation support between the hospital and the community.
- 1.2.2 In Patients are seen by hospital advisors and offered treatment to help them remain smokefree whilst in hospital. They are offered a transfer to the Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service or a pharmacy enhanced service if they wish to continue with their quit attempt. Patients seen in initially in the community setting can also receive ongoing support with their quit if they are admitted to hospital.
- 1.2.3 This integrated approach to the treatment of tobacco dependency has developed systems that capture data for the Department of Health. The cost of Nicotine Replacement Therapy is also captured, and the integrated record system ensures good communication for the clients going in and out of the hospital.
- 1.2.4 In 2022 the Tobacco addiction service in cooperation with the wider smoking cessation services continued to invest in staff training. Standardization of training for all practitioners was formalized. Bi yearly away days with notable national speakers have occurred. In addition, a series of updates from speakers such as Alan Curley were given to all staff over the year.
- 1.2.5 In 2022 there was ongoing Communication with the Lancashire wide Tobacco Alliances and work undertaken to support all areas across Lancashire with Training packages. Work was also undertaken towards consensus statements regarding issues such as e cigarette usage.
- 1.2.6 In 2022 there was a review of the NICE Tool Kit and areas that needed more work were identified.
- 1.2.7 In 2022 we undertook brief intervention training in the community and have delivered five sessions since September 2022 including sessions to Dentists, Mental health teams, horizon, and connect staff.

1.3 Tackling Health Inequalities

- 1.3.1 We have continued to work with the pulmonary rehab teams in community settings to make them aware of our service and of the health benefits of quitting for their clients.

- 1.3.2 We speak to the patients attending with cardiac rehabilitation on each new course every eight weeks.
- 1.3.3 We have close links with Healthier minds and conduct their brief intervention training at the induction of new staff.
- 1.3.4 We now have three drop-in clinics at Horizon in Blackpool. These drop-in sessions were initially designed to see saw Horizon staff and this has now been extended to any Horizon clients attending Whinstone House or Dixon Road. The Tobacco Addiction Service now attend the weekly flash meetings at Horizon to remind staff that we are there.
- 1.3.5 In 2022 we spent time sourcing new venues to extend or reach across Blackpool and make the service accessible who are reliant on public transport. We have increased our clinic time in children's centers and opened a new clinic in central Blackpool and are working with other agencies to develop safe and consistent venues.

2. Service Delivery

- 2.0.1 This report outlines the work undertaken by the Blackpool NHS Tobacco Addiction Service in 2022
- 2.0.2 Smoking is still by far the greatest cause of ill-health and premature death in Blackpool. For many people smoking is a chronic and relapsing addiction, which generally begins in childhood, and is not a lifestyle choice. Our principle aim as a service is to contribute to reducing the inter-generational cycle of tobacco harm, especially in our most deprived communities, by offering accessible stop smoking services to those who need them.
- 2.0.3 The Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service offers a twelve-week program of support including nicotine replacement therapy to smokers wanting to stop smoking. Advice on Smoke free homes and Smoke free cars is integral to the support given by the stop smoking practitioners. Direct supply nicotine replacement therapy reduces barriers to stopping smoking and ensures where possible that clients attend regularly for appointments and carbon monoxide readings.
- 2.0.4 In 2022 the Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service has continued to expand its venues and we now have eight locations for clients to attend across Blackpool. We offer some early and late appointments. Whilst striving to keep our venues consistent, we tried pilot sites such as Tesco to investigate if this increases the foot fall. We have also used sites outside traditional clinic venues, such as Blackpool Football Club, as competition for familiar venues is intense.
- 2.0.5 Phone support is offered to clients who are too unwell to attend appointments or who are working away. In the later instance efforts are made to encourage clients to attend for a CO reading at first and fourth appointments.
- 2.0.6 In 2022 the existing service lead left and after a brief period of interim management a new Team leader was appointed in August 2022. The new team leader spent time reviewing the service management and the roles of the staff. The practitioners were assigned areas of special interest in addition to their day-to-day role. Besides the regular catch ups, face to face monthly team with minutes meetings helped the team have a clear understanding of our key performance indicators and the actions required to achieve them.
- 2.0.7 During 2022 Blackpool Tobacco Addiction Service worked in conjunction with the inpatient service and quit squad to centralize our social media engagement and maximize its benefit. Referrals through the combined website increased towards the end of the year. As a wider team we post about all our external activity and promotions which are undertaken regularly. Between June and December, we undertook 18 promotional events.
- 2.0.8 In 2022 we explored workplace venues again and spent time working at the Job Centre. Whilst 'workplaces' raise the profile of the Blackpool Stop Smoking Service

it generates minimal interest in terms of referrals to the service. This has led us to undertake promotional work in workplaces rather than weekly sessions, although we will continue to be responsive to any workplace where a need for inhouse support is required.

2.0.9 In 2022 we developed more pathways to enable electronic referrals from a range of services. These included hospital referrals but towards the end of 2022 we began some work with Central Primary Care Network. Our most successful referral pathway in 2022 was the lung health checks. Many clients saw this as an opportunity to try smoking cessation at an age when they were most likely to develop health issues if they did not stop smoking. As these clients were motivated enough to go for the lung age check in the first place, they proved to be a more motivated group of clients.

3. Performance

In 2022 Our target number of four week quits was 325. We achieved 366 four week quits and exceeded the target set by 12.6%. The following charts display monthly and quarterly figures showing our performance over 2022. For the purposes of commissioning the Blackpool Tobacco Addiction service runs from January to December. In terms of the Department of Health Returns Q1 is April to June. For the purposes of the annual report Q1 is January to March, Q2 April to June, Q3 July to September, Q4 October to December

3.1 Referrals to the service

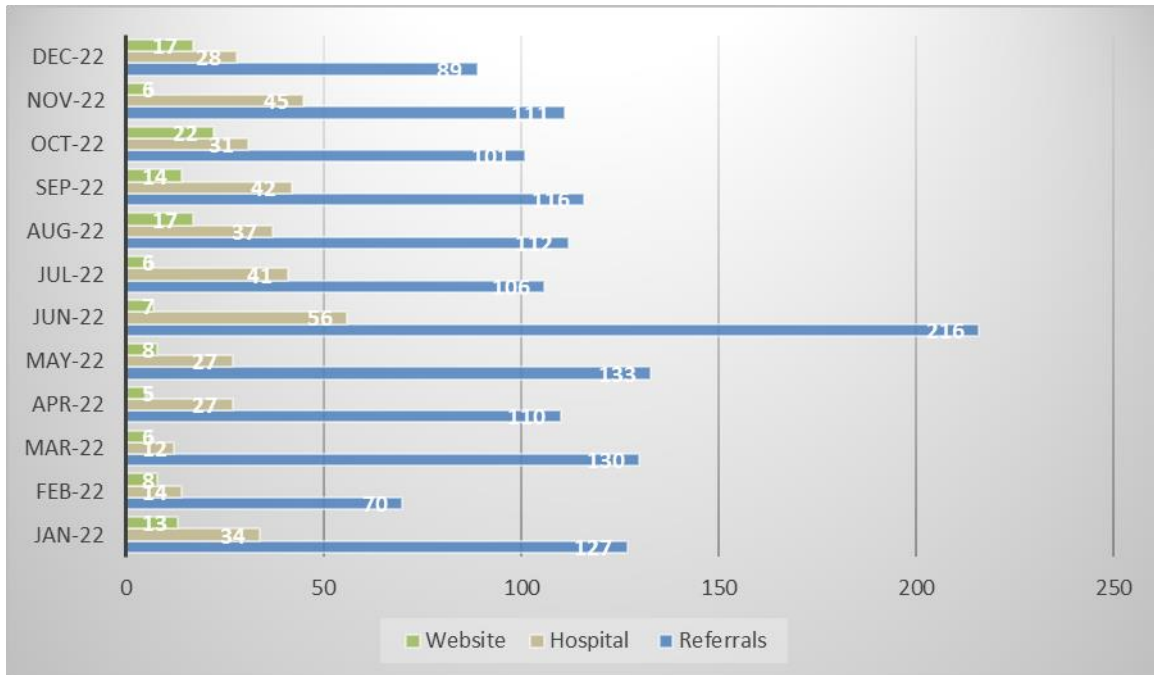


Figure 1 – Referrals to the service

- 3.1.1 During Q1 Jan – March 2022 there were a higher number of referrals to the service. This period is traditionally the busiest for stop smoking service as new year commitments and no smoking day prompt referrals. In this quarter referrals from the hospital were less as the hospital team had not been launched. Website referrals were also low as this route of referral was just building.
- 3.1.2 During Q2 April -June 2022 there is a big increase in referrals due to the lung age checks and the beginning of more hospital referrals.
- 3.1.3 During Q3 July 2022-September 2022 referrals from the hospital increased and the website referrals also increased which may reflect the increased social media work.
- 3.1.4 During Q4 October -December 2022 there is a decline in referrals. Traditionally referrals reduce in this period particularly in December as some will delay their quit attempt until the new year.

3.2 Quit dates set

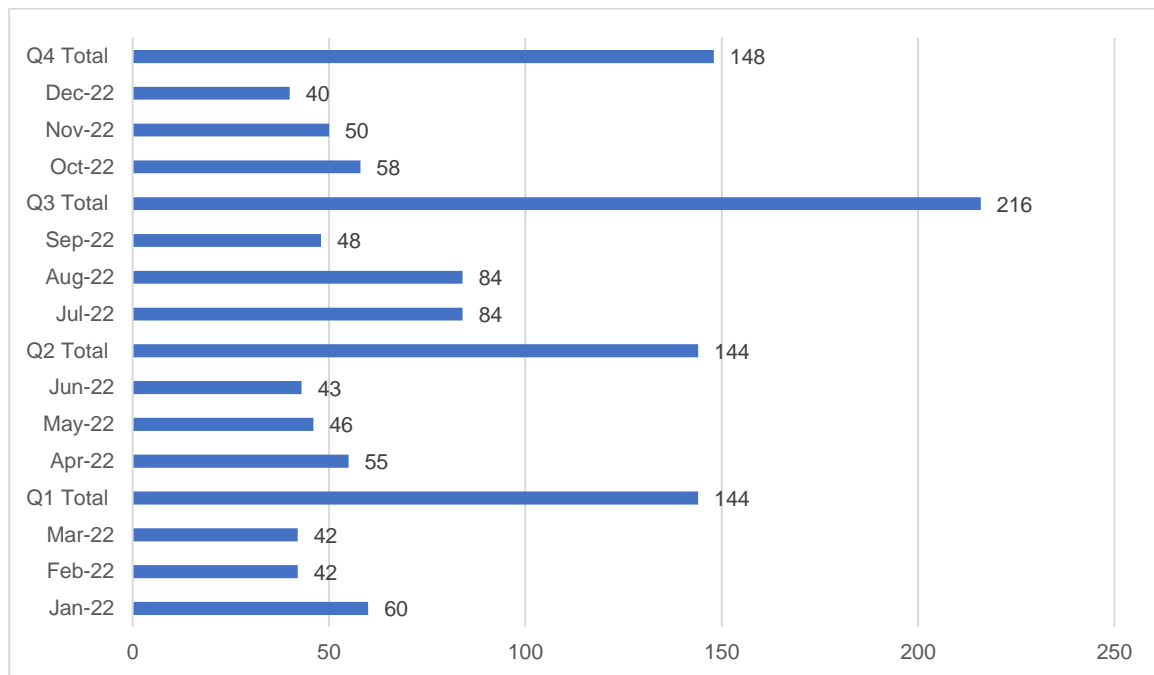


Figure 2 – Quit dates set

- 3.2.1 The chart above details the number of quit dates set in each month and quarter.
- 3.2.2 Quarter 1 Jan-March as we would expect with new year resolutions there were more quit dates set. This probably helped in February as the numbers of referrals in February were reduced and in March no smoking day will have helped.
- 3.2.3 In Q2 April to June 2022 Quit dates set may have been helped in April by increased referrals in March and they will have been helped in May and June by the increase in hospital referrals.
- 3.2.4 Q3 July- September 2022. The number of quit dates significantly increased in line with the surge in referrals from the lung age checks.
- 3.2.5 Q4 October -December saw quit dates in line with the rate of referrals from the hospital and website.

3.3 Carbon monoxide verified quits

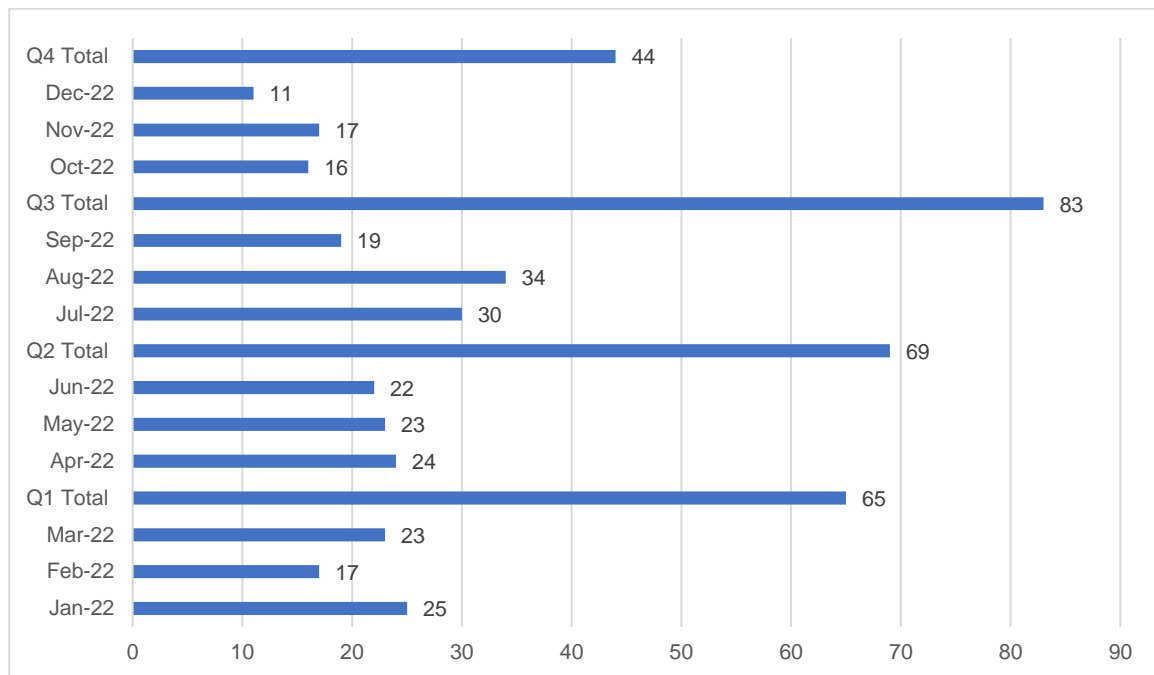


Figure 3 – Carbon monoxide verified quits

- 3.3.1 The chart above shows the number of people who were CO validated in each month.
- 3.3.2 Q1 Jan -March 2022 67% of the quitters were CO verified. During this quarter there were still people who did not like attending face to face appointments or were still contracting COVID.
- 3.3.3 In Q2 April-June 2022 80% of four week quits were verified and the service insisted on attending face to face.
- 3.3.4 In Q3 July to September 73% of quitters were CO validated. This reduction could be explained as clients went on holiday and their four week follow up may have coincided with them being away.
- 3.3.5 In Q4 the CO validation rate in Quitters dropped to 63%. Lower Co validation rates particularly in December may be accounted for with clients being unwell in their validation period or not feeling able to attend appointments.
- 3.3.6 Carbon Monoxide testing is an excellent motivational tool and an excellent source of discussion with clients who are struggling to get rid of all their tobacco. For those clients who continue to smoke the odd cigarette it reinforces the message that there is no safe level of poison. It is undertaken at each visit unless declined and declining is very rare.

3.4 Self-reported quits

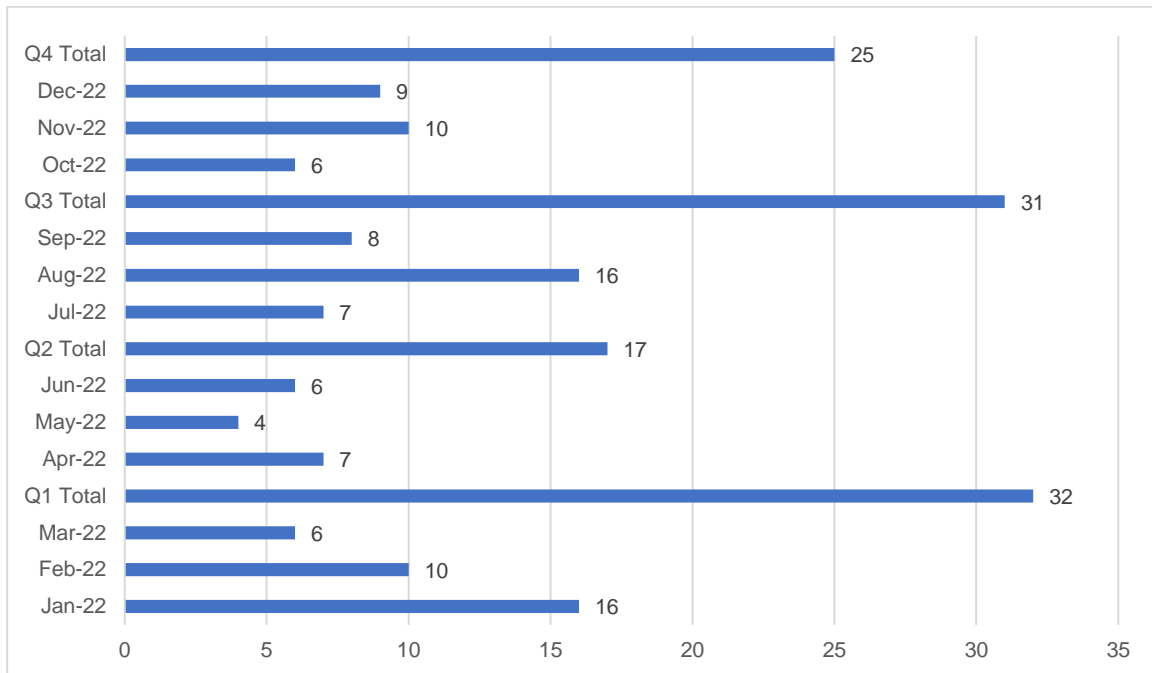


Figure 4 – Self-reported quits

- 3.4.1 The chart above details the number of people self-reporting a successful quit at four weeks.
- 3.4.2 In Quarter 1 Jan- March 2022 the number of self-reported quitters was 33%, in the winter months it is more difficult for us to ensure clients attend clinics often due to ill health or the ill health of their transportation, and there was still some residual COVID reports at the beginning of the year.
- 3.4.3 In quarter 2 April- June 2022 the self-reported quit rate was 20% which is a fall on the previous quarter and reflects that we were better able to encourage people to attend.
- 3.4.4 In Q3 July – September 2022 the self-reported quit rate was 27%, again as a reflection of people going on holiday in the summer months.
- 3.4.5 In Q4 October- December 2022 the self-reported quit rate was 37 % again often due to client sickness or inability to attend appointments due to factors such as the weather
- 3.4.6 Other than clients who are unable to attend face to face appointments for a particular reason such as being house bound or recent hospital admissions we offer face to face appointments and conduct CO monitoring.
- 3.4.7 For the purposes of the four-week CO validated quit the test must be conducted between day 25 and day 42. For various reasons we miss seeing clients face to face in that window of time, but they may attend regular appointments and have

had multiple carbon monoxide readings which indicate they are smoke free. In these instances, we will always try and capture a self-reported quit in the time frame allowed for the department of health.

3.5 Not quits

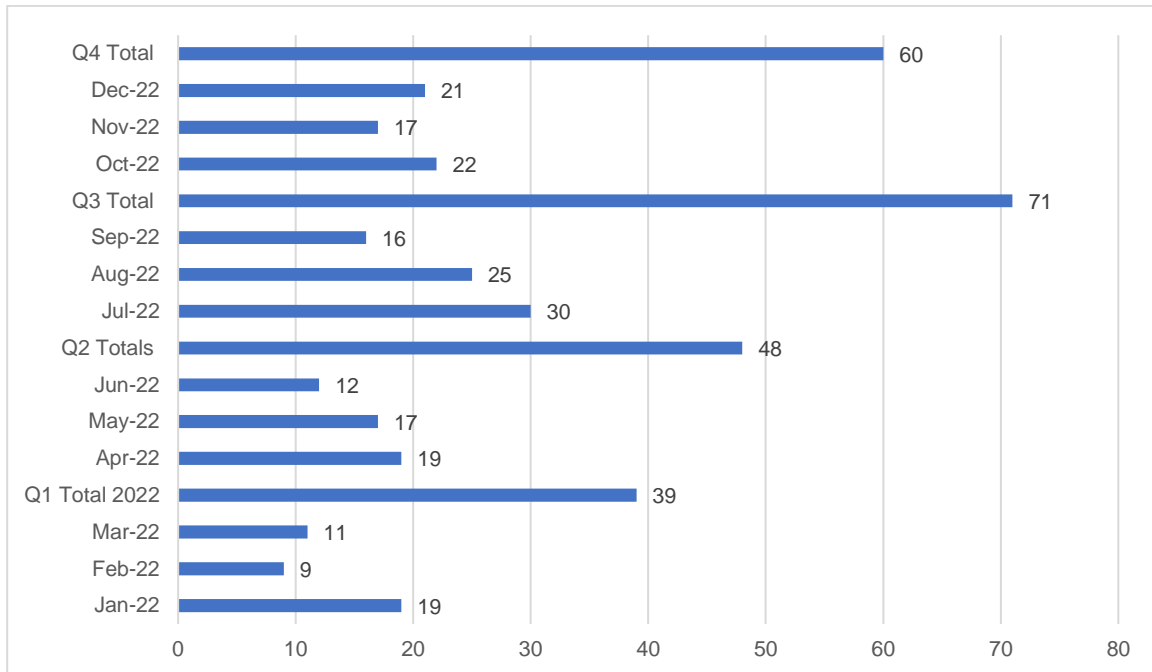


Figure 5 – Not quits

- 3.5.1 The chart above details the number of people who have not quit in each month and then as a quarterly total.
- 3.5.2 In Quarter 1 Jan -March 2022 there was a 27% of the people setting a quit date did not quit.
- 3.5.3 In Q2 April -June 2022 33% of the people setting a quit date did not Quit.
- 3.5.4 In Q3 July -September 2022 33% of the people setting a quit date did not quit.
- 3.5.5 In Q 4 October- December 2022 39% of people setting a quit date. Quarter confirms the narrative that as people are coming up to Christmas, they are poorer at attending appointments and events like family get togethers sometime sabotage quit attempts.
- 3.5.6 Not Quits gradually increased as the year went by. This can be accounted for as we were beginning to work in areas of deprivation. In addition, Clients who had failed to quit after one attempt were being encouraged to try again so out current client base changed.

3.6 Lost to follow ups

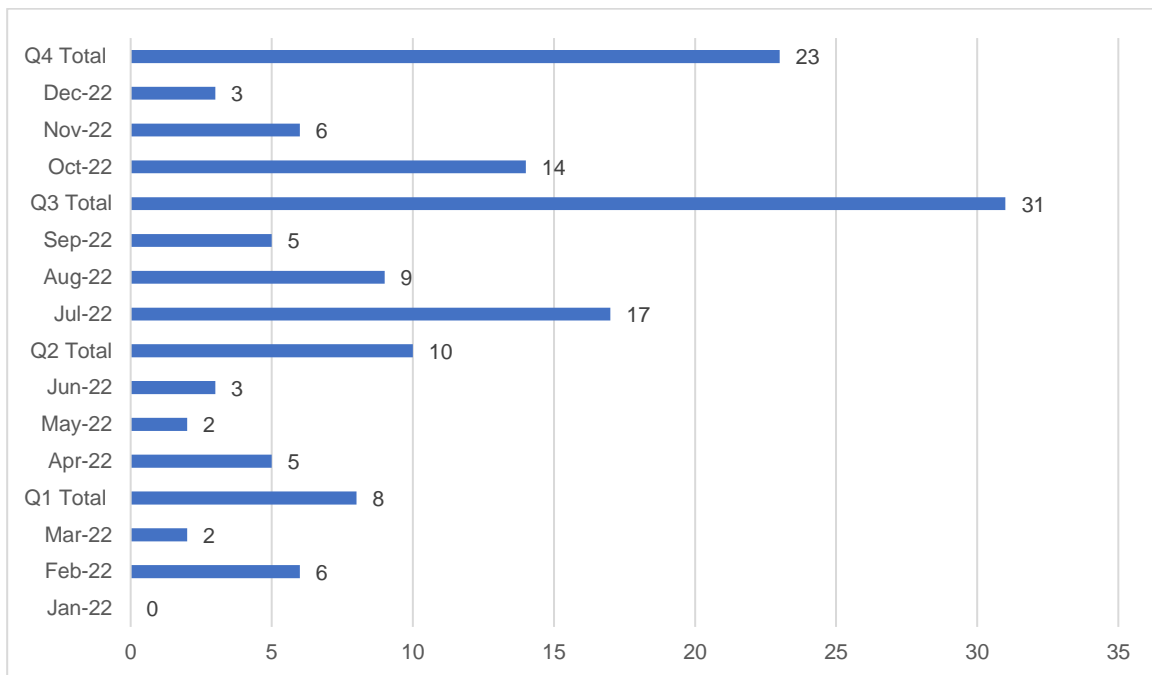


Figure 6 – Lost to follow ups

- 3.6.1 A *Lost to Follow Up* is a treated smoker, whom, on attempting to determine the 4-week quit status, cannot be contacted.
- 3.6.2 Overall, the service maintained good contact with service users whether they were successful or otherwise in their quit attempts.
- 3.6.3 We would aim to keep the lost to follow up rate below 10%
- 3.6.4 In 2022 we still had clients that had used Champix or Zyban in the past and as they were not available made a less motivated quit attempt

3.7 Performance Summary 2022

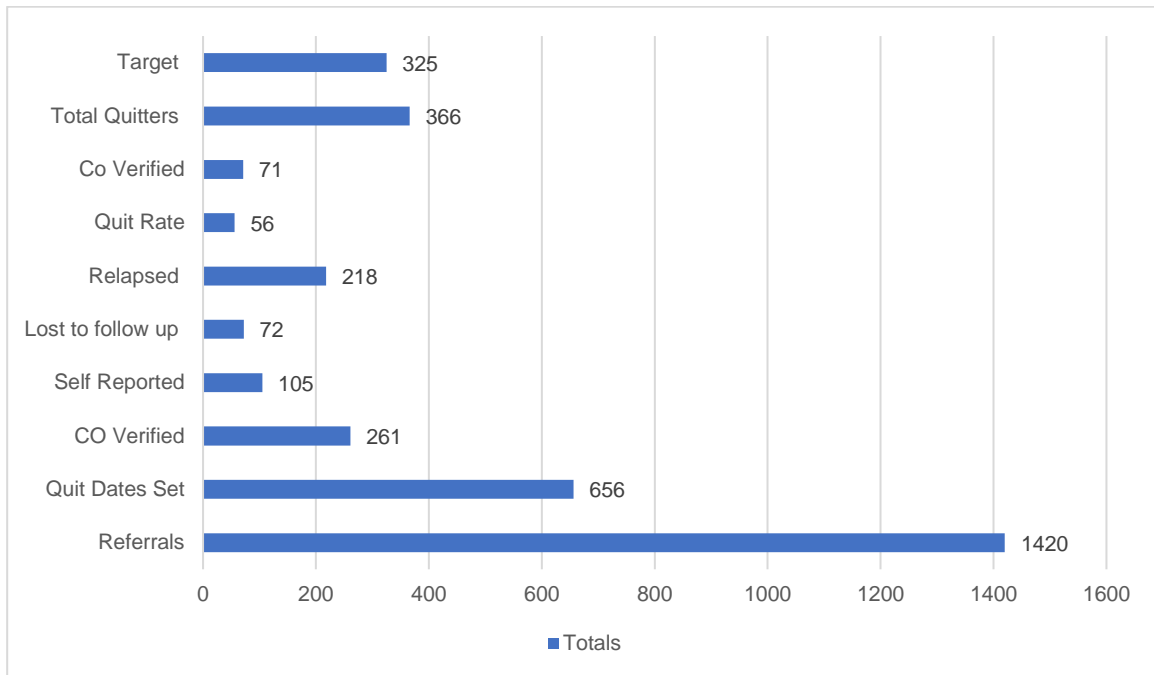


Figure 7 – Performance Summary 2022

- 3.7.1 In 2022 we achieved 366 quits, equating to 112.6% of our yearly target of 325.
- 3.7.2 From June onwards Promotional activity started to increase which did not yield many referrals but it improved our general visibility.
- 3.7.3 From June we started to see an increase in the number of referrals from the hospital, both inpatient and outpatient
- 3.7.4 The Comms strategy became centralized, and this allowed each of the tobacco teams to post about their events. Referrals to the website increased from August onwards.

3.8 Patient Experience – Friends & Family Test

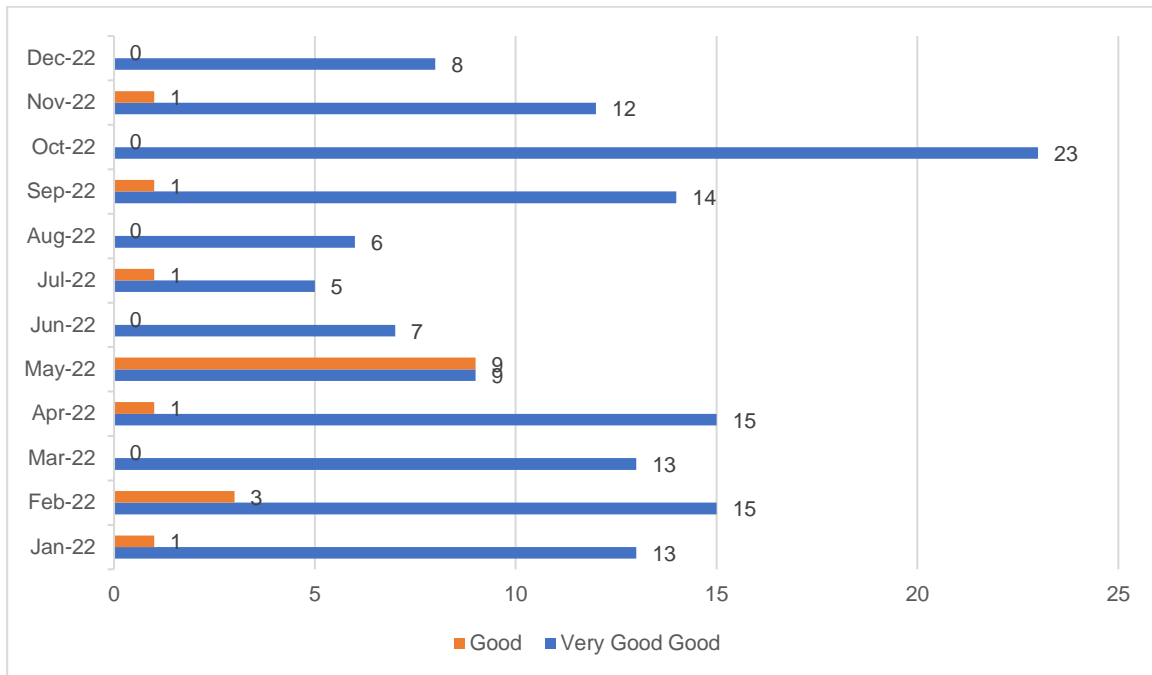


Figure 8 – Patient Experience – Friends & Family Test

3.8.1 We can report a total of 150 returns to our Friends & Family survey in 2022.

3.8.2 Of the 150 responses, 140 service users rated our support as 'very good' and 10 service users rated our service as 'good'. There were numerous positive comments and no complaints.

4. Quality Improvements

- 4.0.1 As a smoking cessation service operated by Blackpool Teaching Hospitals, we take a systematic and coordinated approach to any service issues with the aim of bringing about measurable improvements.
- 4.0.2 By taking this approach, we aim to deliver sustained improvements not only in the quality, experience, productivity, and outcomes of our smoking cessation interventions for our population, but also for our team.
- 4.0.3 Throughout 2022 we have implemented a number of significant quality improvements (see Table 1).

Table 1: Quality Improvements 2022

Issue	Improvement	Benefit
Identifying areas, the service does not cover	NICE assessment	Areas identifies and resources put in to address this
Limited reach in community settings	Opening of more venues in areas of deprivation	Improved reach in the community
Continuing development of the Team to meet the needs of our population	Designed bespoke development packages for the Team to evolve best practice in smoking cessation and harm reduction	Team more confident and skilled when supporting deeply entrenched smokers, Reducing Inequality around mental health and co-morbidities
Management of NRT and direct supply	Streamlined ordering processes from BTH pharmacy, Increased stock levels, Resumption of face-to-face sessions enables Practitioners to dispense on the day of appointment, Improved NRT protocols and resources. Updated SOP for NRT	Significantly reduced postal costs, better experience for service users, better management of NRT stock levels, Reduced incidences of loss of supply, Clearer NRT supply protocols
Data and reporting systems	Collaborated with the developers (1S4H) to improve data capture and user experience	More fluent for users especially between the hospital and community, more safeguards introduced
Alignment with the BTH Inpatient Smokefree Service	Streamlined discharge pathways, Aligned NRT formulary, Database upgrade in partnership with the developers, Universal training offer for all BTH Smoking Cessation Practitioners	One database across the BTH smokefree services system, Faster contact by BTAS with patients discharged from BTH, Practitioners can see whole journey from admission at BTH through to completion, Continuous improvements in evidence-based smoking cessation practice

5. Reducing Inequalities

- 5.0.1 The health of people in Blackpool is generally worse than the England average.
- 5.0.2 Blackpool is one of the 20% most deprived districts/unitary authorities in England with life expectancy for both men and women lower than the England average.
- 5.0.3 Life expectancy is 12.3 years lower for men and 10.1 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Blackpool than in the least deprived areas.

Indicator	Period	Blackpool			Region England		England		
		Recent Trend	Count	Value	Value	Value	Worst	Range	Best
Smoking Prevalence in adults (18+) - current smokers (APS) (2020 definition)	2020	-	-	19.8%	13.4%	12.1%	20.8%		1.5%
Smoking Prevalence in adults (18+) - ex smokers (APS) (2020 definition)	2020	-	-	35.9%	26.0%	26.3%	36.7%		1.8%
Smoking Prevalence in adults (18+) - never smoked (APS) (2020 definition)	2020	-	-	44.3%	60.6%	61.6%	83.4%		7.9%
Odds of current smoking (self-reported) among adults aged 18-64 with a routine and manual occupation (APS) (2020 definition)	2020	-	-	1.4	2.1	2.1	5.1		0.8
Smoking prevalence among adults aged 18-64 in routine and manual occupations (APS) (2020 definition)	2020	-	-	26.2%	22.9%	21.4%	40.3%		7.9%
Smoking prevalence age 15 years - regular smokers (SDD survey)	2018	-	-	-	-	5%	-	Insufficient number of values for a spine chart	
Smokers that have successfully quit at 4 weeks	2019/20	-	282	1,064	1986*	1808	19		1.8%
Smoking status at time of delivery	2020/21	↓	343	21.4%	11.0%	9.6%	21.4%		1.8%
Smoking attributable mortality (new method).	2017 - 19	-	999	379.9	247.5	202.2	419.7		103.4
Smoking attributable hospital admissions (new method). This indicator uses new set of attributable fractions, and so differ from that originally published.	2019/20	↑	2,670	3,071	1540	1398	3,071		516

Figure 9 – Finger Tips

- 5.0.4 Smoking is one of the biggest risk factors contributing to very high levels of premature morbidity and mortality in Blackpool. These incidences of disease are seen mostly in our more deprived areas which is why we place great emphasis on targeting smokers in routine and manual occupations and those with co-morbidities and/or long-term conditions.

5.1 Coronary Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

- 5.1.1 Smoking is the most common cause of COPD in Blackpool and is a serious lung disease for which smoking is the biggest preventable risk factor. Smokers can often dismiss the early signs of COPD as a ‘smoker’s cough’, but if they continue smoking and the condition worsens, it can greatly impact on their quality of life. Early detection and abstinence from smoking can reduce or prevent damage to the lungs. We are working with the Council-commissioned Lung Health Check Programme on an early intervention to recruit smokers into our service.
- 5.1.2 In 2019/20, 6,577 people had been identified by NHS Blackpool CCG GP practices as living with COPD. It is estimated that this accounts for only 82% of the total population in Blackpool living with COPD and there are likely to be as many as 1,450 people with undiagnosed COPD, many of whom are smokers.

5.1.3 We have commenced working with pulmonary rehab teams in community settings to recruit smokers into service. In 2022-23 we plan to do specific work with GP practices and the primary care network identifying smokers living with COPD and other respiratory diseases, including asthma, and are looking to offer enhanced stop smoking support to these groups.

5.2 Coronary Heart Disease (CHD)

5.2.1 CHD is the most common type of heart disease and cause of heart attacks. The disease is caused by plaque building up along the inner walls of the arteries of the heart, which narrows the arteries and reduces blood flow to the heart.

5.2.2 In 2019/20 7,799 people had been identified by NHS Blackpool CCG GP practices as living with coronary heart disease (CHD). It is estimated that this accounts for only 70% of the total population in Blackpool living with CHD and there are likely to be approximately 3,350 people with undiagnosed CHD.

5.2.3 NHS Blackpool CCG has reported that 4.46% of NHS Blackpool CCG's registered population are recorded as living with CHD. Blackpool has a significantly higher prevalence of CHD than the average of English CCGs (3.1%).

5.2.4 We are presently contributing to the eight weekly cardiac rehab programs.

6. Communications, outreach and generating footfall

- 6.0.1 Another important aspect of growing our audience and reach has been the development of our outreach and marketing work, and our social media presence, all of which are designed to increase awareness of the service and increase smoker recruitment. It is also important that we relay evidence-based national smoking cessation messaging around health harms and reinforce the benefits of quitting to our local population.
- 6.0.2 Our social media presence was established in July 2021 via our *BTHQuitTobacco* feeds on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.
- 6.0.3 We have developed a social marketing approach in developing powerful messaging.
- 6.0.4 We have developed leaflets and cards to detail the work we do and to use to promote the service.

7. Summary

- 7.0.1 In 2022 we increased referral rates and made the stop smoking service more visible.
- 7.0.2 Going forward we will be working closely with the PCN's.
- 7.0.3 We have identified our operational priorities for 2023. These can be found in the accompanying operational delivery plan.
- 7.0.4 We thank our commissioners at Blackpool Council for their continuing support.

APPENDIX 1: Russell Standard Criteria

1. A 'treated smoker' (TS) is a smoker who undergoes at least one treatment session on or prior to the quit date and sets a firm quit date. Smokers who attend an assessment session but fail to attend thereafter would not be counted. Neither are smokers who have already stopped smoking at the time they first come to the attention of the services (but see note below about inpatients and pregnant smokers).
2. A smoker is counted as a 'self-reported 4-week quitter' (SR4WQ) if s/he is a 'treated smoker', is assessed (face to face, by postal questionnaire or by telephone) 4 weeks after the designated quit date (minus 3 days or plus 14 days) and declares that s/he has not smoked even a single puff on a cigarette in the past 2 weeks.

Russell Standard (Clinical)

1. A smoker is counted as a 'CO-verified 4-week quitter' (4WQ) if s/he is a self-reported 4-week quitter and his/her expired-air CO is assessed 4 weeks after the designated quit date (minus 3 days or plus 14 days) and found to be less than 10ppm.
2. A treated smoker is counted as 'lost to follow up at 4-weeks' (LFU4W) if, on attempting to determine the 4-week quitter status s/he cannot be contacted.
3. A smoker is counted as a '52-week quitter' (52WQ) if s/he is a 'treated smoker', is assessed (face to face, by postal questionnaire or by telephone) 52 weeks after the designated quit date (plus or minus 30 days) and declares that s/he has not smoked more than 5 cigarettes in the past 50 weeks.
4. A treated smoker is counted as 'lost to follow up at 52-weeks' (LFU52W) if, on attempting to determine the 52-week quitter status s/he cannot be contacted.

Calculating success rates

1. The 4-week success rate (4WSR) is $4WQ/TS$. This should generally be above 40%.
2. The self-reported 4-week success rate (SR4WSR) is $SR4WQ/TS$. This should generally be above 50%.
3. The 52-week success rate (52WSR) is $52WQ/TS$. This should generally be at least 15%.

APPENDIX 2: Service Operational Delivery Plan 2023

Training activity to support health professionals supporting smoking cessation				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Provide access to training for all health professionals on smoking cessation, particularly those working with patients and service users with mental ill health and long-term conditions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify GP practices and health professionals in a position to offer VBA. 2. Review and update existing smoking cessation training and NCSCT's VBA+. 3. Deliver targeted online and face to face training modules for healthcare practitioners and referrers where the need arises. 	<p>On going.</p> <p>Last Review and Updated Jan 2023.</p> <p>VBA training for health Professionals undertaken throughout 2022.</p>	Adele, Maxine and Louise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No of sessions delivered. 2. No of people completing online and face to face VBA+ training.
Supporting smokers to quit smoking				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Continue to monitor the effectiveness of BTAS.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review quarterly statistics. 2. Continue to evolve evidence-based service provision. 	Quarterly	Adele	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarterly performance statistics by target groups. 2. Numbers of people accessing our service.
Develop bespoke plans for recruitment of service users, based on NCSCT/NICE evidence-based guidance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct needs assessments to identify local priority groups and actions. NICE baseline assessment. 2. Provide evidenced-based stop smoking interventions. 	<p>NICE baseline review commenced September 2022.</p> <p>On going service commitment.</p>	<p>Adele and Maxine</p> <p>Adele</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locality smoking prevalence by deprivation decile.
Target long-term conditions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working with primary care and rehab teams to identify smokers. 	Ongoing training.	Adele and Mark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Numbers of referrals. 2. Monitor outcomes and report back to

	2. Working with the Targeted <i>Lung Health Check Programme</i> to identify at risk smokers.	Commenced.	Adele	the referral network and commissioners.
Continue to evolve evidence-based training for our Team.	1. Being responsive to the needs of our population and developing the Team's competencies where required.	Training events in 2022.	Adele and Louise	1. Number of new training packages developed. 2. Evidence of outside speakers.
Stop smoking medications management – efficacy, value, and governance.	1. Be aware of, and respond to, developments in smoking and nicotine behaviours i.e., vaping, and new medications.	Pharmacy review of NRT SOP November 2022 Others on going.	Adele	1. Potential additions to our formulary. 2. Review of effectiveness.
Harm reduction.	1. Closer working with local substance abuse teams (i.e., Horizon).	Commenced Horizon clinics October 2022.	Mark	1. Identification of smokers and improving referral pathways.
Supporting people with mental health conditions to quit smoking				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Explore how to integrate further stop smoking support with addiction services and services for people with mental health conditions.	1. Include integration of stop smoking support into mental health pathways. 2. Develop stronger working relationships with local CMHTs and partners working with addiction and mental health.	Work on Going at Induction of Healthier minds new starters. Good links in Place with addiction services. Review of Links with mental health Services by August 2023.	Adele with support from Trevor Morris	1. Dialogue with CMHTs and the MH support network. 2. Streamlined referral pathways.

Develop a strong evidence base on the full spectrum of nicotine delivery products				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Monitor the health impact and effectiveness of e-cigarette and novel nicotine products (e.g., tobacco-free smokeless products) as smoking cessation aids to inform our future planning.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Track the evidence published through the PHE/DHSC reviews. Collect data on 1S4H. 	On going.	Adele	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide brief summaries of emerging evidence to BTH management and commissioners.
Continue to provide smokers clear, evidence based and accurate information on the relative harm of nicotine, e-cigarettes, other nicotine delivery systems and smoked tobacco.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of risks of nicotine addiction commissioned evidence reviews. Ensure staff have up to date training on nicotine replacement therapy and e cigarettes. 	<p>On going.</p> <p>Staff fully trained 9th February 2023 on e-cigarettes.</p> <p>NRT training sessions on 11th April 2023.</p>	Adele	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the emerging evidence base.
Provide evidence-based guidance for health professionals to support them in offering advice to existing smokers who want to use e-cigarettes or other nicotine delivery systems to quit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver online training for stop smoking practitioners and other healthcare professionals to enhance their knowledge of e-cigarettes to support their work with smokers. 	Ongoing.	Adele	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Number of sessions delivered. Numbers of attendees.
Reducing health inequalities targeting populations where smoking prevalence remains high				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Identify groups and individuals with highest smoking prevalence and plan interventions for these groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop workstreams with the mental health, LGBTQ, primary care networks (long-term conditions and co-morbidities). Work with local faith groups and diverse ethnic communities. 	In progress.	Jo and Mark	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop bespoke interventions. Develop harm reduction approaches (e.g., cut-down-to-quit model). Training for the provider network.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Develop close links with social housing landlords. 4. Offer support to local substance abuse and homeless populations. 			4. Improved referral pathways.
Targeting workplaces with high smoking rates				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Identify workplaces with high numbers of routine and manual workers.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver outreach sessions in workplaces. 2. Offer one-to-one support to workers. 	On going.	Maxine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of workplace interventions. 2. Numbers of quit dates set and 4-week quits.
Communications, outreach and generating footfall				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Innovate across our social media landscape.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop further digital innovations in our social media @BTHQuitTobacco output. 	Immediate.	To be confirmed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Numbers of new followers. 2. Engagement data.
Piggyback on national stop smoking campaigns.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alignment with national campaigns: <i>No Smoking Day, New Year, Stoptober, and World No Tobacco Day.</i> 2. Produce locally bespoke events and campaigns. 3. Utilisation of national, evidence-based messaging. 	Ongoing.	Linda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor events, outreach, and engagement.
Patient experience				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Increase Friends & Family survey completions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Every service user to receive either a digital or paper survey. 	Quarterly	Adele	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in participation. 2. Relay comments received via social media and to commissioners.

				3. Celebrate service user success stories via our communications channels.
Expanding a performance culture to deliver benefits for our service users				
Activity	Key milestones	Delivery date	Lead	Metrics
Incorporating quality improvements (QI) into our service delivery model.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning from our experiences good and bad. 2. Improving the patient experience. 3. Improving the staff experience. 4. Continuous improvements to quality of care and outcomes for service users. 	Ongoing.	Adele / Shane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Streamlined processes. 2. Use data effectively. 3. Focus on relationships and culture. 4. Involvement of patients and service users. 5. Working as a joined-up system (with the Inpatient Smokefree Service and Quit Squad).

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Report to:	LEVELLING UP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting:	4 October 2023

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To review the work of the Committee, the implementation of recommendations and identify any additional topics requiring scrutiny.

2.0 Recommendations:

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

3.1 To ensure the Committee is carrying out its work efficiently and effectively.

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

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

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

6.0 Background Information

6.1 **Scrutiny Workplan**

The Committee's Workplan is attached at Appendix 9(a) and was developed following a workplanning workshop with the Committee in June 2022. The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that will be undertaken by the Committee over the course of the year, both through scrutiny review and committee meetings.

Committee Members are invited to suggest topics at any time that might be suitable for scrutiny review through completion of the Scrutiny Review Checklist. The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

6.2 **Implementation of Recommendations/Actions**

The table attached at Appendix 9(b) has been developed to assist the Committee in effectively ensuring that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask follow up questions as appropriate to ensure that all recommendations are implemented.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 **List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 9a – Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee Workplan
Appendix 9b - Implementation of Recommendations/Actions
Appendix 9c – Scrutiny Selection Checklist

8.0 **Financial considerations:**

8.1 None.

9.0 **Legal considerations:**

9.1 None.

10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

11.0 **Equalities considerations and the impact of this decision for our children and young people:**

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.

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Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee - Work Plan 2023-2024	
4 th October 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Levelling Up, Update Regular item (AC) 2. Levelling Up Housing, Update (VP) 3. Update on smoking cessation
8th November 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Levelling Up, Update Regular item (AC and VP) 2. Tourism Performance - To include details of tourism performance in Blackpool and Business Tourism include reference to work undertaken to deliver the Illuminations. (to include details of how archived Illuminations displays will be displayed be provided to the Committee (Philip Welsh) 3. Final report on Healthy Weight Scrutiny -Review Recommendations 4. Blackpool Regeneration (<i>formally TC Regen</i>) AC to provide an update on all regeneration developments in Blackpool. (<i>Bi-annually - last on the agenda or as Town Centre Regeneration 21 June</i>) 5. Engagement of Consultants Annual Report (ST) 6. Empty Property data – JB and LA
24th January 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Levelling Up, Update Regular item (AC and VP) each meeting 2. Multiversity / Enterprise zone – overview report (6 monthly) 3. Catering Services, recent report 2022. Option of link with Multiversity / college, to provide career opportunities to local students 4. Alcohol deaths/treatment /stigma (Judith Mills)(Oct 22 - stigma of treatment and impact increase consumption during lockdown) 5. Arts and Culture - Cultural Plan for Blackpool - To consider an update on the development of the Cultural Plan for Blackpool. (Carolyn Primmatt)
13th March 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suicide prevention and awareness update on ongoing work 2. Levelling Up, Update Regular item (AC and VP) 3. Leisure Services Annual Report 4. Vaping – impact on Health etc (Kerry Burrow)
1st May 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blackpool Regeneration (formally TC Regen) – Alan Cavill / Vikki Piper to provide an update on all regeneration developments in Blackpool. Bi-annually 2. Tourism Update – (PW) 3. Housing and Homelessness Annual Report 4. Levelling Up, Update Regular item (Alan Cavill)
June / July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual KPI / Performance report (Ruth Henshaw)

Future Work:

Scrutiny Review Work	
09/10 @6pm Teams	Healthy Weight Strategy
November 2023 Joint with Climate Change	Sea Water Sewage Discharge – with Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny - To receive details of the environmental and economic impact of the discharge of sewage into the sea water around Blackpool.
January / February 2024	Capital Projects funding allocation – to discuss and suggest ways in which the funding can be allocated
January 2024 (PW)	Illuminations: Switch-On agreement / Annual Switch-on event Current agreement expired (Aug 23) – update on what happens next
February / March 2024 (AC)	Shared Prosperity fund - Deep Dive / sub group – support the fund allocation process 25/26 early preparation for target areas. Must meet before June 24 to feed into funding timetable with Government
TBC	Oral Health Strategy – Alan Shaw

MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

Updates in **RED**

.	DATE OF REC.	RECOMMENDATION	TARGET DATE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	UPDATE	RAG Rating
1	23 January 2019	That bi-annual updates on the progress of Town Centre Regeneration Projects be included on future agendas	Ongoing	Nick Gerard/John Greenbank	Items for monitoring the progress of Town Centre Regeneration Project have been scheduled for approx. every six-months. Next update due 8 November 2023.	Ongoing
2	28 September 2022	That the Customer Feedback report be brought back to the Committee in eight months time and include more detailed information in relation to complaint categories, complainants and learning outcomes.	June 2023	Scrutiny Leadership Board	This item has been scheduled for the 2023-2024 municipal year. This item will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Leadership Board.	Completed
3	23 November 2022	That details of how archived Illuminations displays will be displayed be provided to the Committee.	November 2023	Philip Welsh	Requested Item for Nov Meeting (P Welsh)	Ongoing
	23 November 2022	That information on how gaps in the Illuminations caused by the Tramway Extension will be addressed be provided.	November 2023	Philip Welsh	Requested Item for Nov Meeting (P Welsh)	Ongoing
	21 June 2023	The Committee requested data relating to vacant premises	January 2024	John Blackledge	Item deferred to November / January meeting	Ongoing

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SCRUTINY SELECTION CHECKLIST

Title of proposed Scrutiny:

The list is intended to assist the relevant scrutiny committee in deciding whether or not to approve a topic that has been suggested for scrutiny.

Whilst no minimum or maximum number of ‘yes’ answers are formally required, the relevant scrutiny committee is recommended to place higher priority on topics related to the performance and priorities of the Council.

Please expand on how the proposal will meet each criteria you have answered ‘yes’ to.

	Yes/No
The review will add value to the Council and/or its partners overall performance:	
The review is in relation to one or more of the Council’s priorities:	
The Council or its partners are not performing well in this area:	
It is an area where a number of complaints (or bad press) have been received:	
The issue is strategic and significant:	
There is evidence of public interest in the topic:	
The issue has potential impact for one or more sections of the community:	
Service or policy changes are planned and scrutiny could have a positive input:	
Adequate resources (both members and officers) are available to carry out the scrutiny:	

Please give any further details on the proposed review:

Completed by:

Date: