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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
My Neighbourhood Plans	Regeneration, Leisure and Healthy Communities.	Denise Johnson	7

## SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

In February 2012 the Council introduced five My Neighbourhood Plans across the Borough. These plans each had ten projects on local priorities set after consultation. The My Neighbourhood Plans are a mixture of projects - high and low cost, long and short term delivery, and a mix of capital works and community based non capital schemes. The plans covered a two year period.

Over the last twelve months projects have been delivered in all of the My Neighbourhood Plans. The plans have been refreshed following extensive public consultation.

The My Neighbourhood Plans support all the priorities within the Corporate Plan.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the 2013-2015 My Neighbourhood Plans.
2. Note the Capital estimates attributed to the My Neighbourhood Plans for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

## DETAILS AND REASONING

In September 2011 Council approved the establishment of five My Neighbourhood Forums which covered the whole Borough. This was a new way of involving communities in the decision making process and is Member led following the recommendations of a cross party Community Involvement Member Working Group.

Each of the five My Neighbourhoods drew up a plan following consultation with the public and taking into account existing plans. These plans were approved by Cabinet in February 2012. Governance arrangements were reviewed by the Governance Committee during 2012/13 and all recommendations were accepted and implemented.

Altogether there have been 25 Neighbourhood Forum meetings held since November 2011, (with a further 20 planned in 2013/14). To date over 1000 people have attended the Forums, from a wide cross section of our communities.

The Forums have been led by the Councillor Chair and Vice Chairs. All Borough Councillors have been involved in the decision making process. County Councillors have also attended the Forums. In relevant areas Parish Councillors have also attended and some partner agencies have shown support, e.g. Police, Fire and New Progress Housing.

Projects that have been implemented in 2012/2013 include festivals and galas (Leyland, Worden Walled Garden, Lostock Hall and Farington), environmental improvements (Higher Walton, Mill Street Farington, Walmer Bridge), community projects (Moss Side, Penwortham, New Longton), support for town centres and businesses (Lostock Hall market, Much Hoole market, Love Leyland campaign,) and support for young people activities (development of a mobile skate facility – nearing completion, continued support for the Leyland cinema).

Projects approved in the 2012/2013 Capital programme which are complete or nearing completion are:

- Mill Street – creating a community garden and open seating area
- Walmer Bridge – village enhancements and making a feature of the bridge
- Much Hoole – drainage improvement works to alleviate local flooding
- New Longton – creating a garden of remembrance at All Saints Church

The total cost of the above projects has been greater than the funding provided by the Council. Match funding has been levered in as shown below:

Scheme	Source	Match Funding
Mill Street, Farington	Lancashire County Council	£5,000
	Farington Parish Council	£10,000
	Lancashire Environment Fund	£10,558
Walmer Bridge	Village Committee	£3,500
Much Hoole - Imp Works	Lancashire County Council	£13,000
	Much Hoole Parish Council	£800
New Longton	All Saints Church	£6,700
<b>Total</b>		<b>£49,558</b>

For on-going projects contained within the My Neighbourhood Plans, £125,000 has been secured in external funding, with a potential £92,000 currently in development. Secured funding is made up as follows:

Scheme	Source	Match Funding
Walled Garden, Worden Park <i>(funding secured previously, project now being taken forward via My Neighbourhoods)</i>	Veolia Environmental Trust	£100,000
Mobile Skate Park	Children's Trust	£5000
Volunteering <i>(cross cutting to support project delivery)</i>	One Lancashire	£20,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>£125,500</b>

As projects have been completed the My Neighbourhood Plans have been updated. The financial resources of the Council (capital and 'core' funds) can only be allocated to the priorities in the plan. The My Neighbourhood Plans show the nominal capital allocations proposed for inclusion in the capital programme.

The Capital programme includes the schemes emerging from the five My Neighbourhood Forums which are funded primarily from s106 developers' contributions as well as other sources of external funding. Two major schemes in the relevant My Neighbourhood Plans which require nominal allocation of capital are Longton Village Improvements and Leyland Regeneration. These schemes have similar aims, namely to improve the built environment and create a better sense of place whilst stimulating the local economy by investing in improvements to each business centre. Leyland is a continuation of the regeneration works which are guided by the Leyland Masterplan. The figures shown are nominal allocations and the actual finances of each of these schemes will be determined when the final designs are appraised and ratified by Council. As always opportunities to link with proposed developments will be considered where it makes sense to do so.

The five My Neighbourhood Plans and the timetable of My Neighbourhood Forum meetings for 2013/14 are attached to the report.

## WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these. The risk assessment which has been carried out forms part of the background papers to the report.

<p><b>FINANCIAL</b></p>	<p>The Council's medium-term financial strategy and budget plan includes a total annual "core fund" budget of £27,500 for the five My Neighbourhood Forums.</p> <p>The My Neighbourhood Plans show the nominal capital allocations recommended by the five My Neighbourhood Forums for inclusion in the capital programme. They are subject to checks, particularly those that rely on the use of section 106 funding received by the Council.</p> <p>The total capital project costs may be higher than the Council's allocations as they may include additional third party contributions. The capital projects included in the Plans will be subject to the Council's procedures for approval. The revenue implications will need to be identified for these capital projects and the funding of any future revenue costs identified before they can be approved.</p>
<p><b>LEGAL</b></p>	<p>As the projects addressing the priorities evolve, if it is proposed to use section 106 monies to fund a particular scheme then the Legal services team will need to check whether the terms of the relevant section 106 agreement would permit such use.</p> <p>The vast majority of the section 106 monies we have should only be used for providing – or improving/enhancing – open space facilities within reasonable proximity to the planning site in question.</p>
<p><b>RISK</b></p>	<p>The full risk assessment forms part of the background papers to this report. The main points for consideration are summarised here:-</p> <p>Each of the Plans priorities will carry with them different risks.</p> <p>In general terms, this is a different way of working. It builds on the principles contained in the Localism Act 2011. The Council has limited resources and success of the plans will be how the community, led by the Councillors, will be galvanised into taking action themselves.</p>

<b><i>OTHER (see below)</i></b>	<p>An equality impact assessment has been undertaken for each My Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Plans must be sustainable. Discussions have taken place with partners to ensure that the plans are supported by them. The South Ribble Partnership has been supportive of the arrangements.</p>
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## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Risk Assessment