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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	

## 1. SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 1.1 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. My Neighbourhood Plans contain 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.
- 1.2 Since then, a range projects have been delivered in all of the My Neighbourhood areas. The plans have been refreshed in line with completed projects and feedback from residents and community groups.
- 1.3 The My Neighbourhood Plans support all the priorities within the Corporate Plan.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the 2015-2016 My Neighbourhood Plans

## 3. DETAILS AND REASONING

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Forums have been led by Councillor Chair and Vice Chairs. All Borough Councillors have been involved in the decision making process. County Councillors have also attended forums. In relevant areas Parish Councillors have also attended and partner agencies have given support, e.g. Police, Fire and New Progress Housing.
- 3.4 Projects implemented in 2014/2015 include:

Central	Farington History Walk
	Community Noticeboards
	Townsway Community Orchard
Eastern	Cockshott Wood footpath
	Higher Walton regeneration – ladle & planting

Leyland	Worden Park courtyards
	The Big Lunch
	Moss Side Playing Fields
Penwortham	Penwortham Live!
	Ribble Gateway - outdoor classroom
	Penwortham Autumn Show
Western Parishes	Longton Village improvements
	Hutton Bus Shelter
	Longton Live!

3.5 More detail on these projects and the funding levered in was presented as part of the progress report to Scrutiny Committee on 27 January. This is attached at appendix A

3.6 As ever, there is a need to be mindful of resources and capacity, as well as a need to prioritise in the delivery of multiple projects. This is especially the case when external funding is secured; this adds to our ability to take schemes forward, but not necessarily our staff capacity to programme and carry out works.

#### 4. 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.

<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<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>Where projects contained in My Neighbourhood Plans are appropriate, Section 106 funding from developments can be used as part of the capital programme. Any S106 allocations recommended by the five My Neighbourhood Forums for inclusion in the capital programme are subject to checks by financial and legal services.</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>
<b>LEGAL</b>	<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>

<b>RISK</b>	<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>
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<b>OTHER (see below)</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. South Ribble Partnership has been supportive of the arrangements.</p>
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