

## Cabinet

Wednesday, 24th March, 2021, 6.00 pm

Hybrid Meeting to be held in the Shield Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH and via Microsoft TEAMS

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## Agenda

### 1 Apologies for Absence

### 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 February 2021 attached to be signed as a correct record.

### 3 Declarations of Interest

(Pages 5 - 12)

Members are requested to indicate at this stage in the proceedings any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that if the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) they must leave the room for the whole of that item. If the interest is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but is such that a member of the public could reasonably regard it as being so significant that it is likely that it would prejudice their judgment of the public interest (as explained in the Code of Conduct) then they may make representations, but then must leave the meeting for the remainder of the item.

#### **4 Cabinet Forward Plan**

Please see link to the latest [Cabinet Forward Plan for the period 1 March 2021 – 28 February 2022](#).

#### **ITEMS OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER (STRATEGY AND REFORM)**

#### **5 Quarter 3 (October - December) Performance Monitoring Report 2020-21**

(Pages 13 - 28)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive attached.

#### **ITEMS OF THE CABINET MEMBER (COMMUNITIES, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WEALTH BUILDING)**

#### **6 Community Hubs Update and Action Plans**

(Pages 29 - 120)

Report of the Director of Communities attached.

#### **ITEMS OF THE CABINET MEMBER (FINANCE, PROPERTY AND ASSETS)**

#### **7 Refurbishment of Playground at Haig Avenue, Leyland**

(Pages 121 - 124)

Report of the Director of Communities attached.

#### **8 Budget Monitoring 2020-21 Quarter 3**

(Pages 125 - 166)

Report of the Deputy Director of Finance (Section 151 officer) attached.

#### **9 Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

By Virtue of Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Condition:

Information is not exempt if it is required to be registered under-  
The Companies Act 1985

The Friendly Societies Act 1974

The Friendly Societies Act 1992

The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978

The Building Societies Act 1986 (recorded in the public file of any building society, within the meaning of the Act)

The Charities Act 1993

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

## **10 Shared Services Events Team Review**

(Pages 167 - 184)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive attached.

Gary Hall  
Chief Executive

Electronic agendas sent to Members of the Cabinet Councillors Paul Foster (Chair), Michael Titherington (Vice-Chair), Aniela Bylinski Gelder, Bill Evans and Matthew Tomlinson

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Forthcoming Meetings

6.00 pm Wednesday, 16 June 2021 - Shield Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH

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<b>Minutes of</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Wednesday, 10 February 2021</b>
<b>Members present::</b>	Councillors Paul Foster (Chair), Michael Titherington (Vice-Chair), Aniela Bylinski Gelder, Bill Evans and Matthew Tomlinson
<b>Officers:</b>	Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Chris Sinnott (Deputy Chief Executive), Chris Moister (Director of Governance), Asim Khan (Director of Customer and Digital), Mark Lester (Director of Commercial), Andrew Daniels (Shared Service Lead - Communications and Visitor Economy), Jonathan Noad (Director of Planning and Development), James Thomson (Deputy Director of Finance), Victoria Willett (Service Lead - Transformation and Partnerships), Rachel Salter (Service Lead - Development and Business), Emma Marshall (Service Lead - ICT), Darren Cranshaw (Shared Services Lead - Democratic, Scrutiny & Electoral Services) Ruth Rimmington - Democratic Services Team Leader and Clare Gornall (Democratic and Member Services Officer)
<b>Other members and officers:</b>	Councillors Alty, Bell, Bretherton, Chisholm, Clark, Forrest, Hancock, Howarth, Jones, Martin, Mary Green, Michael Green, Melia, Mort, Lomax, Ogilvie, Sharples, Mrs Smith, P Smith, Caleb Tomlinson, Trafford, Walton and Wooldridge.
<b>Public:</b>	0

**183 Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

**184 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**185 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 January 2021 were submitted for approval.

**Decision made (unanimously):**

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Ogilvie as present at the meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

## 186 Cabinet Forward Plan

The Cabinet Forward Plan 1 February 2021 – 31 January 2022 was presented to members for information.

The Chair informed members that due to the nature of the Forward Plan being a live document and often updated shortly after publication of the Cabinet agenda, going forward members would be encouraged to view the Plan via the Council's website, including the date each decision is published.

### **Decision made (unanimously):**

That the Cabinet Forward Plan 1 February 2021 – 31 January 2022 be noted.

## 187 Draft Budget 2021/22 and Summary Position over the Medium Term

The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets), Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, presented a report of the Deputy Director of Finance/ Section 151 Officer setting out the budget position for 2021/22, including the forecast for the following two years to 2023/24 and presenting the relevant proposals in respect of the use of forecast resources identified in 2021/22. Councillor Tomlinson informed members that he had given authorisation for the Budget Consultation to commence early to coincide with the publication of the report to the Scrutiny Committee.

At its meeting on 8 February 2021 the Scrutiny Committee made the following recommendations with regard to the Budget 2021/22 and Summary Position over the Medium Term report:

The Scrutiny Committee:

1. thanks the Cabinet Member and Section 151 Officer for attending and presenting the detailed and clear report.
2. welcomes the commitment to involve Members in developing the transformation strategy.
3. invites the Cabinet Member to provide an update on leisure centre management at regular intervals.
4. notes the Cabinet Member's reassurance that the capital programme is deliverable.
5. is grateful to the Cabinet Member for suggesting that Scrutiny is involved earlier in the budget process in future years.

Cllr Walton raised the issue of whether the Lancashire Business Rates pool would continue for 2021/22. Cllr Tomlinson responded that he was as confident as he could be that it would continue in 2021/22 and therefore this was reflected in the draft Budget. The Deputy Director of Finance reiterated that there was nothing to suggest this would not be case; however, confirmation from Central Government was still

being awaited. If this was provided prior to the final Budget bring prepared by 3 March 2021 it would be updated accordingly.

Cllr Ogilvie referred to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the report, querying a disparity between the figures quoted in the table and the text below it with regard to forecast savings for Shared Services (which should be cumulative). The Deputy Director of Finance/Section 151 Officer confirmed that the savings for 21/22 should be £328k rising to £508k by 2023/24 and that the report would be amended to reflect the correct figures quoted prior to the report going to Council.

#### **Decision made (unanimously):**

- 1) That, subject to amendments in relation to the forecast savings from Shared Services, the contents of this report be agreed and that the following proposed budget items be noted, in particular:
  - A proposed freeze in council tax in 2021/22 with no proposed cuts to services
  - The forecast balanced budget for 2021/22 and the forecast budget position in 2022/23 and 2023/24
  - To note the impact of the challenges faced within the leisure centre industry and the subsequent budgetary impact on the council
  
- 2) That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee be noted and agreed.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

The delays from the government in reforming council funding creates significant uncertainty, however the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the borough's residents over the last year has been immense. On that basis, while noting the uncertainty in Government funding reforms, it is felt a freeze in Council Tax will best support residents of South Ribble Borough for 2021/22.

The budget forecast over the next 3 years had been updated to take account of the following:

- A freeze on council tax in 2021/22.
- There is a proposed 1.99% increase in council tax in 2022/23 and 2022/23 this will be revisited every year and will be dependent upon the outcome of the Government announcements regarding the Fair Funding Review and review of the business rates system.
- Significant investment of over £1million in revenue budgets to support the delivery of corporate strategy priorities
- Capital investments of over £62m in corporate priority projects
- Strategies to reduce the budget deficit in the medium term

#### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

Some of figures outlined in the report are estimates and based on assumptions that are likely to change. These include external risks such as changes to Government

funding arrangements, changes to interest rates and national and local economic changes. In addition, the council faces internal risks such as the risks of delivering transformational change including the expansion of shared services.

The risks are dealt with through managing prudent levels of reserves, continually monitoring government announcements, monitoring current and future economic projections and by making prudent budget assumptions.

## **188 McKenzie Arms Development Procurement Strategy Update**

The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) presented a report of the Director of Commercial updating members in relation to the proposed procurement strategy for the appointment of a contractor to deliver the McKenzie Arms development.

A number of questions were received from members to the Cabinet. The Chair explained that a design and build contract was appropriate because the advantage was cost and time certainty. The associated risks with such contracts were due to any last minute changes by the client, leading to increased costs; however Cabinet was confident that there would not be any late changes. He also indicated that the development would be built in such a way that maintenance costs would actually be reduced.

### **Decision made (unanimously):**

1. That Cabinet approves the procurement strategy to appoint a contractor through an OJEU compliant framework to ensure the appointed contractor is experienced in delivering modular, passivhaus developments.
2. That Cabinet to approves the delegation of Contract Award to the Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets).

### **Reasons for Decision**

To allow the progression of the development that will deliver a passivhaus compliant build.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

The Council could tender the works via an open procurement route, however due to the specialised nature of delivering passivhaus accredited housing it is advised that an OJEU compliant framework that allows appointment of Contractors who are experienced in delivering modular passivhaus schemes will de-risk this element of the development delivery.

## **189 Provision of a Loan and Grant to facilitate a works project to the Hoole Village Memorial Hall**

The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) presented a report



of the Director of Governance requesting approval to release funds by way of a loan, charge and a grant to the Trustees of Hoole Village Memorial Hall to enable them to progress and complete their works project to the premises.

The report also requested that the execution of the loan, grant and legal charge is undertaken by the Director of Governance.

Councillors Michael Green and Clark requested information regarding the terms of the loan, i.e. rate of interest and the loan period respectively. The Chief Executive explained that the terms of loan agreement were not yet in the public domain, however it was agreed that all Members of Council would be provided with this information once the decision had been taken.

A question had been submitted by a resident from Much Hoole to the Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) as follows:

“I am a concerned Much Hoole Resident. Over the last few years I have seen the parish council regularly precepting / granting large sums of money to the Much Hoole Village Hall Building fund. (2017 - £43600; 2020 - £25000; 2021 - £25000). This is all with almost no publicity to the residents, who are paying for it. Although nothing has been agreed, I expect the parish council to be used to repay the South Ribble BC. loan.

Will you please clarify for me the repayment conditions you expect to be set by South Ribble Borough Council for the repayment of the loan, as I expect to be used to pay it?”

The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) in his response clarified that the terms of the agreement between would become public knowledge once the decision had been taken. Until such time, he was unable to disclose details of the loan agreement. He also suggested that anyone with an issue with the Parish Council should raise it with them directly.

Members present expressed concerns regarding public questions where the person did not consent to their name being publicised and requested that the procedure be reviewed.

### **Decision made (unanimously):**

1. That Cabinet approves the granting of the loan of £150,000.00 and a Grant of £50,000.00 to the Trustees of the Hoole Village Memorial Hall;
2. That the Council's interests be protected by way of a facility agreement and legal charge and a separate grant agreement;
3. That Cabinet approves the execution of the loan agreement, legal charge and grant agreement by the Director of Governance.

### **Reasons for decision**

The village hall trustees had previously approached the Council requesting financial support for the project to address their estimated funding shortfall, for the provision of a works project to the Village Hall.

A budget of £200,000 has been included in the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy for this project. A due diligence process has been undertaken with regard to the provision of a loan. In order to protect the Council's interest in the granting of the loan and Grant it is necessary to enter into certain documents with the Trust. The required agreements are a facility agreement which details the terms of the loan, a grant agreement which details the terms of the grant and a legal charge which secures the granting of the loan against the Hoole Village Memorial Hall.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

The Cabinet could have chosen to do nothing in this regard. However, it was not considered that this was in the best interests of the residents of Much Hoole.

## **190 Exclusion of Press and Public**

### **Decision made (unanimously):-**

That the press and public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **191 Approval for the contract award procedure and evaluation criteria for ICT hardware software and support**

The Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets) presented a report of the Director of Customer and Digital informing members of the proposed shared procurement for ICT hardware, software, and support, and to seek agreement to the sharing of costs and assessment criteria.

### **Decision made (unanimously):-**

1. That Cabinet approves the contract award procedure for a number of joint procurements with Chorley Council outlined at Appendix 1 of the report for software, hardware and support services;
2. That Cabinet approves the use of existing procurement frameworks such as Crown Commercial Services or similar;
3. That Cabinet approves the evaluation criteria of 80% cost and 20% quality;
4. That the decision to award these contracts is delegated to the Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets).

### **Reasons for decision**

By jointly procuring these contracts it ensures alignment of software and hardware across both Authorities supporting Shared Services.

It is anticipated that a joint procurement exercise will achieve greater efficiencies across both Councils.

**Alternative options considered and rejected**

Each Council could procure software independently, but this would make it very difficult to align software or services in future.

Chair

Date

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Report to	On
<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24 March 2021</b>

Title	Portfolio Holder	Report of
<b>Corporate Strategy Performance Report - Quarter 3, 2020/21</b>	<b>Leader of the Council</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Executive</b>

Is this report a <b>KEY DECISION</b> (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	<b>No</b>
Is this report on the <b>Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan</b> ?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the request outside the policy and budgetary framework and therefore subject to confirmation at full Council?	<b>No</b>
Is this report confidential?	<b>No</b>

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Cabinet with a position statement for the Corporate Strategy for quarter three (October – December) 2020/21.

### **Recommendations**

2. The Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel are asked to consider the report and make comments and recommendations to the Cabinet.
3. Cabinet is asked to consider and comment on the report.

### **Reasons for recommendations**

4. The Council's performance framework sets out the process for reporting progress against the objectives of the Corporate Strategy. Robust monitoring ensures that the council continues to deliver its priorities and achieves the best outcomes for residents.

### **Other options considered and rejected**

5. N/A

### **Executive summary**

6. This report presents the performance of the Corporate Strategy at the end of quarter three (October – December 2020). This report provides an update on the current position for the 14 projects, 24 key corporate strategy performance measures and 13 key organisational performance measures.

7. Of the 14 projects in the strategy: nine are rated green and on-track; three are rated amber, two are planned to commence later in the programme.
8. Of the 24 performance indicators used to monitor the Corporate Strategy, nine can be reported at the end of the quarter three with seven rated green and two providing a baseline position.
9. Of the 13 key organisational performance measures; ten are performing better than target; two are performing worse than target but within a 5% tolerance of the target; and one is significantly worse than target.

### Corporate outcomes

10. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (tick all those applicable):

An exemplary council	✓	Thriving communities	✓
A fair local economy that works for everyone	✓	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	✓




### Background to the report

11. At Council on 30th September 2020, the Corporate Strategy was updated and refreshed to ensure that the Council can continue to meet the needs of the borough given recent changes, the impact of Covid-19 and future priorities.
12. The four priorities identified in the strategy are:
  - An exemplary council;
  - Thriving communities;
  - A fair local economy that works for everyone;
  - Good homes, green spaces, healthy places.
13. Activity and resources are now targeted towards 14 priority projects which are a combination of new and existing activity to be delivered over the next 12-18 months and measured using 24 revised performance indicators. This report provides the status of the projects and measures at the end of quarter three
14. A red, amber, green rating system is used to indicate status whereby:  
Projects

#### Projects

<b>RED</b>	Off track
<b>AMBER</b>	Forecast delays or concerns, an early warning of issues
<b>GREEN</b>	On track and progressing as planning

#### Performance Indicators

	Worse than target, outside threshold
	Worse than target but within threshold (5%)
	Performance is better than target



# AN EXEMPLARY COUNCIL

## A COUNCIL THAT:

**Delivers high performing services that represent value for money**

**Understand the community and work with partners to make things better**

**Is open and transparent in its activities**

## Achievements this quarter:

- 15.** The project to transform the way the council operates has progressed well this quarter with the further development of shared services with Chorley Council. Cabinets at both councils approved the Phase 1 service reviews in October, which were then subsequently implemented with the new structures and appointments completed by November 2021. The impact of implementing phase 1 will ensure that shared services can operate consistently across both authorities, securing efficiency and value for money. An online shared services organisational development package has been delivered to provide key training and induction to staff on common areas for development and understanding, which was followed by a 'thank you' celebration event that was hosted to identify key successes, thank staff for their contribution to shared services, and discuss key learning and experiences from the programme. This will ensure shared services has an engaged workforce that is supported to grow and improve. Proposals for the business case for Phase 2 of shared services to review ICT and customer services were presented to the Shared Services Joint Committee and approved by both councils in November 2020.
- 16.** Looking forward into the next quarter, development of the Joint Digital Strategy action plan will progress to enable this project to commence following the appointment of the Shared Director of Customer and Digital. Work will continue on the joint ICT procurement timetable, shared HR policies and delivery of service review development plans.
- 17.** Work to develop more effective public services has been taken forward this quarter. In December 2020, South Ribble Partnership and Chorley Public Service Reform Board agreed to a roadmap which sets out a programme of development towards a shared partnership. The purpose is to build on the strengths of each partnership by combining knowledge, resources and expertise to deliver bigger improvements and better outcomes for residents. Over the coming quarter discussions will be progressed to identify shared priorities across the two partnerships and opportunities to work together on joint initiatives including a proposal to undertake a joint piece of work with partners from across Central Lancashire. This will look to support vulnerable residents during the pandemic, making better use of partnership intelligence to understand wider and non-medical needs and provide targeted support and services.
- 18.** The Annual Governance Statement (AGS) action plan has progressed well, to ensure internal governance controls are robust, with several actions being completed in quarter three. These actions include an update to the Constitution, Governance and HR policies, delivery of ethical training and the launch of a new communication strategy. Going forward the council will continue to deliver the actions on the AGS action plan, which include the development of a Key Partnerships Framework and Consultation Strategy.

19. Of the four projects within this priority, three are green and on track and one has not yet started.

Projects	2020-21 Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec)
<b>Deliver the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Transform the way the council operates</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Work with partners to design and deliver better public service:</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Deliver year one of the joint digital strategy</b>	<b>NOT YET STARTED</b>

### Key Performance Indicators

20. Of the five performance measures reported under this outcome, two are due to be reported this quarter, both are rated green.

- ▶ At least 40% of service requests will be received via self-service channels
- ▶ More than 80% of customers will be satisfied with the service they receive from the council

21. A full list of the performance indicators is included in Appendix 1.





# THRIVING COMMUNITIES

## A PLACE WHERE:

Residents have positive mental health

People get involved and have a sense of belonging

Communities can access services and support when they need them

## Achievements this quarter:

22. Further scoping of the Mental Health Support Programme for young people was carried out in quarter three to determine the project design and to undertake in-depth research with partners. Over the next quarter a project team will be established, and work will also be undertaken with community-based organisations that support young people to define the provision that will be available. The priorities will include building skills and understanding in mental health, raising awareness of issues faced by young people as highlighted through the MH2K initiative and strengthening the council's capacity around mental health support as community leaders.
23. The project to deliver the Youth Council has used research from Co-operative Council Innovation Network (CCIN) to develop a strategy to support the link with schools and youth groups. Whilst progress during quarter three has been good, the project will require access to young people which has been restricted due to the pandemic. Options will be developed to enable the project to progress through to the establishment of the Youth Council. This preparation work will engage with key stakeholders by the end of quarter one to inform the structured consultations and engagement work that will commence with young people in September 2021.
24. Planning has been completed and initial priorities for the Community Hubs have been agreed and translated into action plans for 2021/22. Community development officers have been assigned thematic and geographical remits. The area profiles have been compiled and shared with members, these will support decision making and the resource allocation for each hub area.
25. The South Ribble Together Hub (previously One Front Door) continues to provide support, with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) receiving all Covid support requests at the first point of contact. Work to support and enhance South Ribble food banks has progressed well with the development of a foodbank network. Options are being explored for a common referral mechanism with a central record of customer details, which has been requested by all foodbanks. Looking forward to next quarter, foodbanks will complete registration with Environmental Health, further support will be provided to support Covid safe operations and there will be wider exploration into a community shop model

26. Of the three projects within this priority, one is rated green; and two are rated amber.

Projects	2020-21 Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec)
<b>Establish South Ribble Together Hubs</b>	<b>AMBER</b>
<b>Deliver a mental health support programme for young people</b>	<b>GREEN</b>
<b>Establish a Youth Council</b>	<b>AMBER</b>

<b>Establish South Ribble Together Hubs:</b>		<b>Amber</b>
Agreeing plans for neighbourhood areas and a borough food bank network		
<b>Issue:</b>	Consultation opportunities with stakeholders to develop action plans for each neighbourhood hub area have been impacted by the ongoing restrictions. Public meetings which were forecast to take place in February 2021 have been delayed. Members have re-visited projects contained in action plans to ensure that progress can be made in compliance with COVID restrictions.	
<b>Actions Plan - What will be done:</b>	<p>There are no public meetings being planned for 2021, therefore alternative methods of communication and engagement to be used include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The distribution of an e-newsletter via email, social media or printed (where necessary);</li> <li>▶ Facebook page for each Community Hub area;</li> <li>▶ Local Facebook groups (e.g. Leyland Hub, Proud to be a Brigger, etc)</li> </ul>	

<b>Establish a Youth Council:</b>		<b>Amber</b>
By working with schools to promote democracy and design a model that works for young people.		
<b>Issue:</b>	In quarter three a project team has been established and best practice research has been undertaken. However, the current restrictions have created additional challenges with the logistics of engaging young people in the design of the Youth Council model, particularly within schools.	
<b>Actions Plan - What will be done:</b>	To bring the project back on track other options are being developed with preparatory work to take place over the summer so that engagement work can start within schools from September 2021. This focussed activity will bring the project back on track and ensure that the project achieves its overall objective of encouraging democratic awareness and participation amongst young people.	

## Key Performance Indicators

27. Of the eight performance measures reported under this outcome, two are due to be reported this quarter as baseline measures. A full list of the performance indicators is included in Appendix 1 and an explanation of performance provided below.

Key Performance Indicator	Target	Q3 2019/20	Quarter 3 2020/21	Symbol	Trend
Number of meals provided to school age children through holiday hunger offer	Target to improve trend	2,065 (Q3:2019/20)	<b>15,685</b>	-	-
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>During 2020, the holiday hunger scheme was widened, with more schools being engaged. In quarter three 2019, 16 schools were eligible to participate in the scheme. However, by quarter three 2020 all 51 of South Ribble's schools were included. The delivery model for holiday hunger has changed during COVID-19, as the pop-up shop / voucher system was not feasible. The Council has continued to work with teachers to identify the most vulnerable children, and food parcels have been provided for schools to distribute to ensure that all children are able to access food where the need exists. After the pandemic, delivery methods will again be reviewed for effectiveness.</p>				

Key Performance Indicator	Target	Comparable Period	Quarter 3 2020/21	Symbol	Trend
Number of residents benefiting from opportunities created by the communities' team	To be baselined 2021/22	Data Unavailable (New Measure)	<b>138</b>	-	-
<b>Commentary</b>	<p>There have been 138 individuals that have been supported through the Communities team via 'South Ribble Together'. Support has been provided to individuals through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The provision of food parcels, foodbank referrals and assisting people to secure priority online shopping slots</li> <li>▶ Collection of medication from Pharmacies and Hospitals, including referral to NHS responders where possible</li> <li>▶ Welfare calls and visits to vulnerable/isolated residents</li> <li>▶ Help with accessing support and enablement schemes (e.g. DWP mobile phone programme)</li> <li>▶ Liaison with other Council services such as housing and benefits to remove any barriers that may exist.</li> </ul> <p>The delivery model for the communities team will be developed in line with the emerging and future needs of residents.</p>				



# A FAIR LOCAL ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



## A COUNCIL THAT:

Increases access to training and jobs

Grows and supports sustainable businesses

Invests in improving the borough

## Achievements this quarter:

- 28.** The Community Wealth Building Action Plan was presented to Cabinet in November 2020. It has been agreed that a delivery plan for the period up to March 2022 will be prepared including officer resource to coordinate the programme and lead on specific actions such as stakeholder engagement. A detailed programme will be prepared in quarter one incorporating ongoing activity to develop a social value policy and procurement portal to help measure outcomes and quantify benefits for the community such as job creation and local spend.
- 29.** The project to establish a business support programme has not yet started. The focus has been on providing support for general business enquiries and delivering a comprehensive national programme of business support in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This programme includes local restrictions support grants, additional restriction grants, Christmas support payments and lockdown payments. There has been over £20 million paid out in Business Grants and Discretionary grants. During quarter three, over £1 million has been paid to approximately 800 businesses for the local restrictions support grants and the discretionary additional restrictions grant. The implementation of the South Ribble business support scheme will start in quarter one 2021/22 as the government support grant is likely to be coming to an end. The project will be scoped in consultation with local businesses and active business support partners to understand the needs and develop an appropriate grant support package. Through the delivery of the grant programme, it should reduce the potential for business failures, support viable businesses, safeguard jobs and support economic recovery following the impact of the pandemic.
- 30.** In quarter three, the Town Investment Plan bid, and accompanying evidence base was formally submitted to the second tranche of the Government £3.6 billion Town Fund to improve Leyland as a place to live, work and enjoy leisure time. If successful, the town will receive £25 million to invest in existing and new buildings with proposals put forward around three key project areas, which are Leyland town centre improvements, Leyland Market improvements and a business hub development for business for workspace, events and skills. The plans being considered going forward include a business case and what level of support will be required. The Council are awaiting feedback and a decision from Government on Stage 1 Town Investment Plan which is expected to be made in February 2021.

31. Of the three projects within this priority, all three are green and on track.

Projects	2020-21 Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec)
Implement the community wealth building action plan	GREEN
Establish a business support programme	NOT YET STARTED
Deliver year 1 of the Town Deal	GREEN

### Key Performance Indicators

32. Of the four performance measures reported under this priority, two measures are due to be reported this quarter and both are currently green:

- ▶ Overall employment rate greater than north west average
- ▶ % 16 -17year olds not in education or training (NEET)



# GOOD HOMES GREEN SPACES HEALTHY PLACES



## A BOROUGH WITH:

A choice of decent,  
affordable housing

Commitment to protecting  
the local environment

A choice of quality  
recreational activities

## Achievements this quarter:

- 33.** There has been good progress made at the end of quarter three toward the building of affordable homes within the borough. Planning approval was reported to Cabinet in September 2020 and work has been underway to identify a recommended procurement route for the construction of the 15 affordable homes on the McKenzie Arms site to deliver the scheme requirements. Procurement has also been undertaken for site enabling works which will be completed over the next quarter. Work has also progressed on Pearson House, Station Road with the development to provide nine new affordable flats.
- 34.** Work to deliver a project to support the green agenda has progressed including the improvements to Shruggs Wood, Western Park Drive, Moss Side and Melling Grove. Going forward, work will be carried out on the creation and improvement of footpath/cycle links along the River Ribble, Penwortham subject to approvals from Lancashire County Council and landowners. There were no trees planned to be planted in quarter three, within the quarter the focus has been on planning work that includes preparation to identify sites, ordering trees and preparing the labour. Looking forward to the next quarter, the majority of tree planting contributing towards the target for this year will commence at various sites across the borough (Hoole, Samlesbury, Longton, Shruggs Wood). A significant portion of trees to be planted is dependent on Lancashire County Council (LCC) providing the permission to plant trees on their land.
- 35.** The project to improve leisure facilities has made good progress. The Pitch Hub at Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre has achieved full planning, which includes two 3G pitches and a new sports pavilion. An application for additional funding has been submitted to the Football Foundation to contribute to the overall cost of the scheme. Progress is also being made with the existing Leisure Centre refurbishment work and the sports hall floor has been re-surfaced at Penwortham Leisure Centre.

36. Of the four projects within this priority, three are green and one is rated as amber.

Projects	2020-21 Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec)
Bring Worden Hall back into use	GREEN
Deliver a project to support the green agenda	AMBER
Deliver a leisure improvement project	GREEN
Commence building of affordable homes within the borough	GREEN

<b>Deliver a project to support the green agenda:</b> To support the council's commitment to carbon neutral		<b>AMBER</b>
<b>Issue:</b>	There has been a delay to the creation of a new cycle storage facility ay Moss Side depot and the installation of the second tranche of Solar Panels at Civic Centre. The delay to installation of the solar panels is due to the Council submitting a bid (Central Government Low Carbon Skills Fund and Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme) in quarter three for external funding for the second tranche of solar panels, along with several potential other heat decarbonisation works. A condition of the grant funding was that no works (installation of solar panels) related to the bid could commence, therefore works have been temporarily postponed until a decision on the bid is announced.	
<b>Actions Plan - What will be done:</b>	<p><b><u>Creation of a new cycle storage facility ay Moss Side Depot –</u></b>            Final quotations to be attained with a decision and order anticipated to be placed at the end of March 2021.</p> <p><b><u>Installation of the second tranche of Solar Panels at Civic Centre –</u></b>            It is expected that a decision on the grant funding bid will be announced in quarter four, and if successful the funding received will be used to commence the project from quarter one 2020/21.If the bid is unsuccessful then work will commence as originally planned.</p>	

### Key Performance Indicators

37. Of the seven performance measures reported under this outcome, three performance measures are due to be reported at the end of this quarter and all are rated green:

- ▶ The number of people who are prevented from becoming homeless is increased
- ▶ Total number of young people's physical activity courses delivered
- ▶ 27,500 Trees will be planted in the borough this year (Cumulative)

## Key Organisational performance measures

38. At the end of quarter three, there are 13 key organisational performance measures due to be reported. A full list of the performance indicators is included in Appendix 2.

39. Of the 13 key organisational performance measures, ten are rated as green:

- ▶ % of complaints upheld
- ▶ Number of households in temporary accommodation at the end of the quarter
- ▶ Number of Accidents reported to Health and Safety from work related activity
- ▶ No. of accidents reported to Health Safety Executive for work related activity (RIDDOR)
- ▶ % planning applications decided within 13 weeks (major applications)
- ▶ % planning applications decided within 8 weeks (minor / other applications)
- ▶ % of telephone calls answered within 90 seconds
- ▶ % of calls abandoned before being answered in a quarter
- ▶ Average days to process a new Housing Benefit claim
- ▶ The average number of working days from Disabled Facilities grant referral received from LCC to application approved

40. Of the 13 key organisational performance measures, two measures are performing below target but within threshold:

- ▶ Percentage of Council Tax collected (Cumulative YTD)
- ▶ Percentage of Business Rates (Cumulative YTD)

41. Of the 13 key organisational performance measures, one is rated as red:

Key Performance Indicator	Target	Comparable Period	Quarter 3 2020/21	Symbol	Trend
Number of near miss incidents reported to Health and Safety	Target to improve trend	97 (Q2:2020/21)	18	▲	Worse than Q2 20/21
<b>Commentary</b>	There has been a reduction of 79, in the amount of near miss incidents being reported to Health and Safety compared to the previous period (Q2:2020/21). The reason for this change in near miss reports may be a result of the Covid-19 government restrictions and having fewer employees in work to report any near misses. It is expected that once the once restrictions are eased, there should be an increase in the of reports made.				



## Risk

42. Risk registers are being completed for each project which will inform the wider risk assessment on an ongoing basis for the corporate strategy.

## Equality and diversity

43. Equality and Diversity is embedded within the corporate strategy and how the council acts. An equality impact assessment was undertaken as part of the corporate plan refresh and each individual project will have its own equality impact assessment which are being revised and reassessed during quarter three.

## Air quality implications

44. N/A

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

45. The relevant projects outlined in this report have budgets set aside to deliver the proposed outcomes.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

46. There are no issues of concern to raise from a Monitoring Officer perspective.

## Background documents

- ▶ Corporate Plan, approved 30th September 2020




## Appendices








- ▶ Appendix 1 - Performance of the Corporate Strategy Measures
- ▶ Appendix 2 - Key Organisational Performance Measures

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## Appendix 1 – Performance of the Corporate Strategy Measures

	Worse than target, outside threshold
	Worse than target but within threshold (5%)
	Performance is better than target

Indicator Name	Polarity	Target	Comparison	Quarter 3 2020/21	Symbol	Trend
<b>An Exemplary Council</b>						
At least 40% of service requests will be received via self-service channels	Bigger is better	29% (2020/21)	19.7% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>31%</b>		Better than Q3 19/20
More than 80% of customers will be satisfied with the service they receive from the council	Bigger is better	80%	83.33% (Q2:2020/21)	<b>100%</b>		Better than Q3 19/20
<b>Thriving Communities</b>						
Number of meals provided to school age children through holiday hunger offer	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	2065 (Q3:2019/20)	<b>15,685</b>	-	-
Number of residents benefiting from opportunities created by the communities team	Bigger is better	To be baselined 2021/22	Data Unavailable (new measure)	<b>138</b>	-	-
<b>A fair local economy that works for everyone</b>						
Overall employment rate greater than north west average	Bigger is better	74.9%	84.8% (Q2:2020/21)	<b>82%</b>		On track but worse than Q2 20/21
% 16 -17year olds not in education or training (NEET)	Smaller is better	3.5%	1.3% (Q2:2020/21)	<b>3.0%</b>		On track but worse than Q2 20/21
<b>Good homes green spaces healthy places</b>						
Total number of young people's physical activity courses delivered (Academic Year)	Bigger is better	Target to improve trend	0 (Q2:2020/21)	<b>369</b>		Better than Q2 20/21
27,500 Trees will be planted in the borough this year (Cumulative)	Bigger is better	27,500 (Annual)	3,059 (Q2:2020/21)	<b>3,059</b>		Same as Q2
The number of people who are prevented from becoming homeless is increased	Bigger is better	Target to improve trend	85 (Q3:2019/20)	<b>98</b>		Better than Q3 19/20

## Appendix 2 – Key Organisational Performance Measures

Indicator Name	Polarity	Target	Comparison	Quarter 3 2020/21	Symbol	Trend
% of complaints upheld	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	38.9% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>13.9%</b>	★	Better than Q3 19/20
Number of households in temporary accommodation at the end of the quarter	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	37 (Q3:2019/20)	<b>37</b>	★	Same as Q3 19/20
Number of Accidents reported to Health and Safety from work related activity	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	35 (Q2:2020/21)	<b>26</b>	★	Better than Q2 20/21
No. of accidents reported to Health Safety Executive for work related activity (RIDDOR)	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	0 (Q2:2020/21)	<b>0</b>	★	Same as Q2 19/20
Number of near miss incidents reported to Health and Safety	Bigger is better	Target to improve trend	97 (Q2:2020/21)	<b>18</b>	▲	Worse than Q2 20/21
The average number of working days from Disabled Facilities grant referral received from LCC to application approved	Smaller is better	Target to improve trend	157 (Q3:2019/20)	<b>155</b>	★	Better than Q3 19/20
% planning applications decided within 13 weeks (major applications)	Bigger is better	75%	100% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>88.88%</b>	★	Worse than Q3 19/20
% planning applications decided within 8 weeks (minor / other applications)	Bigger is better	85%	96.17% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>91.79%</b>	★	Worse than Q3 19/20
% of telephone calls answered within 90 seconds	Bigger is better	40%	79.7% (Q2:2020/21)	<b>94.2%</b>	★	Better than Q2 20/21
% of calls abandoned before being answered in a quarter	Smaller is better	15%	5.7% (Q2:2020/21)	<b>2.0%</b>	★	Better than Q2 20/21
Average days to process a new Housing Benefit claim	Smaller is better	19 days	16.36 days (Q2:2020/21)	<b>15.57 Days</b>	★	Better than Q2 20/21
Percentage of Council Tax collected (Cumulative YTD)	Bigger is better	85.62%	85.62% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>84.64%</b>	●	Worse than Q3 19/20
Percentage of Business Rates (Cumulative YTD)	Bigger is better	83.08%	83.08% (Q3:2019/20)	<b>80.64%</b>	●	Worse than Q3 19/20

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Report to	On
<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24 March 2021</b>

Title	Portfolio Holder	Report of
<b>Community Hub Action Plans 2021/22</b>	<b>Cabinet Member (Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building)</b>	<b>Director of Communities</b>

Is this report a <b>KEY DECISION</b> (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	Yes
Is this report on the <b>Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan</b> ?	Yes
Is this report confidential?	No

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. Cabinet to note the 2021/22 Community Hub Action Plans and Area Profiles.

### **Recommendations**

2. That Cabinet notes the 2021/22 Community Hub Action Plans and Area Profiles.

### **Reasons for recommendations**

3. This report is the first annual presentation of Community Hub Action Plans and Area Profiles. Projects contained in the plans have been discussed and decided upon with members from each of the hubs at planning meetings.

### **Other options considered and rejected**

4. Action plans have been drawn up with contributions from of all members, following a cross party review of community involvement. Best practice in community development was considered as part of this review, with robust action plans agreed as an effective delivery mechanism for community priorities.

### **Corporate outcomes**

5. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council		Thriving communities	✓
A fair local economy that works for everyone		Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	✓

## Background to the report

6. The Council has five Community Hubs across the Borough, each with its own action plan, containing projects to deliver local priorities. Plans contain a variety of projects - high and low cost, long and short-term delivery, and a mix of capital works and community-based schemes.
7. A range of projects continue to be delivered on an ongoing basis in all of the Community Hub areas. The plans remain 'live' and are updated as projects are completed. Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions, the attached plans have been sense checked to ensure progress can be made and outcomes achieved in a safe and compliant way.
8. The Area Profiles have been developed for each of the five community hubs, using statistical data supplied by the Policy & Partnerships Team, local knowledge of communities, and feedback from elected members.
9. These Area Profiles are designed to be a 'living' document which will be updated when new information is received. It is intended to provide insight into each area which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The profiles explore some of the existing community assets in these areas and seeks to outline 'Areas of Opportunity' for development.
10. Area Profiles have been used to assist with the development of the Action Plans and will be regularly updated to ensure that any trends in each area can be identified and local need addressed.

## Proposals

11. Cabinet has committed to a period of twelve months, during which time each Neighbourhood Forum is being asked to consult on, design and develop its own model of community engagement, develop action plans, and to track its success.
12. Action plans have been created in consultation with members at planning meetings, based upon their understanding of priorities in their wards. Area profiles have been drawn up to 'tell the story' of each hub area, based on statistical data and local knowledge, to help members determine local need.
13. The Area Profiles have identified local needs and areas of opportunities for development. It is intended that the Community Hub chairs will ensure that these profiles are reviewed to ensure that areas of opportunities identified are not missed.
14. Each of the projects contained in the action plans is subject to a scoring matrix which challenges its viability and is underpinned by a project summary which sets out background, objectives, milestones and resources. Project summaries will be regularly updated and shared with lead members to enable efficient and effective updates to be given at planning meetings.
15. Community Hubs Chairs and Vice Chairs meetings provide the opportunity for inter-area discussion and comparison, as well as identifying good practice and sharing lessons

learned. Two task groups have already been identified for 2021/22, to look at joined up working on social isolation and school readiness.

16. In the cross-party review of community involvement in 2019, the subsequent recommendations agreed by cabinet, centred around seven key areas:
- Level of community interaction and engagement
  - Level of community development and volunteering
  - Promotion of co-operative values (self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity)
  - Engagement with young people
  - Strengthening the voluntary, community and faith sector.
  - Delivery of community priorities through forum projects
  - Engagement with parish and town councils (where applicable)
17. The seven key areas above will be used in the pilot evaluation process, so that success against these key criteria can be measured.
18. Each Community Hub has an annual allocation of core revenue funds, calculated proportionately on the number of members. The collective total of £25,000 is included within the Council's overall budget.

Area	Members	Annual Budget	Reserves carried forward
Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall & Walton le Dale	11	£5,500	£27,600
Eastern Parishes	4	£2,000	£9114
Leyland & Farington	18	£9,000	£18,052
Penwortham	10	£5,000	£7129
Western Parishes	7	£3,500	£4933
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>£25,000</b>	<b>£66,828</b>

19. In addition to the above resource, £25,000 has been allocated in the Council's budget for hubs to be able to bid into, to provide match funding for larger or partnership schemes.

### Risk

20. Each of the projects contained in the action plans has an element of risk; through the scoping process and discussions with hub chairs and project lead Members, an assessment is carried out as to the level of risk and potential mitigation.
21. Each project is scored against a matrix of measures which assess viability, value for money, scale of impact and the degree of community involvement in delivery.
22. For projects with higher risk, e.g. capital schemes such as play areas, a full risk assessment is carried out, with partners if appropriate.

### Equality and diversity

23. Projects contained within the action plans are designed to be inclusive, accessible and bring communities together.
24. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for each of the plans; there are no potential negative impacts on any of the protected groups. There are specific positive impacts on age and disability, through projects such as reducing social isolation and sustaining our Dementia Friendly Borough status.

### **Air quality implications**

25. The lack of plans to address the significant climate change issue, in some of the identified action plans is disappointing but it is hoped that as the council's action plan is developed further the community hubs will be able to review their action plans and development options to minimise carbon emissions in their areas.
26. A number of the action plans contain measures to improve footpaths and encourage active exercise within the wider environment and this welcomed. These measures can be promoted further to encourage a wider use of the trails/footpaths as part of everyday commuting and thus help to achieve some of the Council's air quality action goals.

### **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

27. The £25k commitments outlined in this report will be met from the £25k My Neighbourhoods budget. There is an additional £25k also included in the budget for hubs to bid into.

### **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

28. There are no concerns from a Monitoring Officer perspective. The approach adopted is in accordance with the Constitution.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall & Walton le Dale Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22 and Area Profile

Appendix B – Eastern Parishes Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22 and Area Profile

Appendix C – Leyland & Farington Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22 and Area Profile

Appendix D – Penwortham Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22 and Area Profile

Appendix E – Western Parishes Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22 and Area Profile

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**Lostock Hall, Bamber Bridge, Walton Le Dale Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22**

**Version 1 – January 2021**

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Lead Member</b>
1	Withy Grove Park Improvements	Support plans to install 3G sports pitches at Withy Grove Park. Utilise social media & newsletters to keep residents updated with developments	Cllr Christine Melia / Cllr Caleb Tomlinson
2	Support Friends Groups for Bamber Bridge & Lostock Hall Railway Station	Provide support, guidance & resources to both group for refreshed 2021/22 action plans. Encourage networking with established groups & seek to recruit new volunteers for Lostock Hall based on historical significance of the station.	Cllr Jacqui Mort
3	Bellis Way Playground	Support plans to create the new playground, including work with the Friends of Bellis Way to refurbish existing fences.	Cllr Damien Bretherton
4	Church Road Gardens	Commemorative project to remember the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bamber Bridge which took place on green space adjacent to the Hob Inn. To include seating & dementia friendly footpaths	Cllr Chris Lomax
5	Enhance Lostock Hall War Memorial	Aesthetic improvements to the area around the war memorial on the corner of Browndge Road, including exploring possibility of creating a green (living) wall to hide shops / bins.	Cllr Cliff Hughes
6	Holmes Park Improvements	Feasibility work to explore options for improvements; land contamination work currently underway which will inform plans.	Cllr Chris Lomax
7	Mounsey Road Park Improvements	Support plans to create a new playground for small children & dementia friendly seating / pathways. Utilise social media & newsletters to keep residents updated with developments.	Cllr Chris Lomax
8	South Ribble in Bloom 2021	Participate in a borough wide virtual 'bloom' campaign with other community hubs. Promote & advertise the scheme in Lostock Hall, Bamber Bridge & Walton le Dale	Cllr C Chisholm Cllr J Mort Cllr C Melia
9	Local Foodbank Support	Work with Browndge Christians Together & New Day foodbanks to understand the services provided. Identify any needs such as storage, training, increasing demand & produce resilience plans	Cllr Matthew Trafford
10	Holland House Estate	Support formation of a residents' association for the estate; provide advice & guidance in creating an action plan to identify local improvements.  Initial ideas include external mounting of the existing defibrillator, wildflower planting for central reservation & windmill / wheelbarrow planter feature.	Cllr Chris Lomax Cllr Carol Chisholm
11	Explore options for parish / village councils	Feasibility work to research & understand the process of a community governance review, leading to consultation on the creation of parish or village councils.	Cllr Chris Lomax Cllr Matthew Trafford

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# Eastern Parishes Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22

Version 1 – January 2021

	Project	Description	Lead Member
1	Support Samlesbury Civic Society	Work with Samlesbury Civic Society to further develop the community garden & other projects that will improve the local area. Support with upskilling volunteers and building capacity.	Cllr Barrie Yates Cllr Peter Mullineaux
2	Improvement scheme for Gregson Green sports & community facilities	Work with the Gregson Green Committee to develop an action plan for events, promotion and fundraising	Cllr Jim Marsh Cllr Gareth Watson
3	Partnership working Samlesbury Parish Council	Develop the relationship between the Parish Council and the hub, ensuring channels of communication remain open. Seek to identify joint initiatives which benefit the local area.	Cllr Barrie Yates Cllr Peter Mullineaux
4	Improvements to George V Recreation Ground	Improvements to the appearance and access to George V playing fields in Higher Walton including footpath upgrades & fence painting.	Cllr Barrie Yates
5	South Ribble in Bloom 2021	Participate in a borough wide virtual 'bloom' campaign with other community hubs. Promote and advertise the scheme in Eastern Parishes.	Cllr Peter Mullineaux
6	Heritage Trails	Map, design and publish a series of heritage trails around Eastern Parishes, taking in local landmarks and historical features.	Cllr Jim Marsh
7	Tackle local 'grot spots'	Investigate ownership of various pieces of land and look into clean up and tidy up of unkept land. Land Registry searches are being done and passed to Planning Enforcement for the next step of investigation and enforcement.	Cllr Gareth Watson
8	Reduce social vulnerability isolation and dementia awareness	Promotion of activities which help to tackle loneliness & support South Ribble in retaining its status as a dementia friendly borough. Delivery of Dementia Friends awareness sessions to individuals, groups and businesses. Awareness work around spotting and avoiding scams & rogue traders.	Cllr Gareth Watson
9	Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Work	Initiate a Friends Group for the Memorial with the aim to carry out some work there and engage members of the community. Work can begin on research and speaking to people involved in the past with the memorial.	Cllr Peter Mullineaux

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# Leyland and Farington Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22

Version 1 – January 2021

	Project	Description	Lead Member
1	Broadfield Community Garden	Work to establish a new friends group, with leadership from SRBC & Progress Housing. Scope to further develop the site into an inclusive community facility for use by people of all ages, backgrounds & abilities. Orchard, polytunnels & raised beds all provide opportunity for food growing; potential for 2021 to create sensory garden & improved seating area.	Cllr Matthew Tomlinson Cllr Mick Titherington
2	Reducing Social Isolation	Previously a project for the Neighbourhood Forum, there is now scope to broaden work in relation to intelligence gathered by South Ribble Together. Initial proposals include; increasing the number of elected member Dementia Champions, exploring 'community conversations' model – a mobile approach to engaging with people on a pop-up basis, e.g. in parks & outdoor spaces, & considering support for carers, as a potentially hidden group.	Cllr Sue Jones
3	South Ribble in Bloom 2021	Participate in a borough wide virtual 'bloom' campaign with other community hubs. Promote & advertise the scheme in Leyland & Farington	Cllr Sue Jones Cllr Karen Walton
4	Love Leyland	This project has historically been a 'catch-all' for various events and campaigns; now being re-focused with alignment to the 'love where you live' principle. Initial proposals include community litter picks, skip it days and back alley blitzes. Potential to engage children in an anti-litter and anti-dog fouling campaign which worked well elsewhere.	Cllr Mick Titherington
5	Moss Side Community Centre Car Park	There have been longstanding issues at the community centre with anti-social behaviour, loitering, etc around the entrance which is set back and poorly lit. A lack of accessible car parking for centre users was also cited. Possible solutions being explored, and latest crime statistics being researched.	Cllr Mary Green
6	Eagle & Child Bowling Club	The purchase of the bowling green is complete; the site is in the Council's ownership & a lease is now in place with the bowling club. Work can begin on a new entranceway to the green, with a ramp for disabled access & external funding bids to improve facilities.	Cllr Matthew Tomlinson
7	Farington Lodges	A potential partnership project with Withnell Anglers & Lancashire Environment Fund, to install a dipping platform, replace broken kissing gates, install a new noticeboard & bollards to calm traffic on & off the car park.	Cllr Karen Walton
8	Community safety improvements - Moss Lane	There have been ongoing issues with crime, loitering, etc. around the subway on Moss Lane. The building next to it has also been neglected and has been vandalised. Possible solutions being explored, & latest crime statistics being researched.	Cllr Sue Jones
9	Local Healthcare services	Research work to map healthcare service provision & work with partners to provide local venues for support services where none currently exist.	Cllr Jane Bell
10	Healthy Schools	Working with the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Group, provide: Billboards for highs schools with clear & simple CPR instructions and 'Little lifesavers' packs for year one pupils with anti-choking advice & guidance	Cllr Jacky Alty

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# Penwortham Community Hub Action Plan 2021/22

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	Project	Description	Lead Member
1	Signage in Middleforth & Charnock Wards	Work with LCC on installation of new highway signage to define ward boundaries and signpost to facilities, e.g. cricket club	Cllr Keith Martin / Cllr Will Adams
2	Heritage Trails	Active promotion & distribution of published heritage trails, including securing a digital platform. Feasibility work to be carried out with local historian on a new route around Bee Lane.	Cllr Carol Wooldridge
3	Mental Health Awareness Campaign	Communications campaign around key messages for mental health awareness, both for those who may be struggling, and for those who can support others.	Cllr Ian Watkinson / Cllr Keith Martin
4	Pumpkin Patch	Partnership project with Diggy Sticks CIC to re-launch Penwortham Pumpkin Patch as a community amenity. Scope to develop food growing, gardening clubs and provide volunteering opportunities for mixed abilities.	Cllr Keith Martin
5	Replacement Outdoor Gym Hurst Grange Park	Consider options to improve / replace the aging 'trim trail' in Hurst Grange Park. Engage with regular park users and the Friends of Hurst Grange on suitable proposals.	Cllr Ange Turner
6	Reducing Social Isolation	Promotion of activities which help to tackle loneliness & support South Ribble in retaining its status as a dementia friendly borough. Delivery of Dementia Friends awareness sessions to individuals, groups and businesses.	Cllrs Wooldridge, Flannery, Adams.
7	Tables and Benches on Hurst Grange Park	Consider options to improve / replace the aging 'trim trail' in Hurst Grange Park. Engage with regular park users and the Friends of Hurst Grange on suitable proposals.	Cllr Ange Turner
8	Christmas Decorations for Cop Lane / Pope Lane & Leyland Road	Explore possibilities of carbon neutral / environmentally friendly decorations for Christmas 2021 and beyond along Cop Lane, Pope Lane and Leyland Road.	Cllr Keith Martin
9	Penwortham In Bloom	Participate in a borough wide virtual 'bloom' campaign with other community hubs. Promote & advertise the scheme in Penwortham	Cllr Harry Hancock
10	Signage for Penwortham Conservation Areas	Interpretation boards to be designed and installed for historical sites in Penwortham including Church Wood & Rawstorne Road. Boards will explain the historical significance & list key dates / events.	Cllr David Howarth
11	Liverpool Road Christmas Decorations	Explore possibilities of carbon neutral / environmentally friendly decorations for Christmas 2021 and beyond along the Liverpool Road shopping area.	Cllr David Howarth
12	Newlands Avenue Pond	Explore the potential to improve and develop the pond on Newlands Avenue, working with Penwortham Town Council and the Duchy of Lancaster as landowner.	Cllr David Howarth / Cllr Harry Hancock
13	Penwortham Live 2021	Deliver a virtual Penwortham Live music event, in partnership with the Creative Network	Cllr Keith Martin

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	Project	Description	Lead Member
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6	Dob Lane Playing field	Installation of a bench adjacent to the play area. Feasibility work on extending the existing path around the field perimeter & provision of a further dog bin.	Cllr John Rainsbury
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# Area Profile

## **Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub**



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# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Bamber Bridge

Bamber Bridge has a proud history of manufacturing; constructed in 1907, the Bamber Bridge Spinning and Weaving Cotton Mill on Wesley Street remains a notable landmark while Baxi Manufacturing has a base on Club Street. The Old Hob Inn at Church Road, meanwhile, has an interesting history - with the Battle of Bamber Bridge soon to be commemorated with a small memorial garden.

Bamber Bridge has plenty to offer leisure-wise with green spaces at Holmes Park and Withy Grove Park, which is on course to be renovated in late 2021. Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre is also a popular destination and the village is passionate about sport, with Bamber Bridge Football Club and the annual tradition of 'Raising the Coffin' dating back to 1948. A community-centred area, Bamber Bridge has two Primary Schools, one High School and six places of worship. It also has a Railway Station maintained by a 'Friends of' group. The village is divided into two wards; Bamber Bridge East (population 4,917) and Bamber Bridge West (4,289).

### Lostock Hall

Lostock Hall was an important railway town following the construction of the East Lancashire and Liverpool Railway lines in 1846 and its railway is now also maintained by a hardworking 'Friends of' group which keeps the remaining station in good order. Lostock Hall is also home to the stunning South Ribble War Memorial and Peace Garden in St Catherine's Park as well as two more memorials on Browndge Road and Hope Terrace, while St Catherine's Hospice is situated at the original Lostock Hall.

Lostock Hall Carnival takes place every summer and the annual Lostock Hall 5km road race always has a fabulous atmosphere. Boasting three Primary Schools and one High School, the area is a family-centred village with a play park, a well-used library and a Bowling Club all within walking distance of the shops. Lostock Hall also has four churches that all take an interest in the community. The village has a population of 6,077 (as of 2019).

### Walton-le-Dale

Walton-le-Dale is a village with three Primary Schools and one High School. Although there is no village centre as such, the community has good links into Preston City Centre and Bamber Bridge. The Unicorn Inn, a 17th century building (now known as Pinocchio's Restaurant) was the posting station used by Parliamentary troops during the English Civil War.

Friends of Walton Park have recently been awarded a significant amount of money from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and South Ribble Borough Council in order to construct a beautiful new park at Bellis Way, with work due to start in 2021. Meanwhile, Walton Park benefits from the very active and passionate 'Friends of' Group which works hard to preserve its natural beauty. The village is divided into two wards; Walton-le-Dale East (population 4,305) and Walton-le-Dale West (4,959).

Ward	Population
Bamber Bridge East	4,917
Bamber Bridge West	4,289
Lostock Hall	6,077
Walton-le-Dale East	4,305
Walton-le-Dale West	4,959
<b>Hub Area</b>	<b>24,547</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 square miles) and is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England and Wales average while the overall population of the borough has grown steadily since its inception in 1974. The 2019 mid-year estimates compiled by Lancashire County Council show the total population for the authority as being 110,788.



# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Demographics

January 2021

	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Hub Area	20.3	61.7	18.0	50.5	49.5	5.1
Bamber Bridge East	20.9	61.7	17.3	51.8	48.2	5.1
Bamber Bridge West	19.7	60.0	20.4	50.9	49.1	5.4
Lostock Hall	18.8	61.7	19.6	50.5	49.5	4.0
Walton-le-Dale East	23.4	61.9	14.7	50.0	50.0	6.2
Walton-le-Dale West	19.3	63.1	17.5	49.1	50.9	5.0

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of the Central Hub Area, split into its five wards across Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale.

The Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale area has a **close to average population of people aged 66+**, with 18% of residents falling into that age bracket compared with the North West average of 17.5%. **Bamber Bridge West has the highest population of residents aged 66+ (20.4%).**

The area has a **small percentage of people who are Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME)** compared with regional and national statistics. The proportion of the population from BAME communities is just 5.1% compared to the North West average of 12.9%, with the highest population of BAME residents found in the Walton-le-Dale East ward (6.2%). These are groups we must ensure we try to engage in future consultations. **Of the 1,646 respondents to South Ribble Borough Council's 2020 Residents Survey, only 20 were from BAME communities.**



### Area of Opportunity

Ensuring all groups of 'hard to reach' residents are considered in the future when looking at developing community links and projects.

# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Crime and Emergency Services

January 2021

The graphics illustrates that **all parts of Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale have a better than average crime rate** compared to the wider North West region, although **both Bamber Bridge wards have a higher crime rate** than Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. **Figures relating to emergency service call-outs are also**

**favourable with the notable exceptions of Bamber Bridge East** which has a higher than average number of calls to police and fire services, and **Bamber Bridge West** which has higher figures for both calls to the fire service and ambulance call-outs.

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k
North West average	60.3	357.3	9.6	24
Hub Area	38.8	225.6	5.9	18.4
Bamber Bridge East	54.0	408.3	12.7	19.0
Bamber Bridge West	52.3	292	10.0	31.7
Lostock Hall	37.4	183.4	3.4	14.0
Walton-le-Dale East	16.5	110.0	1.5	11.0
Walton-le-Dale West	27.3	123.7	2.7	16.7

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.

## Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

In light of the above figures, **consideration should perhaps be given to diversionary activities and to fostering better relationships with PCSOs and Neighbourhood Officers.**

For instance, the Bamber Bridge wards could ensure that a representative from the local police attends the Community Hub meetings to raise awareness and gain more knowledge of any 'problem areas' and how we can work and support each other. Similarly, officers working in the community could hold 'open sessions' to allow the residents to meet local Community Beat Officers and their SRBC Community Development Officer to gain more of an understanding of issues.



### Area of Opportunity

Utilising and supporting local Community Assets to create diversionary activities for young people, and creating new opportunities for people to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime. This can be linked in with the work of the SRBC Active Living and Community Safety Teams.

# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Early Years and Educational Attainment

January 2021

Although the birth rate in the area (9%) is lower than the UK average (11.5%), the below graphic shows **Bamber Bridge West has a higher than average birth rate (12.6%)** and also has the **highest rate of children with excess weight at reception age (27.8% compared with the UK average of 22.5%)**.

	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation	Excess weight at reception	NEET young people	GCSE average attainment
		%	%	%	
UK average	11.5		22.5		46.8
North West average		61		5.4	45.5
Hub Area	9	66.7	21.7	3.5	45.7
Bamber Bridge East	8.9	56.5	20.7	2.5	41.8
Bamber Bridge West	12.6	63.9	27.8	3.8	39.7
Lostock Hall	5.8	61.8	20.6	4.7	46.7
Walton-le-Dale East	9.3	76.4	21.1	3.5	49.5
Walton-le-Dale West	9.7	75.6	19.2	3.0	50.1

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The area has a lot of family homes, reflected in the number of schools in the area (seven primary and three secondary. **Education levels are a factor to celebrate** with 66.7% of our students achieving the expected level at KS2 and an average GCSE attainment score of 45.7 compared with a North West average of 45.5.

**Conversely, the number of young people not in education or employment (NEET) is 3.5% - the second highest in South Ribble** after Leyland. These figures suggest that, after completing High School education, many young people do not progress to the next goal of further education or employment. Engaging with some of these young people may encourage a more positive outlook and help to prevent anti-social behaviour as well as low self-esteem and the mental health side-effects.



### Areas of Opportunity

Linking up with the Council's Active Living Team to work on ways of reducing childhood obesity and encourage a more healthy lifestyles.

Positive promotion of available outdoor spaces, leisure facilities and green links.

Engaging NEET Young People with job clubs and/or Further Education, and trying to identify the reasons for the figure in an effort to narrow the gap.



# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Employment and Inclusion

January 2021



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	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Hub Area	1.10
Bamber Bridge East	2.75
Bamber Bridge West	0.16
Lostock Hall	1.24
Walton-le-Dale East	No data
Walton-le-Dale West	0.39

The area's **low long-term employment figure (1.10)** is a cause **for celebration** although the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic may see a change to this throughout 2021.

Charities like Christians Against Poverty Job Club offer help and are free to use by the public and open to all. The nearest such club is in Penwortham though new partnerships can be started at just £60 a month. The original CAP Job Club based in Lostock Hall closed some time ago, and an area like Bamber Bridge might benefit from a similar scheme.

### Areas of Opportunity

Bamber Bridge & Lostock Hall could benefit from events such as job & advice fairs involving local businesses, Citizens Advice & the Job Centre. Charities looking for volunteers could also promote their services.

Encouraging local businesses to recruit locally would bring real positives & may well also be a positive angle for encouraging customers.

The area has a large number of schools that need the support of welfare staff & there are a lot of parents that would like 'school hour jobs'.

Through work on the Community Wealth Building Strategy, there may be scope to strengthen the 'employ local' message.

### Digital inclusion

**There is a need to ensure residents are not left vulnerable and isolated due to lack of technology.** If tasks such as contacting energy suppliers, online food shopping, communicating with landlords etc. cannot be done, this leads to a snowball effect of issues. The feeling of complete isolation and helplessness due to lack of technology is not good for people's mental health.

There are a range of digital accessibility schemes in place, including the Department for Work and Pensions helping individuals to become 'connected' again by purchasing mobile phones. This also allows an individual to maintain up-to-date benefit claims and current job searches. However, the two local job centres are in Preston & Leyland — not all those who need assistance are able to afford the travel costs.

Through South Ribble Together, staff are able to provide residents with the assistance they need as the relevant services were out of any reach without a phone and/or internet.

# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Although social isolation affects all ages, this profile is specifically concerned with pensioners living alone. While four out of five wards in the area have a smaller than average proportion of pensioners living by themselves, **a significant proportion of pensioners in Bamber Bridge West now live alone (37.2%)**.

**Loneliness has many health risks, increasing risk of death by 26%** and increasing risk of heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure. It also puts individuals at greater risk of cognitive decline and dementia.

**Loneliness is expected to increase by 49% by 2025/26.** In the UK, 45% of adults (not just the elderly) have reported they occasionally feel lonely – equating to some 20 million people. Undoubtedly this figure will rise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Charities such as Age UK have supported more than 299,000 friendship calls to older people experiencing loneliness this year.

Winter Warmth is a huge project being overseen by SRBC's David Williams, who is investigating Health Inequalities. Statistics from 2018 show 9.3% of South Ribble households experienced fuel poverty in 2018, which was the lowest rate in Lancashire and below the England average of 10.3%. As illustrated in the above graphic, however, **the number of people living without central heating in Bamber Bridge and Lostock Hall is significantly higher than the national average.**

The 'Winter Readiness' Leaflet distributed among South Ribble residents in January will be a great source of advice for those in need - though again, only to those with access to a phone or the internet. Citizens Advice also do a tremendous amount of work with regards to energy advice, and this is again a resource to be tapped into and promoted by all Members, Officers and Community Hubs across our communities.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Hub Area	29.1	3.8
Bamber Bridge East	23.7	4.6
Bamber Bridge West	37.2	3.9
Lostock Hall	27.4	4.3
Walton-le-Dale East	29.3	2.8
Walton-le-Dale West	28.3	3.4

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### Areas of Opportunity

Ensure Officers & Members are well informed & confident to encourage take-up of Winter Readiness services identified by South Ribble Borough Council.

Support & promote frequent use of community groups in existing community centres, support start-up groups, empower long-term community-led projects.

Look at the feasibility of true 'Community Hubs' which can help all residents, particularly those without basic phone/internet access.

Age Concern has a centre at Charnley Fold in Bamber Bridge which supports those living dementia and their carers –scope to develop partnership projects based on local demand.

Work to develop volunteering and Social Capital will incorporate a coordination of community groups & a recognised foodbank network.

# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Health and Social Issues

January 2021

Bamber Bridge West has the lowest Life Expectancy of all South Ribble Borough wards (76.2). Both Bamber Bridge wards also have higher numbers of hospital stays relating to alcohol or self-harm. This would suggest the area has a high need for mental health support.

The level of obesity at Year 6 (school age 10/11) is lower than the UK average, though in Bamber Bridge the level is more in line with national figures.

### Areas of Opportunity

Mental health support services need to be mapped and promoted, particularly in Bamber Bridge. We can do this through community groups, newsletters and social media.

Youth mental health is a corporate plan project which the hub will link in with.

More suitable community services to enable independent living, and more effective practice of preventive lifestyles & medicine has the potential to lengthen disability-free life expectancy, particularly in the case of the prevention & treatment of non-fatal but disabling diseases (Lancashire.gov.uk).

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Hub Area	79.14	101.9	99.6	18.4
Bamber Bridge East	78.4	111.5	117.4	20.1
Bamber Bridge West	76.2	106.7	129.2	20.1
Lostock Hall	78	98.3	89.7	19.3
Walton le Dale East	82.6	100.4	94.5	16.7
Walton le Dale West	80.5	94.1	73.0	15.6

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### Food banks and health

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated a pre-existing issue with regard to poverty, and communities have stepped in to provide help with food banks etc. **New Day Foodbank in Lostock Hall report they make approximately 90 deliveries a week and Bamber Bridge Christians Together Foodbank supports 25-35 families**, yet both acknowledge there are families they know they don't reach. It could be useful to consider how these programmes can better incorporate fresh food to improve the health of our communities.

Action plans will be made with the local foodbank network (to be set up by Lead Officer Sam Jones) in order to raise profiles, share best practice and ensure premises are suitable for the safe and appropriate storage of fresh items and adhere to food safety guidelines, thereby boosting the provision of fresh food for struggling families. The logistics of storage is a real problem for the Bamber Bridge Christians Together foodbank. As more work is done with the foodbanks, other issues may well arise.



# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Living Environment

January 2021

South Ribble has previously been recognized as the best place to live in the UK. However, figures from Lancashire County Council recorded in 2019 demonstrate there are some issues with regard to the quality of the living environment for the residents of Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale.



### Local green space

St Catherine's Park is located on the edge of the village of Lostock Hall. It is around four hectares in size and includes a natural play area, grass kick-about space and a network of footpaths.

Withy Grove Park playground is one of the largest free facilities of its type in the North West and has a range of equipment that caters for a variety of ages.

### Areas of Opportunity

Working to improve the natural environment in our communities can lead to residents leading longer, healthier lives.

Addressing air quality is also an essential part of our duty to combat climate change. Encouraging residents to become involved with this can increase awareness.

Linking with more local businesses to encourage workable carbon reducing policies could reduce the area's emissions.

### Air quality

Quality of Living Environment covers a broad range of factors, but particularly pertinent across South Ribble at the moment is the measuring of air quality.

Current areas of focus for the council are: Station Road, Bamber Bridge; Tardy Gate Junction, Lostock Hall; and Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

Air pollution is associated with several adverse health impacts. It is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. Additionally, air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions. There is also often a strong correlation with equalities issues, as areas with poor air quality are also often the less affluent areas.

## Greener Projects

**Planting Trees**

**Using local resources**

**Reducing cars 'idling' outside schools and at busy junctions**

**Reduction in usage of Single Use Plastics**

**Water fountain installation to encourage reusing bottles**

# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Communities and Community Engagement

January 2021

### Engagement with our residents and community groups is key.

However, face-to-face consultations and informal meetings are currently challenging due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In order to build sustainable and resilient communities **we must ensure the public are kept informed, up-to-date, involved and at times empowered**, for example through 'Friends of...' groups for local community assets and attractions (e.g. the Friends of Walton Park, *pictured*). The goal is to have a truly engaged community which helps to shape its own future.



### Areas of Opportunity

Online surveys are a great way of canvassing the local community, giving respondents the opportunity to voice their opinions at a time that is convenient for them.

When COVID restrictions allow, surgeries and forum meetings are a great way for residents of the local community to meet elected members, but it is critical that more consideration is given to the timings of future events to enable a wider variety of people to attend (for instance, working parents, those with disabilities or without transport etc).

As agreed at a recent planning meeting, future Hub invites will go to 'Friends of' groups, residents directly affected by said projects, and local business owners. It was also agreed the council would look at having Hub meetings broken down by wards to make them more accessible for all residents.



# Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hub

## Community Contacts

January 2021

Sports Clubs	Address	Telephone
Bamber Bridge Football Club	Sir Tom Finney Stadium, Irongate	01772 909695
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Brownedge Saints Bowling Club	Aspden Street	07949 600151
Lostock Hall Conservative Bowling Club	Brownedge Road	01772 313068

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Lostock Hall Primary	434	Linden Drive	01772 338289
Our Lady and St Gerard's Primary	359	Lourdes Avenue	01772 335025
St Aiden's Primary	128	Larch Avenue	01772 337321
St Mary and St Benedict's Primary	285	Brownedge Lane	01772 336650
St Leonards Primary	276	Walton Green	01772 556021
Cuerden Church Primary	181	Station Road	01772 335033
Walton-le-Dale Primary	444	With Grove Crescent	01772 335065

Secondary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Lostock Hall Academy	571	Todd Lane North	01772 336293
Brownedge St Marys	713	Station Road	01772 339813
Walton-le-Dale High	765	Brindle Road	01772 335726

Churches	Address	Telephone
St James Church	Moss Lane, Lostock Hall	01772 315404
Our Lady & St Gerard's Church	Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall	01772 335387
New Day Church	Ward Street, Lostock Hall	01772 461454
Lostock Hall Methodist	Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall	01772 626350
St Aiden's Church	Longworth Street, Bamber Bridge	01772 335310
Valley Church	Fourfields, Bamber Bridge	01772 696717
St Saviours Church	Church Road, Bamber Bridge	01772 335374
Bamber Bridge Pentecostal	Chorley Road, Bamber Bridge	01772 379363
St Marys RC Church	Brownedge Lane, Bamber Bridge	01772 335168
St Benedict's Monastery	Brownedge Lane, Bamber Bridge	01772 902220

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# Area Profile

## Eastern Parishes Community Hub



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# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Eastern Parishes

The Eastern Parishes benefit from strong community involvement from schools, churches and community groups as well as Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council, which has assets including Samlesbury Hall. A number of small organisations such as the Gregson Green Group engage the local community in various activities.



Activities for young people which will be detailed in this profile include Scouts Groups and Brownies. There are also football and cricket clubs which run activities for both young people and adults, including Gregson Lane Football Club and Walton-le-Dale Cricket Club.

There are six churches in the Eastern Parishes; Trinity Methodist, St Leonard's, Our Lady & St Patrick's, All Saints, St Leonard the Less, and St Mary & St John. The churches have strong links with all the schools across Eastern Parishes, including five primary schools. These churches often run community activities and would likely be engaged in any projects aimed at improving their communities. They also have strong links with the five primary schools in the area.

The Eastern Parishes area has a population of 8,465 (as of 2019) and is split into two wards; Coupe Green & Gregson Lane (population 4,272), and Samlesbury & Walton (4,194).

Ward	Population
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	4,271
Samlesbury & Walton	4,194
<b>Eastern Parishes</b>	<b>8,465</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 sq. miles) & is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England & Wales average while the overall population of the borough has grown steadily since its inception in 1974. The 2019 mid-year estimates compiled by Lancashire County Council show the total population for the authority as being 110,788.

# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Demographics

January 2021

	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Eastern Parishes	17.9	59.3	22.8	51.4	48.6	4.1
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	18	55.3	26.7	51.2	48.8	2.8
Samlesbury & Walton	17.8	63.3	18.9	51.5	48.5	5.6

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of the Eastern Parishes, split into the two different wards. Eastern Parishes has a **higher than average population of people aged 66+**, with a **below average number of 0-17s**.

The area has a **small percentage of people who are Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME)** compared with national statistics, though there is a higher number of people from BAME communities in Samlesbury & Walton (5.6%) compared with Coupe Green & Gregson Lane (2.8%).



### Area of Opportunity

Ensure that the age profile of the area does not lead to inequality in access to services, e.g. digital exclusion. Work with council services and key partners to ensure that inclusion is a priority.

Experience of working in this area has previously highlighted limited public transport options potentially leading to isolation. Arrangements with partners such as Preston Community Transport could help to alleviate this

# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Crime and Emergency Services

January 2021

Eastern Parishes Ward	Risk of being a victim of crime (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	10 - 96.54%
Samlesbury & Walton	6 - 54.48%

*NB: The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k
North West average	60.3	357.3	9.6	24
Eastern Parishes	48	459.2	10.3	17.2
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	23.7	192.3	7.7	14.7
Samlesbury & Walton	72.3	726	13	19.7

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.

Eastern Parishes has a **large disparity between the crime rate & emergency services call out by ward**. Samlesbury & Walton has a high crime rate compared with the national average, and also a higher number of calls to both the police & fire service.

### Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

There are some issues with anti-social behavior in Eastern Parishes & so **consideration should perhaps be given to diversionary activities**, examples of which are already in place. The Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities. The Project Manager reports a low level of cases in this area, however this is a service worth being aware of.

The Eastern Parishes area also has **other community initiatives which could serve the function of 'diverting' young people from crime and anti-social behavior**.

There is a Scout Group in neighbouring Walton-le-Dale, as well as two Brownie & Guides Groups.

Eastern Parishes also has **three dedicated neighborhood police officers**; these are PC Bamber, PCSO Smith and PCSO Rowland.

It is also worth noting that **Samlesbury has a Parish Council** with its own Councillors, some of whom are shared with South Ribble.



#### Area of Opportunity

Utilizing & supporting community assets to create diversionary activities for young people, & creating new opportunities for people to reduce ASB & crime.



# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Early Years and Educational

January 2021

The below graphic demonstrates **Eastern Parishes performs well when compared nationally and to other areas in the North West** when it comes to early years and education. Indeed, all of the figures shown below are better than average. However, this does not mean there is no work to be done. Samlesbury & Walton is behind Coupe Green & Gregson Lane in all categories, so work to redress the balance could be useful.

Key:	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation	Excess weight at reception	NEET young people	GCSE average attainment	
<b>Green =</b> Better than average	UK average	11.5	22.5	46.8		
	North West average	61	5.4	45.5		
<b>Red =</b> Worse than average	Eastern Parishes	7.7	71.7	17	1.1	49.1
	Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	6.3	74.5	17.2	1	51.3
	Samlesbury & Walton	9.1	68.8	16.8	1.2	46.8

The table to the right indicates the **Income Deprivation affecting children index**. The initial number indicates which tier nationally each area is in. For example, the index score for Samlesbury & Walton is 7, meaning it is in the top 70% most deprived areas nationally. This table highlights a **small disparity between the two wards in terms of deprivation**, though neither ward has significant issues in this area. However, although the numbers are favourable, this does not indicate that there is no deprivation in these areas. Deprivation is linked to both nutrition and educational attainment.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Income Deprivation affecting children index (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	9 - 89.34%
Samlesbury & Walton	7 - 64.9%



**NB:** The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.

### Area of Opportunity

Utilizing a variety of data sources to ensure hidden issues of deprivation or vulnerability are identified.

Support local schools & community groups to enrich the lives of local children, offer aspiration & improve their future prospects.



# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Employment and Inclusion

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Eastern Parishes Ward	Deprivation due to low income (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	9 - 80.67%
Samlesbury & Walton	6 - 58.44%

NB: The above & below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Employment working age population excluded from labour market (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	8 - 70.3%
Samlesbury & Walton	5 - 43.91%

### Areas of Opportunity

Working with local businesses to encourage them to become living wage employers could reduce deprivation in our communities.

Empowering people with relevant digital & employability skills will improve lives & benefit the local economy.

Local job clubs could benefit local individuals, local businesses, & support the local economy.



	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Eastern Parishes	1.92
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	1.02
Samlesbury & Walton	2.72

Key: **Green** = Better than average. **Red** = Worse than average.

As indicated by the above graphic, it is **positive that employment rates are so good in Eastern Parishes** compared with national averages. However, more work can always be done to further improve employability in the area.

**While there are organisations working in neighbouring wards to support people into education, training and employment, there are currently no such programmes operating in Eastern Parishes.** The Christians Against Poverty Job Club could be engaged for a small monthly fee. More work around engaging young people in these schemes would be beneficial, as well as exploring any gaps in provision. Similarly, it will be important to work with local schools to understand where there are gaps in provision and to begin to support more young people to thrive in education and beyond.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Eastern Parishes is available with regard to digital inclusion, however across the North West **10.8% of the adult population are 'internet non-users'**. For young people, this is a disadvantage in their education. Nationally, 68% of young people without access to the internet state that this dis-enables them to do their school work, setting them behind their classmates.

Lack of internet access can also prevent people from attaining employment and, on average, acquiring digital skills will increase an individual's income by between 3-10%.

# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Eastern Parishes has a higher proportion of older people than average. As outlined by the graphic to the right, **two of the most prominent issues for older people in our communities are social isolation & heating poverty**. Although it is worth noting that living alone does not necessarily equal social isolation, it is an indicator and may require further exploration. There are also **concerning figures with regard to houses without central heating**.

There are **local services which aim to tackle some of these issues**. Age UK and Age Concern Central Lancashire provide services for older people to reduce social isolation, while Citizens Advice employ energy advisors to provide support with energy efficiency, vouchers for pre-payment meters and grant eligibility for boiler replacements / upgrades.

**Being digitally active can help to tackle social isolation**, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **It can also help people get better prices on utilities** & therefore assist in reducing fuel poverty. A customer saves an average of 13% per online transaction, as opposed to traditional methods of acquiring goods and services.

Digital exclusion is linked to individuals' economic situations, with digitally excluded people being more likely to reside in social housing. Housing Associations, such as Progress Housing, do implement their own projects to try and digitally empower their residents.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Eastern Parishes	29.3	3.1
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	27.2	2
Samlesbury & Walton	31.4	4.3

Key: **Green** = Better than North West average. **Red** = Worse than North West average.

### Areas of Opportunity

Participation in community groups and activities can reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing. There is scope to publicise existing groups and incubate new start-ups, e.g. Eastern Parishes In Bloom Committee.

An enhanced relationship with Samlesbury Parish Council could offer insight into households with inappropriate heating & identify needs.

Empowering older people with new digital skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, and means that they can contribute to the local community.



# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Health and Social Issues

January 2021

The graphic below indicates some of the health issues facing Eastern Parishes. **Life expectancy is higher than the national average.** Likewise, Eastern Parishes performs **better than average in statistics relating to obesity in the young and hospital stays related to alcohol or self-harm.**

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Eastern Parishes	82.65	89.8	80.2	15.2
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	83.3	91.2	86.7	16.1
Samlesbury & Walton	82	88.4	73.5	14.2

Key: **Green** = Better than UK average.  
**Red** = Worse than UK average.

Despite the encouraging figures above, issues such as alcohol use and mental health do require constant observation, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Currently, **there is no specialist support in the area to tackle alcohol misuse** and there are **no peer support groups** such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), or any recovery projects. Instead, people are forced to travel into Preston to access treatment and/ or support. This may be because Eastern Parishes is viewed as an area that does not have these issues. Support is therefore limited to those who can afford to travel and are able to do so.



### Area of Opportunity

Mental health is an area where the need for support is often hidden; there is scope to ensure key messages around support services are relayed via newsletters, social media and webpages.

Work on access to services is being undertaken as part of health inequalities mapping; we anticipate Eastern Parishes provision will be low compared to more populated areas. There may be scope to work with partners on community solutions to improving access.

### Food banks and health

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated a pre-existing issue with regard to poverty, and communities have stepped in to provide help with food banks etc. It could be useful to consider how these programmes can better incorporate fresh food to improve the health of our communities.

# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Living Environment

January 2021

South Ribble has previously been recognized as the best place to live in the UK and Eastern Parishes is no exception, being a really popular place for people to live, work and have a family. However, **figures from Lancashire County Council recorded in 2019 demonstrate there are some issues with regard to the quality of the living environment** for the residents of Eastern Parishes.

Eastern Parishes Ward	Quality of Living Environment (2019)
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	5 - 48.66%
Samlesbury & Walton	1 - 8.21%

*NB: The above and below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number & percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*

Eastern Parishes Ward	Premature death or impairment on quality of life
Coupe Green & Gregson Lane	5 - 46.21%
Samlesbury & Walton	4 - 35.43%



### Air quality

Quality of Living Environment covers a broad range of factors, but **particularly pertinent across South Ribble at the moment is the measuring of air quality.**

Victoria Road is currently under the Council's Air Quality Management, and air quality as a whole is an issue in Eastern Parishes.

As illustrated in the graphics to the left, the **Samlesbury & Walton ward scores very poorly for Quality of Living Environment.** Indeed, it is ranked in the top 10% worst areas nationally for this category. This could well be due to the fact that it is the location of the BAE Systems site.

## Greener Projects

**Planting Trees**

**Using local resources**

**Reducing cars 'idling' outside schools and at busy junctions**

**Reduction in usage of Single Use Plastics**

**Water fountain installation to encourage reusing bottles**

### Area of Opportunity

Working to improve the natural environment in our communities, including addressing air quality is part of our duty to combat climate change. Encouraging residents to increase awareness of the consequences of poor air quality is key to securing buy-in and making positive changes.



# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Communities & Community Engagement

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Successful Community Development depends upon engaging the public in the projects which have been designed to support the community.

Community Development relies heavily upon people being together, and

**COVID-19 has presented an obvious barrier to this.** However, it has also served to demonstrate new ways of engagement; **using online platforms to encourage and enable people to become involved.**

It is important to use a blend of methods of community engagement in order to reach all groups within communities. Social media will work for some, while newsletters and snail mail may work for others. However, **face-to-face meetings or 'drop-in sessions' cannot be beaten in terms of community engagement.**



### Area of Opportunity

Successfully engaging the public leads to projects which get to the heart of individual communities. Member / Officer drop-in sessions can help the public feel that the council is accessible to the community.

### Existing groups in Eastern Parishes which demonstrate Community Engagement include:

- ◆ All Saints Church
- ◆ Gregson Green Group
- ◆ Higher Walton & Gregson Lane Women's Institute
- ◆ Samlesbury & Cuerdale Parish Council
- ◆ Samlesbury Civic Society



# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

## Community Contacts

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Club	Address	Telephone
Gregson Lane Junior Football Club	Gregson Lane Recreation Ground, Gregson Lane	07920 077 761
Gregson Lane Cricket Club	Gregson Lane Recreation Ground, Gregson Lane	07546 438 561
Walton-le-Dale Cricket Club	Higher Walton Road, Walton-le-Dale	01772 379779
Bowen Archery Club	Nabs Head Lane	
Higher Walton Bowling Club	George V Recreation Ground, Higher Walton Road	01772 421360
Walton-le-Dale Bowling Club	WLD Recreation Ground, Higher Walton Road	
Samlesbury Area Civic Society	Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, Cuerdale Lane	07962 121 678
Higher Walton WI		lizalewis@sky.com
Gregson Lane WI	Gregson Lane Community Centre, Gregson Lane	Gregsonlanewi@gmail.com
Gregson Green Group	Gregson Lane Community Centre, Gregson Lane	01254 852998

Primary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Coupe Green Primary School	144	Coupe Green, Hoghton	01254 853518
Higher Walton Primary School	120	Rosewood Avenue, Higher Walton	01772 335945
St Patrick's RC Primary School	195	Higher Walton Road	01772 555436
Samlesbury Primary	64	Potter Lane, Samlesbury	01772 877200
Brindle Gregson Lane	185	Bournes Row, Gregson	01254 852381

Church	Address	Telephone
All Saints Church	Blackburn Road, Higher Walton	01772 335138
Trinity Methodist Church	Gregson Lane, Hoghton	01772 330907
St Leonards Church	16 Church Brow, Walton-le-Dale	01772 879264
Our Lady and St Patrick Church	121 Higher Walton Road	01772 253709
St Leonard the Less Church	Potter Lane, Samlesbury	07979 496499
St Mary and St John Church	Preston New Road, Samlesbury	01772 877241

# Eastern Parishes Community Hub

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# Area Profile

## Leyland and Farington Community Hub



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## Area Profile

January 2021

### About this document

This Area Profile is designed to be a 'living' document which will be updated when new information is received. It is intended to **provide insights into Leyland & Farington** which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The document explores some of the existing community assets in the area and seeks to **outline 'Areas of Opportunity'** for development.

Also within this profile you will find **statistical data** relating to the following areas:

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<b>Crime and Emergency Services</b>	<b>p5</b>
<b>Early Years and Educational Attainment</b>	<b>p6</b>
<b>Employment and Inclusion</b>	<b>p7</b>
<b>Older People, Isolation and Fuel Poverty</b>	<b>p8</b>
<b>Health and Social Issues</b>	<b>p9</b>
<b>Living Environment (inc. Air Quality)</b>	<b>p10</b>

It is acknowledged that **statistics and data do not tell the whole story of a community**, and it is for this reason that Members' detailed knowledge of their wards should also be factored into the overall decision-making process. **However, it is hoped that this profile goes some way to highlighting some of the issues faced locally**, and that armed with this information the Council will be even better placed to develop projects which will add real value to our communities.

**Towards the end of this Area Profile (p12) you will also find contact information for many of the various institutions and organisations in Leyland & Farington, including schools, churches, sports clubs, health facilities and foodbanks.**



# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Leyland & Farington

Leyland & Farington is the largest populated area in the South Ribble borough with 40,386 residents. The area is split into nine wards represented by 17 Members (there is also one vacant council seat). Leyland & Farington can be recognised as having a high community involvement with residents, hosting events attended by thousands of individuals each year. Popular events include the Christmas Festival, the Summer Festival, the Taste of Leyland, the Older People's Spring Social, and Leyland in Bloom. Many residents are also involved in community development projects.

The Council has a community centre at Moss Side, as well as Progress owned centres on Broadfield (The Base) & Wade Hall (The Place). Leyland & Farington is also home to 16 places of worship including an Islamic Centre as well as various denominations of the Christian faith. There are nine GP surgeries and a late night pharmacy.

Leyland & Farington has plenty to offer in the way of sporting and outdoor events thanks to the presence of Leyland Tennis Club, a Family Martial Arts Centre, Jump UK, Leyland Sports Association, Leyland Cricket Club, Active Lancashire, Leyland BTR FC (for under 11s, u13s, and u14s), and the Withnell Angling Club. The Giant Veggie Patch at Broadfield Community Gardens has also proven a success. Residents contribute through various groups including 'Friends of' associations for Leyland Train Station, Strawberry Valley Park, Farington Park, Shruggs Wood, Paradise Park, Farington Lodges, Hall Lane and Worden Park.

Through the COVID-19 pandemic, the borough has been working to become more self-sustainable with initiatives such as the Pop-up Post Office at Moss Community Centre, the Christians Against Poverty Debt advice service at Leyland Methodist Church and the creation of the food shop at the Base Community Centre in Broadfield. There are also three existing foodbanks. The South Ribble Together Community Hub, working together in partnership with the NHS and Citizen's Advice, has been formed to cater for the sudden needs brought upon by the pandemic for those people shielding or self-isolating.



Ward	Population
Broadfield	5,306
Buckshaw & Worden	4,601
Earnshaw Bridge	4,940
Farington East	3,245
Farington West	4,364
Leyland Central	5,043
Moss Side	3,959
St Ambrose	4,648
Seven Stars	4,280
<b>Leyland &amp; Farington</b>	<b>40,386</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

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# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Demographics

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	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Leyland	21.5	60.7	17.8	51.4	48.6	4.2
Broadfield	23.4	62.5	14.1	50.7	49.3	4.6
Buckshaw & Worden	22.1	57.8	20.1	50.8	49.2	4.0
Earnshaw Bridge	18.5	60.8	20.7	50.7	49.3	3.1
Farington East	18.4	59.4	22.2	52.3	47.7	4.0
Farington West	20.5	62.0	17.5	52.4	47.6	3.6
Leyland Central	23.7	60.8	15.5	51.4	48.6	5.2
Moss Side	21.3	61.8	16.9	50.5	49.5	3.0
Seven Stars	24.3	57.4	18.3	52.3	47.7	5.0
St Ambrose	19.9	63.3	16.8	51.5	48.5	5.3

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of Leyland & Farington, split into its nine wards.

The area has a **very slightly higher than average population of 0-17 year olds**, with people in this age bracket particularly prevalent in Seven Stars, Broadfield, Buckshaw & Worden, and Leyland Central. **The population of people aged 66+ in the area is just above the UK average**, with a higher prevalence of older people in Farington East, Earnshaw Bridge, Buckshaw & Worden, and Seven Stars. The area is slightly above the North West and UK average for the population of females and slightly below average for males.

**Just 4.2% of Leyland & Farington's residents are from BAME communities** although St Ambrose, Leyland Central, Seven Stars and Broadfield have a higher proportion of BAME residents than other wards in the area.



### Area of opportunity

When COVID restrictions are lifted, there is scope to work with other Council teams & partners to create a programme of activities for children & young people. Developing a sense of ownership & pride in the area at a younger age can reduce issues such as youth nuisance & anti-social behaviour.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Crime and Emergency Services

January 2021

As illustrated by the graphic, the overall crime rate for **Leyland & Farington** is significantly below the regional average.

By contrast, however, the **Leyland Central and Seven Stars** wards have a crime rate higher than the regional average.

Leyland & Farington falls below the regional average as it pertains to the number of calls to the emergency services, although again the **Leyland Central ward has a higher volume of calls to the police and fire service as well as a higher number of ambulance call-outs**. Seven Stars also records an above average number of calls to the police while Farington West has an above average number of calls to the fire service.

Leyland & Farington benefits from a **team of neighbourhood officers**: PCSO Jenny Fairhurst, PC Debbie Thompson, PC Paul Connell and PC David Gaskill. The Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities.

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
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Leyland & Farington	49.9	287.8	7.8	17.7
Broadfield	53.0	307.7	7.0	16.3
Buckshaw & Worden	23.5	191.0	6.0	9.0
Earnshaw Ridge	50.5	285.5	6.0	21.5
Farington East	40.5	275.0	9.0	15.5
Farington West	28.0	179.5	10.5	14.0
Leyland Central	79.3	441.0	15.3	29.7
Moss Side	35.7	163.0	5.0	13.3
Seven Stars	64.0	364.0	7.0	21.3
St Ambrose	55.3	309.0	4.0	15.3

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.



### Areas of Opportunity

Building on existing community assets such as the Wade Hall Community Centre, located in the Seven Stars ward where there is a higher rate of crime and a higher volume of calls to the police is being recorded.

Further research in to the nature of calls being made could determine a wider issue, e.g. fear of crime or an ASB hotspot.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Early Years and Educational Attainment

January 2021

As illustrated below, Leyland & Farington has a **slightly below average birth rate** though the rate is higher than the UK average in Broadfield and St Ambrose.

These two wards, along with Seven Stars, have a **lower number of children achieving expected results at Key Stage 2** while Earnshaw Bridge and Leyland Central are also both fractionally under the regional average for this statistic.

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average

	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation %	Excess weight at reception %	NEET young people %	GCSE average attainment
UK average	11.5		22.5		46.8
North West average		61		5.4	45.5
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Broadfield	11.7	56.9	21.7	4.7	39.8
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Farington East	9.6	68.8	20.4	13.8	42.6
Farington West	10.1	70.3	20.4	2.0	54.2
Leyland Central	10.7	60.7	21.7	4.9	48.7
Moss Side	9.6	63.3	26.3	2.2	50.8
Seven Stars	8.6	51.5	25.8	5.7	37.5
St Ambrose	12.5	58.5	21.7	5.7	47.3

Leyland & Farington is **just above the UK average for excess weight in children at reception class age** with the problem particularly prevalent in Earnshaw Bridge, Moss Side and Seven Stars.

Leyland & Farington performs **above the North West average for GCSE attainment** and just fractionally below the UK average, though the **Broadfield, Farington East and Seven Stars wards fall significantly below average.** The



proportion of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) is generally lower than the regional average, however several wards are performing worse than average - most notably Farington East.

### Area of Opportunity

Deprivation is linked to nutrition and educational attainment and Seven Stars has the highest prevalence of deprivation in the area. It may be helpful to boost awareness of nutrition in order to improve it and, in turn, improve educational attainment in the ward.

Potential to work in partnership with Wade Hall Community Association, which already works with many families struggling to provide nutritional meals for their children. A healthy eating campaign could be explored in partnership with other local services.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Employment and Inclusion

January 2021

Leyland & Farington **suffers less from long-term unemployment than the UK and North West averages, though the Seven Stars ward is a notable exception** with the rate of long-term employment **more than double than the average for the area**, suggesting further exploration of this issue is necessary.

The community has experienced a **large growth in industry and farming and also in population in recent years** as better job creation has attracted employees from all areas of the UK. The area is easily accessible with Leyland Railway Station nearby and a regular bus service operating in the locality.

Many of the area's old factories have been replaced by modern retail developments. Farington Business Park is the main industrial and commercial centre in Leyland and a key driver for economic growth and job creation. One of the biggest employers on the park is Leyland Motors, which employs thousands of people in a variety of professions from electricians and engineers to accountants and sales professionals.

Jobs at Farington Business Park are mainly centred around the industrial and manufacturing sectors but the thriving community surrounding the park also calls for a wide range of personnel.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Leyland & Farington is available with regard to digital inclusion, however across the North West **10.8% of the adult population are 'internet non-users'** .

For young people, this is a disadvantage in their education. Nationally, 68% of young people without access to the internet state that this dis-enables them to do their school work, setting them behind their classmates. Lack of internet access can also prevent people from attaining employment and, on average, acquiring digital skills will increase an individual's income by between 3-10%.

Key:

Green =

Better than average.

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Worse than average.

	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Leyland & Farington	2.30
Broadfield	1.73
Buckshaw & Worden	1.18
Earnshaw Bridge	1.82
Farington East	2.55
Farington West	No Data
Leyland Central	0.92
Moss Side	3.27
Seven Stars	5.25
St Ambrose	1.69



### Area of Opportunity

Further analysis could be undertaken with colleagues at DWP to understand issues surrounding long-term unemployment figures for Seven Stars , Moss Side and Farington East.

Leyland Job Centre runs a Progress Futures project which hosts weekly sessions at which residents can get help creating a CV and writing job applications, as well as obtaining support with interviews and getting advice on job searching skills and improving employment prospects.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Leyland & Farington is pretty much **on par with the UK average in terms of pensioners living alone** although St Ambrose, Seven Stars, Broadfield, and Leyland Central have a higher percentage of such individuals living in their wards.

The area is **ever so slightly above the UK average for those without central heating but below the regional average** - indicating that, while the area is doing well in this regard, there are still improvements to be made.

There are a range of services in the area seeking to support older people suffering from social isolation such as Age Concern, Age UK, Dementia Friends, Wade Hall Community Association, and The Base Community Centre. These services seek to reduce social isolation for older people through social activities such as knitting, coffee mornings and gardening.

There are plans moving forward to **support older people to become more digitally skilled**. With the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, there is more need than ever for older people to be using the internet for connecting with family and friends, ordering shopping and getting their prescriptions delivered to their home.

### Areas of Opportunity

Community groups and activities can reduce social isolation and improve local health. Empowering older people with skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, and means that they can contribute to the local economy in paid employment or volunteering.

Continuing to seek out and support those who don't have central heating or adequate heating resources in their homes.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Leyland & Farington	30.2%	2.9%
Broadfield	33.9%	4.2%
Buckshaw & Worden	25.6%	1.3%
Earnshaw Bridge	24.7%	2.8%
Farington East	28.0%	3.9%
Farington West	28.5%	2.3%
Leyland Central	33.1%	3.5%
Moss Side	28.1%	1.2%
Seven Stars	34.8%	2.3%
St Ambrose	37.7%	4.4%

Key: **Green** = Better than North West average.

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The South Ribble Together Hub has created a Winter Warmth leaflet which has been distributed to older residents and those who are clinically extremely vulnerable across South Ribble. There is a 'one front door' approach facilitated by Citizens Advice through which residents can benefit from a range of onward services including Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHIL) which helps residents have central heating installed or repaired.

Other services include grants for central heating and energy costs while more immediate support available includes the delivery of prescriptions or food parcels.

Grants have also been approved across three services in the Leyland area where deprivation is most prevalent. This was to acknowledge the contact some services have with individuals who aren't necessarily reached directly through the South Ribble Together Hub. With the help of this funding, Winter Warmth packs containing blankets, socks, gloves, and hot water bottles have been delivered.



# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Health and Social Issues

January 2021

**Life Expectancy in Leyland & Farington is just below the UK average** of 80.5 years.

Residents of Buckshaw & Worden (86.3) and St Ambrose (82.4) enjoy a higher Life Expectancy while some wards fall significantly below the average - including Seven Stars (75.9), Broadfield (76.3) and Earnshaw Bridge (77.3).

These **three wards also have a higher than average number of hospital admissions related to alcohol or self-harm.**

While the number of alcohol-related hospital admissions across the whole of Leyland & Farington is above the national average, the figure for admissions relating to self-harm is generally significantly lower than the national average aside from the aforementioned three wards.

Currently, **there is no specialist support in the area to tackle alcohol misuse** and there are **no peer support groups** such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), or any recovery projects. Instead, people are forced to travel into Preston to access treatment and/or support. This may be because Leyland & Farington is viewed as an area that does not have these issues. Support is therefore limited to those who can afford to travel and are able to do so.

Leyland & Farington is also **below the UK average when it comes to obesity in Year 6** children, although there is again some variation between wards - with Seven Stars, Moss Side, and Earnshaw Bridge all having room for improvement. It is worth noting that the wards with higher rates of obesity at Year 6 also experience higher levels of obesity in reception-aged children, indicating that these children may be carrying excess weight throughout their time at primary school.

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Leyland & Farington	79.58	105.2	92.8	18.4
Broadfield	76.3	119.9	107.4	20.1
Buckshaw & Worden	86.3	85.3	82.0	13.2
Earnshaw Bridge	77.3	122.4	126.3	23.0
Farington East	79.9	91.8	54.7	14.4
Farington West	79.4	90.3	51.7	14.1
Leyland Central	79.1	103.0	91.2	16.7
Moss Side	79.6	90.0	79.7	22.0
Seven Stars	75.9	133.7	142.7	23.8
St Ambrose	82.4	102.2	83.3	18.1

Key: **Green** = Better than UK average. **Red** = Worse than UK average.

### Area of Opportunity

There is evidence of strong links between alcohol or self-harm related hospital admissions & mental health & wellbeing. With this in mind, there appears to be a higher need for mental health support in the Broadfield, Earnshaw Bridge & Seven Stars wards.

Work to produce a directory of mental health support services is being undertaken as part of a corporate project; when released, these higher need areas can be targeted.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Living Environment

January 2021

### Broadfield Community Garden - Giant Veggie Patch

The Giant Veggie Patch is a vibrant community space, open to all. It aims to bring people together in a local green space through growing food, hosting workshops and being a hub of environmental education. It is also soon to include a secluded and peaceful sensory garden.

A new 'friends' group is being established in Spring / Summer 2021



### Farington Lodges

Farington Lodges is a public open space located south of Lostock Hall. Formed through the construction of the railway, the site consists of three fishing lakes. An urban fringe site, Farington Lodges is a popular site used by anglers, dog walkers and families. Farington Lodges Angling Association lease and maintain the site. The lakes are stocked with mixed coarse fish and both memberships and day permits are available from Lostock Tackle Box, 26 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall, PR5 5RD.

### Shruggs Wood

This newly renovated area makes for a lovely stroll and is a perfect environment for natural wildlife to grow in line with the objectives of the Green Links strategy. There is a large pond with some nice fish such as carp, crucian carp, roach and skimmer bream.



### Paradise Park

Paradise Park covers some 20 acres split into woodland areas & fields. It forms a green corridor between Longmeanygate & Paradise Lane in the Moss Side area.

An active 'friends' group enhances the park, with several successful funding bids made to carry out improvements for visitors.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Communities and Community Engagement

January 2021



### Wade Hall Community Association – 01772 465006

**Activities:** Wade Hall Community Association in Seven Stars provides social, health and education sessions to improve the prospects and the wellbeing of the local community. It operates a youth club, dance group, study group, coffee mornings and groups for the elderly. These services are provided by volunteers. The association aims to provide services for a large range of residents, from mothers and toddlers up to the elderly. Situated in an area of high deprivation on an estate that has a high number of low-income families as well as and drug and alcohol abuse problems, WHCA provides services that help keep young people off the streets and avoid isolation of the elderly.

### The Base Community Centre – 01772 426005

**Activities:** Christians Against Poverty operates a debt advice service. There are also groups for men, women and youths as well as a Community Café, Breakfast Club and Community Food Shop for Broadfield residents.



### Moss Side Community Centre

**Activities:** The centre offers a nursery and playgroup service and is the home to the local Scouts Group. There is also a drama group and folk dance group. An Outreach Post Office Service has been meeting the needs of the community during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Leyland & Farington benefit from a large number of community groups & charities, in addition to the examples listed above. There are active church groups, including an ecumenical 'Churches Together' organisation, & the Leyland Town Team made up of local businesses who are instrumental in hosting popular events.

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Community Contacts

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Leyland Tennis Club	Fox Ln	01772 433975
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Jump UK	Centurion Court	07949 457772
Leyland BTR FC	Royal Ave	01772 421909
Withnell Angling Fishing Club	Farington & Leyland	07570 794011
Leyland Sports Association	Thurston Road	01772 804905
Leyland Cricket Club	Fox Ln	07855 900872

Primary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Farington Primary	200	Rose Street	01772 421977
St. Paul's C of E Primary	211	Croston Road	01772 336166
Lever House Primary	282	Bristol Avenue	01772 424268
Leyland Methodist Infant School	159	Canberra Road	01772 431914
Leyland Methodist Junior School	242	Canberra Road	01772 423694
Leyland St James Primary	229	Slater Lane	01772 422572
Leyland St Marys Primary	281	Haig Avenue	01772 422431
Moss Side Primary	253	Paradise	01772 432048
Northbrook Primary	195	Bannister Drive	01772 421599
Seven Stars Primary	225	Peacock Hall Road	01772 422503
St Anne's Primary	185	Slater Lane	01772 422769
St Catherine's RC Primary	224	Moss Lane	01772 423767
Woodlea Junior School	242	Woodlea Road	01772 421992
St Andrews Primary	181	Woodlea Road	01772 423339
Golden Hill Pupil Referral Unit	22	Earnshaw Drive	01772 904780

Secondary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Wellfield High	315	Yewlands Drive	01772 421303
St Mary's High	642	Royal Avenue	01772 421909
Worden High	511	Westfield Drive	01772 421021
Balshaw's High	919	Church Road	01772 421009

Colleges	Address	Telephone
Runshaw College	Langdale Road	01772 622677

# Leyland and Farington Community Hub

## Community Contacts

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St Ambrose Church	Leyland	01772 623426
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness's	Leyland	01772 453121
St John's Church	Leyland	01772 621646
Leyland Pentecostal Fellowship	Leyland	01772 456999
St Andrews Church	Leyland	01772 622964
Orthodox Christian Community of Holy Apostles	Leyland	07738 870750
Leyland Methodist Church	Leyland	01772 422613
Leyland Baptist Church	Leyland	01772 623603
Leyland United Reformed Church	Leyland	01772 458003
St James Episcopal Church	Leyland	01772 421034
Midge Hall Methodist Church	Leyland	01772 721825
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# Area Profile

## Penwortham Community Hub

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## Area Profile

January 2021

### About this document

This Area Profile is designed to be a 'living' document which will be updated when new information is received. It is intended to **provide insights into Penwortham** which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The document explores some of the existing community assets in these areas and seeks to **outline 'Areas of Opportunity'** for development.

Also within this profile you will find **statistical data** relating to the following areas:

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It is acknowledged that **statistics and data do not tell the whole story of a community**, and it is for this reason that Members' detailed knowledge of their wards should also be factored into the overall decision-making process. **However, it is hoped that this profile goes some way to highlighting some of the issues faced locally**, and that armed with this information the Council will be even better placed to develop projects which will add real value to our communities.

**Towards the end of this Area Profile (p13) you will also find contact information for many of the various institutions and organisations in Penwortham, including schools, churches and sports clubs.**



# Penwortham Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Penwortham

Penwortham is a lively community with genuine involvement from schools, churches and community groups. It has an active Town Council which has two Community Centres running a range of daily activities as well as an arts venue hosting evening entertainment.

Many residents show their pride in their area by

volunteering their time as part of one of several community groups.

These include 'Friends of' associations for a number of local attractions such as Hurst Grange Park, Marshway Pond and Penwortham War Memorial; and the Penwortham Women's Institute. Volunteers also help with big local events such as firework displays, the Summer Gala and Penwortham Live.

There are a range of activities for young people in the town, which has no fewer than five Scouts Groups. There are two cricket clubs (Penwortham CC and Vernon Carus CC) and three football clubs (Penwortham St Teresa's, Penwortham Town and AFC Penwortham) which all have youth teams.

There are seven churches in the area of varying denominations; Penwortham Methodist, Kingsfold Methodist, Penwortham United Reformed, St Mary's, St Mary-Magdalen's, St Leonard's and St Teresa's. These churches often run community activities and would likely be engaged in any projects aimed at improving their communities. They also have strong links with the town's seven primary schools and three secondary schools.

The town of Penwortham has a population of 22,766 (as of 2019). It is divided into four wards: Broad Oak (population 4,072), Charnock (4,002), Howick & Priory (7,220), and Middleforth (7,472).



Ward	Population
Broad Oak	4,072
Charnock	4,002
Howick & Priory	7,220
Middleforth	7,472
<b>Penwortham</b>	<b>22,766</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>

### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 square miles) and is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England and Wales average while the overall population of the borough has grown steadily since its inception in 1974. The 2019 mid-year estimates compiled by Lancashire County Council show the total population for the authority as being 110,788.

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Ward Profiles

January 2021

### Broad Oak

Within the Broad Oak Ward sits Hurst Grange Park which offers a large play area, woodland walks and exercise equipment. The old Coach House is in the process of being restored by the Council in partnership with the 'Friends of Hurst Grange' group. Penwortham Holme Recreation Centre, situated by the River Ribble, is used for a variety of sports activities.

Two of the town's three secondary schools are also situated in Broad Oak; namely All Hallows Catholic High and Penwortham Girls' High. A large new Tesco supermarket, due to open in February 2021, is currently being built on the corner of Cop Lane on the border with Howick & Priory.

### Charnock

Penwortham Community Centre sits on the border with Middleforth and is easily accessible to people in both wards. The centre hosts daily activities and is also there to offer advice to residents. A community food bank operates out of the Community Centre each Friday.

Nearby Kingsfold Park has a playground and a grass area with a football pitch.

### Howick & Priory

Geographically the largest ward in Penwortham with a large amount of green space including conservation areas on Crow Hills Road and Church Avenue.

South Ribble Leisure Centre - on the grounds of Priory High School - offers sports, swimming, a gym and other community activities. Penwortham Youth & Community Centre is situated on Priory Lane and offers daily activities as well as a youth club. Galloways Society for the Blind is also based within this ward. Meanwhile, there are lots of new and exciting local businesses along Liverpool Road.

### Middleforth

Middleforth is where you will find Penwortham's two cricket clubs, including Vernon Carus CC which has a large amount of land for a variety of sports and activities.

There has been a lot of development within Middleforth in recent years, including new-build properties on Hill Road South. There is also a County Council Library still operating within the ward which is a fantastic community resource.

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Demographics

January 2021

	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Penwortham	19.9	59.1	21	51.3	48.7	6.5
Broad Oak	16.3	60.4	23.2	50.8	49.2	6.4
Charnock	21.3	59.6	19.1	51.6	48.4	7.4
Howick & Priory	19.7	57.1	23.2	51.5	48.5	5.8
Middleforth	21.2	60	18.8	51.3	48.7	6.7

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of Penwortham, split into the four wards.

Penwortham has a **higher than average population of people aged 66+**, with the higher proportion of older residents being in Broad Oak and Howick & Priory.

Although overall Penwortham has a **below average number of 0-17s**, Charnock and Middleforth both have a higher number of people within this age range, being about level with the national average.

Penwortham has a **small percentage of people who are Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME)** compared with national statistics, but it does have the highest proportion in the borough of South Ribble with 6.5% of the population from the BAME community.

### Area of Opportunity

Ensuring all groups of 'hard to reach' residents are considered in the future when looking at developing community links and projects.



# Penwortham Community Hub

## Crime and Emergency Services

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Penwortham Ward	Risk of being a victim of crime (2019)
Broad Oak	6 - 57.83%
Charnock	5 - 47.64%
Howick & Priory	7 - 61.45%
Middleforth	3 - 23.2%

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k
North West average	60.3	357.3	9.6	24
Penwortham	31.8	184.9	5.4	16.8
Broad Oak	33.8	149	4.3	13.3
Charnock	31	172	3	15.5
Howick & Priory	21.3	128	2.8	16.8
Middleforth	37.8	251	9.8	19.5

**NB:** The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.

The above graphics illustrate that **all parts of Penwortham have a better than average crime rate** compared to the wider North West region. **Figures relating to emergency service call-outs are also favourable.** Nevertheless, there are still certain issues in Penwortham which need to be acknowledged in this section. One aspect of the above crime statistics which requires further exploration is the number of fire service call-outs in Middleforth, which is above the regional average.

### Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

There are some issues with anti-social behavior in Penwortham (there were a total of 155 incidences in September 2020 alone) and so **consideration should perhaps be given to diversionary activities**, examples of which are already in place. The Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities. The Project Manager reports a low level of cases in Penwortham, however this is a service worth being aware of.

Penwortham also has **other community initiatives which could serve the function of diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behavior.** The town has five Scouts Groups and there are youth groups operating out of Priory Lane Community Centre and Penwortham Community Centre. There is also a boxing club based at Vernon Carus Cricket Club which aims to give young people a sense of identity and purpose away from criminal gangs, drugs and anti-social behavior. Penwortham also has **two dedicated neighborhood police officers;** PC Nihill and PCSO Denham.

It is also worth noting that **Penwortham has a Town Council** with its own Councillors, some of whom are shared with South Ribble, and they are involved in the youth groups highlighted above.

#### Area of Opportunity

Utilising and supporting Penwortham Community Assets to create diversionary activities for young people, and creating new opportunities for people to reduce ASB and crime.



# Penwortham Community Hub

## Early Years and Educational Attainment

January 2021

**Penwortham has three high schools:** All Hallows, Penwortham Girls and Priory; **and seven primary schools:** Penwortham County Primary, Whitefield, Middleforth, Kingsfold, St Teresa's, Broad Oak and St Mary Magdalen's. **The birth rate in the town is lower than the UK average at just 8.2%.**

	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation	Excess weight at reception	NEET young people	GCSE average attainment
<b>UK average</b>	11.5		22.5		46.8
<b>North West average</b>		61		5.4	45.5
<b>Penwortham</b>	8.2	67.3	22.2	2.5	51.5
<b>Broad Oak</b>	6.9	73.9	21.7	1.1	58.4
<b>Charnock</b>	9.5	68.6	23.8	1.3	44.8
<b>Howick &amp; Priory</b>	6.8	74	19.9	1.3	56.9
<b>Middleforth</b>	9.6	57.9	23.6	4.7	47.2

**Key:**  
**Green =** Better than average  
**Red =** Worse than average

The above graphic demonstrates **Penwortham performs well when compared nationally and to other areas in the North West** when it comes to early years and education. However, even where figures are better than average, this does not mean there is no work to be done. For instance, the number of young people in Middleforth who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) is arguably higher than most would like.

The table to the right indicates the **Income Deprivation affecting children index**. The initial number indicates which tier nationally each area is in. For example, the index score for Middleforth is 3, meaning it is in the top 30% most deprived areas nationally. This table highlights the **disparity between Penwortham's four wards in terms of deprivation**. This is the beginnings of an explanation for the red boxes in the above graphic. Deprivation is linked to both nutrition and educational attainment. Poor nutrition is also linked to lower educational attainment.

Penwortham Ward	Income Deprivation affecting children index (2019)
Broad Oak	9 - 88.4%
Charnock	7 - 62.39%
Howick & Priory	10 - 93.3%
Middleforth	3 - 27.67%

*NB: The above graphic is measured on national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*



### Area of Opportunity

Work with LCC, schools and partner agencies to pinpoint issues; develop joined up approaches to support provision in narrowing the gap and improving life chances.

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Employment and Inclusion

January 2021

Penwortham Ward	Deprivation due to low income (2019)
Broad Oak	9 - 87.63%
Charnock	6 - 52.83%
Howick & Priory	10 - 95.11%
Middleforth	3 - 25.97%

*NB: The above and below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the worse the problem is in that individual area.*

Penwortham Ward	Employment working age population excluded from labour market (2019)
Broad Oak	9 - 80.1%
Charnock	5 - 45.83%
Howick & Priory	9 - 87.39%
Middleforth	3 - 26.07%

### Areas of Opportunity

Working with local businesses to encourage them to become living wage employers could reduce deprivation in our communities.

Empowering people with digital and employability skills will improve people's lives and benefit the local economy.

Local job clubs could benefit individuals, businesses, and keep funds in the local economy.

Encouraging use of the local economy to source goods and services can boost civic pride, enhance employment opportunities and also works to reduce our carbon footprint.

Key: **Green**

= Better than average.

**Red** = Worse than average.

	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Penwortham	1.33
Broad Oak	0.17
Charnock	1.91
Howick & Priory	1.16
Middleforth	1.83

As indicated by the above graphic, it is **positive that employment rates are so good in Penwortham** compared with national averages. However, the previous page highlighted **some issues with young people not in education, training or employment.**

There are organisations working to support people into education, training and employment, such as the Christians Against Poverty Job Club which is held at the Community Centre each Thursday. More work around engaging young people in these schemes would be beneficial, as well as exploring any gaps in provision. Similarly, it will be important to work with local schools to understand where there are gaps in provision and to begin to support more young people to thrive in education and beyond.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Penwortham is available with regard to digital inclusion, however across the North West **10.8% of the adult population are 'internet non-users'**. For young people, this is a disadvantage in their education. Nationally, 68% of young people without access to the internet state that this dis-enables them to do their school work, setting them behind their classmates.

Lack of internet access can also prevent people from attaining employment and, on average, acquiring digital skills will increase an individual's income by between 3-10%.

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Penwortham has a higher proportion of older people than average. As outlined by the graphic to the right, **two of the most prominent issues for older people in our communities are social isolation and heating poverty.** Although it is worth noting that living alone does not necessarily equal social isolation, it is an indicator and may require further exploration.

There are also **concerning figures with regard to houses without central heating.** As illustrated by the graphic below, this correlates with the level of deprivation experienced by older people in each ward.

Penwortham Ward	Income Deprivation affecting older people index (2019)
Broad Oak	9
Charnock	5
Howick & Priory	10
Middleforth	3

*NB: The above graphic is measured by national percentile. The lower the index number, the worse the problem is in that individual area. e.g. the index number for Charnock is 5, which means it is in the top 50% most deprived areas nationally for this category.*

There are **local services which aim to tackle some of these issues.** Age UK and Age Concern Central Lancashire provide services for older people to reduce social isolation, while Citizens Advice do work concerning fuel poverty and can provide support and advice regarding benefit payments etc. However, Penwortham **statistics indicate that further work in this area may be needed.**

### Areas of Opportunity

Community groups and activities can reduce social isolation & improve overall health & wellbeing.

Empowering older people with digital skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, & open up volunteering / employment opportunities.

	Pensioners living alone %	Without Central Heating %
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Penwortham	31.3	3.5
Broad Oak	30.3	2.5
Charnock	30.7	3.4
Howick & Priory	29.2	1.8
Middleforth	34.8	5.8

Key: **Green** = Better than North West average.  
**Red** = Worse than North West average.



**Being digitally active can help to tackle social isolation,** especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **It can also help people get better prices on utilities** and therefore assist in reducing fuel poverty. A customer saves an average of 13% per online transaction, as opposed to traditional methods of acquiring goods and services.

Digital exclusion is linked to individuals' economic situations, with digitally excluded people being more likely to reside in social housing. Housing Associations, such as Progress Housing, do implement their own projects to try and digitally em-

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Health and Social Issues

January 2021

The graphic to the right indicates some of the health issues facing Penwortham. **Life expectancy is relatively similar to national average** with none of the figures being so low as to be too much of concern - especially as there are so many factors which could alter these statistics.

The figures with regard to obesity at Year 6 replicate some of the issues highlighted earlier in the Early Years section of this profile, and although all figures are below national average **there is a disparity between Broad Oak and Howick & Priory, and Middleforth and Charnock** which can be linked back to differing levels deprivation across the different wards.

**Two areas of concern are the number of hospital stays in relation to alcohol misuse and self-harm.** This suggests there are deeper issues within Middleforth and Charnock relating to mental health and alcohol misuse. These areas are also linked to deprivation levels.

Currently, **there is no specialist support in the area to tackle alcohol misuse** and there are **no peer support groups** such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), or any recovery projects. Instead, people are forced to travel into Preston to access treatment and/or support. This may be because Penwortham is viewed as an area that does not have these issues. Support is therefore limited to those who can afford to travel and are able to do so.

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Penwortham	80.4	97.3	78.4	15.4
Broad Oak	82.5	76.3	67.7	12.4
Charnock	80.3	117	108.8	17.2
Howick & Priory	79.9	76.5	37.3	12.9
Middleforth	78.9	118.4	107.7	19.1

Key: **Green** = Better than UK average. **Red** = Worse than UK average.

### Area of Opportunity

Mental health support is an area which would require collaborative working with partners, as would the issues regarding alcohol and even substance misuse. There has been an increase in mental health campaigns and awareness in recent times which is positive; this is something which needs to be built upon.

### Food banks and health

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated a pre-existing issue with regard to poverty, and communities have stepped in to provide help with food banks etc. It could be useful to consider how these programmes can better incorporate fresh food to improve the health of our communities.



# Penwortham Community Hub

## Living Environment

January 2021

South Ribble has previously been recognized as the best place to live in the UK and Penwortham is no exception, being a really popular place for people to live, work and have a family. However, **figures from Lancashire County Council recorded in 2019 demonstrate there are some issues with regard to the quality of the living environment** for the residents of Penwortham.

Penwortham Ward	Quality of Living Environment (2019)
Broad Oak	6 - 53.09%
Charnock	4 - 33.64%
Howick & Priory	5 - 44.83%
Middleforth	4 - 31.78%

*NB: The above and below graphics are measured on their national percentile. The lower the index number and percentage, the*

Penwortham Ward	Premature death or impairment on quality of
Broad Oak	6 - 53.33%
Charnock	4 - 33.5%
Howick & Priory	6 - 52.81%
Middleforth	3 - 20.25%

### Area of Opportunity

Working to improve the natural environment in our communities can lead to residents leading longer, healthier lives.

Addressing air quality is also an essential part of our duty to combat climate change. Encouraging residents to become involved with this can increase awareness.

Linking with more local businesses to encourage workable carbon reducing policies could reduce the area's emissions.

### Air quality

Quality of Living Environment covers a broad range of factors, but **particularly pertinent across South Ribble at the moment is the measuring of air quality.**

The Cop Lane junction is currently under the Council's Air Quality Management, and air quality as a whole is an issue in Penwortham.

As illustrated in the graphics to the left, three of Penwortham's four wards rank in the top 45% nationally when it comes to issues relating to Quality of Living Environment. Similarly, **there is plenty of room for improvement** with regard to statistics regarding premature death or impairment on quality of life due to health.

## Greener Projects

**Planting Trees**

**Using local resources**

**Reducing cars 'idling' outside schools and at busy junctions**

**Reduction in usage of Single Use Plastics**

**Water fountain installation to encourage reusing bottles**

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Communities and Community Engagement

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### Existing groups in Penwortham which demonstrate Community Engagement include:

- ◆ Priory Lane Community Library
- ◆ Priory Lane Community Centre
- ◆ Penwortham Arts Centre
- ◆ Kingsfold Community Centre
- ◆ Community Foodbank



Successful Community Development depends upon engaging the public in the projects which have been designed to support the community.

Community Development relies heavily upon people being together, and **COVID-19 has presented an obvious barrier** to this. However, it has also served to demonstrate new ways of engagement; **using online platforms to encourage and enable people to become involved.**

It is important to use a blend of methods of community engagement in order to reach all groups within communities. Social media will work for some, while newsletters and snail mail may work for others. However, **face-to-face meetings or 'drop-in sessions' cannot be beaten in terms of community engagement** and Penwortham benefits from a number of facilities.



### Area of Opportunity

Successfully engaging the public leads to projects which get to the heart of individual communities. When COVID restrictions allow, Member/ Officers drop-in sessions can help the public feel that the council is accessible to the community.

# Penwortham Community Hub

## Community Contacts

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Penwortham Cricket Club	Greenbank Road	01772 752983
Penwortham Town FC	Factory Lane	07898985588
Penwortham St Teresa's FC		07791723265
AFC Penwortham	Cop Lane	

Primary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
Whitefield Primary	392	Oaklands Drive	01772 744449
Penwortham Primary	203	Crookings Lane	01772 743321
Broad Oak Primary	191	Pope Lane	01772 749511
Middleforth Primary	221	Hill Road South	01772 746024
St Mary Magdalen's Primary	209	Buller Avenue	01772 742351
Kingsfold Primary	118	Martin Field Road	01772 743531
St Teresa's Primary	278	Stanley Grove	01772 742331
Howick Primary	102	Liverpool Road	01772 612487
Cop Lane Primary	211	Cop Lane	01772 743131

Secondary Schools	Head Count	Address	Telephone
All Hallows High School	902	Crabtree Avenue	01772 746121
Penwortham Girls High School	775	Cop Lane	01772 743399
Priory High School	737	Crow Hills Road	01772 720250

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Penwortham Methodist	Leyland Road	01772 745252
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Kingsfold Methodist	Padway	01772 745252
United Reformed	Liverpool Road	07716129719
St Mary Magdalen's	Leyland Road	01772 743337
St Leonard's	Marshall's Brow	01772 742367
St Teresa's	Queensway	01772 743337

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# Area Profile

## Western Parishes Community Hub



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## Area Profile

January 2021

### About this document

This Area Profile is designed to be a 'living' document which will be updated when new information is received. It is intended to **provide insights into the Western Parishes area** which build upon the local knowledge Members possess. The document explores some of the existing community assets in these areas and seeks to **outline 'Areas of Opportunity'** for development.

Also within this profile you will find **statistical data** relating to the following areas:

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<b>Crime and Emergency Services</b>	<b>p5</b>
<b>Early Years and Educational Attainment</b>	<b>p6</b>
<b>Employment and Inclusion</b>	<b>p7</b>
<b>Older People, Isolation and Fuel Poverty</b>	<b>p8</b>
<b>Health and Social Issues</b>	<b>p9</b>
<b>Living Environment (inc. Air Quality)</b>	<b>p10</b>

It is acknowledged that **statistics and data do not tell the whole story of a community**, and it is for this reason that Members' detailed knowledge of their wards should also be factored into the overall decision-making process. **However, it is hoped that this profile goes some way to highlighting some of the issues faced locally**, and that armed with this information the Council will be even better placed to develop projects which will add real value to our communities.

**Towards the end of this Area Profile (p12) you will also find contact information for many of the various institutions and organisations in the Western Parishes area, including schools, churches and sports clubs.**



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Introduction

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### Western Parishes

The Western Parishes area is made up of the villages of Hutton, Longton, Much Hoole, New Longton, Walmer Bridge and Whitestake.

Although largely rural in nature, these villages have thriving communities which are supported by the Parish Councils of Hutton, Little Hoole, Much Hoole and Longton. There is also a rich network of local community groups, sports and social clubs and voluntary organisations that cater for and support people young and old. These include New Longton Cricket Club, four different bowls clubs, a number of Scouts Groups and several branches of the Women's Institute.

The area is served by one high school (Hutton C of E Grammar) and six primary schools; Longton, St Oswald's, All Saints, St Michael, Little Goole and Ashbridge Independent. It has seven churches of varying denominations, a library in Longton, and village halls in Hutton, Hoole, New Longton and Walmer Bridge.

Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve and Longton Marsh form part of the Ribble Way and attract visitors from far and wide.

The Western Parishes area has a population of 14,624 (as of 2019) and is split into three wards; Hoole (population 4,192), Longton & Hutton West (5,863) and New Longton & Hutton East (4,569).



Ward	Population
Hoole	4,192
Longton & Hutton West	5,863
New Longton & Hutton East	4,569
<b>Western Parishes</b>	<b>14,626</b>
<b>South Ribble Borough</b>	<b>110,788</b>



### South Ribble Overview

South Ribble covers 113 square kilometres (43.6 square miles) and is divided into 23 wards. The number of people per km<sup>2</sup> is more than twice the England and Wales average while the overall population of the borough has grown steadily since its inception in 1974. The 2019 mid-year estimates compiled by Lancashire County Council show the total population for the authority as being 110,788.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Demographics

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	Age 0-17	Age 18-65	Age 66+	Female	Male	BAME
	%	%	%	%	%	%
UK average	21.1	61.6	17.3	50.6	49.4	20.2
North West average	21.1	61.4	17.5	50.6	49.4	12.9
Western Parishes	17.6	55.7	26.7	51.3	48.7	3.2
New Longton & Hutton East	17.8	55.1	27.1	52.1	48.7	4.2
Longton & Hutton West	16.4	54.0	29.6	51.8	48.2	2.7
Hoole	19.0	58.6	22.3	49.5	50.5	2.7

The above graphic indicates the demographic proportions of Western Parishes, split into the three different wards.

Western Parishes has a **significantly higher than average population of people aged 66+**, with a **below average number of 0-17s**. The percentage of people aged 66+ is particularly high in Longton & Hutton West (29.6%) and New Longton & Hutton East (27.1%).

The area has a **small percentage of people who are Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME)** compared with national statistics, though there is a slightly higher number of people from BAME communities in New Longton & Hutton East (4.2%).



### Area of Opportunity

Ensure that the age profile of the area does not lead to inequality in access to services, e.g. digital exclusion.

Work with council services and key partners to ensure that inclusion is a priority.

# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Crime and Emergency Services

January 2021

As illustrated by the graphic to the right, the Western Parishes area has a **significantly lower crime rate than the North West average** and the lowest crime rate in the borough. This applies to all three wards, although the crime rate for New Longton & Hutton East is slightly higher. Western Parishes is also **well below the regional average for calls to the police, fire and ambulance services.**

	Crime Rate	Calls to Police	Calls to Fire Service	Ambulance call outs
	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k	Per 1k
North West average	60.3	357.3	9.6	24
Western Parishes	17.3	115.0	4.7	17.8
New Longton & Hutton East	24.7	No data	5.0	16.7
Longton & Hutton West	11.3	104.5	5.0	20.0
Hoole	18.5	125.5	4.0	15.0

Key: **Green** = Better than North West Average. **Red** = Worse than North West Average.



### Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behavior is thankfully not a major issue in Western Parishes. There are diversionary activities for young people, including Scout Groups at Longton, New Longton and Hoole. When it comes to tackling anti-social behavior across South Ribble, the Lancashire-wide DIVERT programme based at Preston Custody Suite engages young people in police custody with diversionary activities.

### Area of Opportunity

Utilising Western Parishes community assets to create positive activities for young people, e.g. Much Hoole bike track as a venue for bike maintenance and repair programme.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Early Years and Educational Attainment

January 2021

The birth rate in the Western Parishes area is below the UK average, although there are major differences across the three wards. In Hoole, the birth rate is almost double the national average. By contrast, the birth rate in the Longton & Hutton West ward is below half the national average.

	Birth Rate	Achieving KS2 expectation	Excess weight at reception	NEET young people	GCSE average attainment
<b>Key:</b>		%	%	%	
<b>Green =</b> Better than average	<b>UK average</b>	11.5	22.5	46.8	
	<b>North West average</b>	61	5.4	45.5	
	<b>Western Parishes</b>	10.1	71.3	19.6	1.1
<b>Red =</b> Worse than average	<b>New Longton &amp; Hutton East</b>	8.3	77.6	24.1	0.8
	<b>Longton &amp; Hutton West</b>	4.3	70.4	18.7	2.3
	<b>Hoole</b>	20.3	66.0	16.0	0.0



The above graphic demonstrates **Western Parishes performs very well in statistics relating to early years and education** when compared nationally and to other areas in the North West. Indeed, all of the figures shown above are better than average.

However, this does not mean there is no work to be done. For instance, **levels of attainment at Key Stage 2 and GCSE level are lower in Hoole than in the other two wards** in the area – though still higher than the North West averages.

There is also a slight issue with excess weight in children at reception age in the New Longton & Hutton East ward.

### Area of Opportunity

Excess weight at reception age is slightly above the UK average in New Longton & Hutton East. Could be an opportunity to promote healthier lifestyles through exercise. Play areas at New Longton & Hutton Village Hall could be venues, pending restrictions being lifted.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Employment and Inclusion

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Western Parishes does not experience major issues with long-term unemployment, with figures for the area well below both the UK and North West averages.

Key: **Green**  
= Better than average.

**Red** =  
Worse than average.

	Long-term unemployment
UK average	3.60
North West average	3.40
Western Parishes	1.20
New Longton & Hutton East	No data
Longton & Hutton West	1.20
Hoole	No data

### Areas of Opportunity

While employment figures in Western Parishes are very good compared with national and regional averages, more work can always be done to further improve the prospects of residents. While there are organisations working in neighbouring wards to support people into education, training and employment, there are currently no such programmes operating in Western Parishes.

The Christians Against Poverty Job Club could be engaged for a small monthly fee. More work around engaging young people in these schemes may be beneficial, as well as exploring any gaps in provision.

Similarly, it will be important to work with local schools to understand where there are gaps in provision and to begin to support even more young people to thrive in education and beyond.

### Digital inclusion

No specific data for Western Parishes is available with regard to digital inclusion, however across the North West **10.8% of the adult population are 'internet non-users'**. For young people, this is a disadvantage in their education. Nationally, 68% of young people without access to the internet state that this dis-enables them to do their school work, setting them behind their classmates.

Lack of internet access can also prevent people from attaining employment and, on average, acquiring digital skills will increase an individual's income by between 3-10%.

Becoming digitally active can also help to tackle social isolation, especially among older people.

Being internet savvy can assist residents in getting more competitive prices on utilities, which in turn helps tackle fuel poverty, as a customer saves an average of 13% per online transaction when purchasing such services.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Older people, Isolation and Fuel Poverty

January 2021

Western Parishes has a higher proportion of older people than average. As outlined by the graphic to the right, however, it has a **lower percentage of pensioners living alone than the UK and North West averages**.

There is a slight issue, however, with regard to the number of older people living without central heating - particularly in the Longton & Hutton West ward, where the percentage (4.3%) is above the national and regional averages and more than double the other two wards.

There are local services which aim to tackle some of the issues faced by older residents. Age UK and Age Concern Central Lancashire provide services for older people to reduce social isolation, while Citizens Advice do work concerning fuel poverty and can provide support and advice regarding benefit payments etc.

**Being digitally active can help to tackle social isolation**, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. **It can also help people get better prices on utilities** and therefore assist in reducing fuel poverty. A customer saves an average of 13% per online transaction, as opposed to traditional methods of acquiring goods and services.

	Pensioners living alone	Without Central Heating
	%	%
UK average	30.3	2.7
North West average	31.5	3.1
Western Parishes	26.0	3.1
New Longton & Hutton East	23.1	2
Longton & Hutton West	27.4	4.3
Hoole	27.4	1.8

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### Areas of Opportunity

Community groups and activities can reduce social isolation and improve local health.

Empowering older people with skills can benefit their confidence, reduce social isolation, and means that they can contribute to the local economy in paid employment or volunteering.

Being digitally active can help tackle fuel poverty.

# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Health and Social Issues

January 2021

Residents of Western Parishes have a **Life Expectancy above the UK average**. The figure is highest in the New Longton & Hutton East ward, where the average Life Expectancy is 83.7 years.

	Life Expectancy	Alcohol related hospital stay	Self-harm hospital stay	Obesity at Year 6 %
UK average	80.95	100	100	20.1
Western Parishes	82.5	84.8	60.3	16.1
New Longton & Hutton E.	83.7	85.0	52.0	18.1
Longton & Hutton W.	81.4	84.7	62.3	15.7
Hoole	82.4	84.7	66.5	14.4

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Western Parishes also performs **better than average in statistics relating to obesity in the young and hospital stays related to alcohol or self-harm**.

Nevertheless, issues such as alcohol use and mental health do require constant observation, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Currently, **there is no specialist support in the area to tackle alcohol misuse** and there are **no peer support groups** such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), or any recovery projects. Instead, people are forced to travel into Preston to access treatment and/ or support. This may be because Western Parishes is viewed as an area that does not have these issues. Support is therefore limited to those who can afford to travel and are able to do so.

### Area of Opportunity

Mental health is an area which requires collaborative working with schools, as would the issues regarding alcohol and even substance misuse. There has been an increase in mental health campaigns and awareness in recent times which is positive, and this is something which should be built upon.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

## Living Environment

January 2021



### Longton Brickcroft

Designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 1998, Longton Brickcroft has three large ponds and a number of smaller dipping ponds around the site. The whole area forms an oasis in the middle of housing and intensively cultivated land and a wide range of wildlife can be observed from the pathways including a changing population of birds that enjoy the habitat of the south lake.

The visitor centre and displays around the paths contain informative displays on the site's history and the wildlife you can find there. The site has retained the Green Flag award since 1998. There are few remaining areas of such diverse habitats in the North West, and the swamp habitat is especially valuable with many similar habitats, once common in the local area, having been lost through the drainage of land for agriculture.



### Air quality

Quality of Living Environment covers a broad range of factors, but **particularly pertinent across South Ribble at the moment is the measuring of air quality.**

Although there are no Air Quality Management Areas that fall specifically within the Western Parishes, the issue of improving air quality across the area is still an important one, especially with regard to looking to reduce the pollution caused by cars idling outside schools and at busy junctions.

### Areas of Opportunity

In line with Council policy we should also be looking, where possible, to reduce the usage of Single Use Plastics. Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council will be looking to install as many as 50 water fountains in public places across the borough. Therefore, we may want to consider possible locations when considering new projects.

The Council has set a target of planting 110,000 trees, therefore we might want to identify possible sites when bringing forward new projects.

### Longton Marshes

A large area of marshland to the west of Longton, lying at the confluence of the Rivers Douglas and Ribble, which is now part of the Ribble Link. It is the natural home for a large variety of visiting and indigenous wildfowl including godwits. The 70-mile Ribble Way footpath starts at the Dolphin Inn which is sited on the edge of the marsh and follows its edge before joining the Ribble.



# Western Parishes Community Hub

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Longton WI Hall	19 School Lane, Longton, Preston, PR4 5YA	01772 933042
St Andrews Church Hall	Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5AA	01772 612179
Longton Brickcroft Visitor Centre	Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5YY	01772 611497
Longton Library	Liverpool Old Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5HA	0300 123 6703
Longton Scout Hut	Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5PB	0779 6133935
Hoole Village Hall	Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, Preston, PR4 4GA	01772 616593
Walmer Bridge Village Hall	Gill Lane, Walmer Bridge, Preston, PR4 5GN	01772 612113
Hutton Village Hall	Moor Lane, Hutton, Preston, PR4 5SE	01772 617483
New Longton Village Hall	Boundary Close, New Longton, Preston, PR4 4BD	01772 612298
Friends of Longton Brickcroft	Visitors Centre, Liverpool Rd, Longton, Preston, PR4 5YY	01772 611497
Hoole WI	Hoole Village Hall, Hoole, Preston, PR4 4QA	01772 459020
Longton WI	WI Hall, School Lane, Longton, Preston, PR4 5YA	01772 459020
Hutton & Howick WI	Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, New Longton, PR4 4AA	0779 6133935
2nd Longton (St Andrew's) Scouts	Scout Hut, Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5PB	0779 6133935
1st Hoole Scouts	Village Hall, Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, PR4 4GA	01772 617761
1st New Longton Scouts	Chapel Lane, New Longton, Preston	

Schools	Address	Telephone
Longton Primary	School Lane, Longton, Preston, PR4 5YA	01772 612495
St. Oswald's Catholic Primary	Chapel Lane, Longton, Preston, PR4 5EB	01772 613402
All Saints' Church of England Primary	Hugh Barn Lane, New Longton, Preston, PR4 4XA	01772 613470
St. Michael Church of England Primary	Liverpool Old Road, Much Hoole, Preston, PR4 5JQ	01772 613219
Little Hoole Primary	Dob Lane, Walmer Bridge, Preston, PR4 5QL	01772 613026
Ashbridge Independent	Lindle Lane, Hutton, Preston. PR4 4AQ	01772 619900
Hutton Church of England Grammar	Liverpool Road, Hutton, Preston, PR4 5SN	01772 613112

Church	Address	Telephone
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Longton Methodist Church	11 Marsh Lane, Longton, Preston, PR4 5ZJ	01772 612191
St. Andrew's Church	Liverpool Road, Longton, Preston, PR4 5PB	01772 612179
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Report to	On
<b>CABINET</b>	<b>Wednesday, 24 March 2021</b>

Title	Portfolio Holder	Report of
<b>Refurbishment of Playground at Haig Avenue, Leyland</b>	<b>Finance, Assets &amp; Property</b>	<b>Director of Communities</b>

Is this report a <b>KEY DECISION</b> (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	Yes
Is this report on the <b>Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan</b> ?	Yes
Is this report confidential?	No

### Purpose of the Report

1. To bring the refurbishment project for the playground at Haig Avenue, Leyland before members and to seek permission to spend the allocated capital budget and award the contract to the Preferred Bidder identified by the procurement processes.

### Recommendations

2. That Cabinet grants permission for the following:
  - To spend the allocated £175,000 capital budget for the refurbishment of Haig Avenue Playground
  - To award the contract for the refurbishment of Haig Avenue Playground to Bidder 3 in Table 1

### Reasons for recommendations

3. The current capital programme includes a number of play areas identified for improvement. Haig Avenue Playground has funds allocated in this financial year and bids have been invited on a design and build basis.

### Corporate outcomes

4. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary Council		A fair local economy that works for everyone	
Thriving communities		Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	X

### Background to the report

5. The report *Creating Playful Communities* by Play England (2011) suggests improving opportunities for play provides additional benefits to the simple fun and enjoyment that it gives to children and young people:
  - Play is important for children’s health – both physical and mental. Active physical play can contribute to reducing levels of childhood obesity.
  - Access to play and informal recreation opportunities can help to reduce anti-social behaviour
  - Providing play opportunities brings communities together and is a strong force for community cohesion.
6. A previous playground refurbishment programme ran from 2003 to 2012 and refurbished a number of the council's children's play areas. However, the programme ended before several sites were improved and these are now being prioritised under the current refurbishment programme.
7. Haig Avenue Playground was last comprehensively refurbished in 1998. The playground is still used by the public, but the layout and equipment is now dated and the site scores poorly for accessibility and inclusivity, especially when compared with more recent playground designs.

**Proposals**

8. It is proposed to refurbish Haig Avenue Playground to provide a modern accessible and inclusive playground for toddlers (ages 2-6) and juniors (ages 7-12) along with a replacement ball court. The toddler and junior equipment will be enclosed by dog proof fencing with the area managed as a dog exclusion area. The brief to bidders was informed by public consultation and aimed to provide some contrast with the style of equipment at nearby sites such as Leadale Green.
9. The site is a known to contain contaminated ground that was remediated when the existing playground was built. In order to ensure the site remains capped, the playground will be surfaced with safer surfacing under the equipment and hard surfacing between. Areas around the surfaced playground area to be grassed will have new topsoil imported as required. All excavated material will be removed from site.
10. Bidders were notified of the project budget and asked to design a scheme providing maximum value for the budget available. 5 tender submissions were received before the closing date and have been evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria. The details are listed in Table 1 below. Tender Number 3 is the highest scoring, compliant tender and is recommended for acceptance. The preferred bidder has committed to provide social value benefits through the contract including procurement of as much material and construction equipment as possible through local supply chains, use of local suppliers and services as much as possible and assistance with local skills training.

**11. Table 1**

Tender	Within Budget? PASS/FAIL	Product Substitutions Acceptable? PASS/FAIL	Quality Score (100%)
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1	Pass	Pass	88%
2	Pass	Pass	74%
<b>3</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>95%</b>
4	Pass	Pass	88%
5	Pass	Pass	92%

### Consultation carried out & outcome of consultation

12. Consultation was carried out for Haig Avenue Playground between 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The consultations invited the public to submit their thoughts on the current sites and give views about suggested possible items of new equipment.
13. The information was provided on the council's website with letters sent to surrounding houses and signs displayed on site providing the weblink. The consultations were also advertised on social media. Consultation replies were reviewed and fed into the design brief for bidders.
14. Details of the playground consultation have been sent to the Chair of the My Neighbourhood Hub and there will be further engagement as the project progresses, if given approval to proceed at this stage by Cabinet.

### Alternative options considered and rejected

15. The option of doing nothing and leaving the site in the current condition was rejected as the site is now in need of refurbishment to provide quality facilities.
16. The option of providing teen/adult equipment over and above the ball court was rejected due to limitations on space and the proximity of surrounding houses.
17. The option of providing parking spaces for traffic associated with the school opposite Haig Green was considered having been requested by a number of residents during the consultation. The option was rejected due to a lack of space on site, insufficient budget, difficulties of forming a new access onto the highway, safety concerns for pedestrian and cyclists by increasing vehicle movements in and around the open space and potential negative air quality implications for the locality.

### Air quality implications

18. The proposals will not give rise to any negative air quality issues. Care shall be taken to ensure any work minimises the overall environmental impact in terms of carbon emissions and reduction in the use of single use plastics as identified in the corporate priorities.

### Risk management

19. A number of risks linked to the current site designs will be addressed through the improvement proposals. The project risk register identifies other key risks, the majority of which will be mitigated by the procurement process followed.

### **Equality and diversity**

20. The new play area will be more inclusive and accessible by design.

### **Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer**

21. The Capital Programme for the financial year 2020/2021 includes a budget of £500,000 for the refurbishment of 4 play areas. Of this budget, £175,000 has been allocated to Haig Avenue Playground and this is sufficient to meet the costs of the successful bidder.

### **Comments of the Monitoring Officer**

22. An appropriate procurement exercise has been carried out in this instance. Public consultation has been carried out which has informed the design brief. A formal contract will be drawn and entered into with the supplier. This will protect the council's interests.

### **Background documents**

Council Budget Report including capital programme details for 2020/21 - 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **There are no appendices to this report**

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Report to	On
Cabinet	Wednesday, 24 March 2021

Title	Portfolio Holder	Report of
Budget Monitoring 2020/21 Quarter 3	Cabinet Member (Finance, Property and Assets)	Deputy Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Is this report a <b>KEY DECISION</b> (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	Yes
Is this report on the <b>Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan</b> ?	Yes
Is this report confidential?	No

## Purpose of the Report

1. This report explains the Council's overall financial position for quarter 3 of the financial year 2020-21.

## Recommendations

2. Cabinet notes, reviews and comments on the contents of this report.
3. Cabinet approves the re-profiled budgets for the capital programme, which reflects forecasted underspend against the existing budgets, as detailed in Appendix C.

## Reasons for recommendations

4. To allow Cabinet to consider the financial position of the council

## Other options considered and rejected

5. None as this report is a requirement of the council's constitution

## Executive Summary

6. The overall forecast for 2020/21 for the revenue budget is a net deficit of £9,000. A summary of the variances by directorate is shown in Table 1, and a detailed list of the main variances within each directorate is shown in Table 2.
7. The report outlines the impact Covid-19 has had on the budget in 2020/21 including the additional grant funding received and the management of the business grant schemes.

8. The total capital spend including commitments in 2020/21 is £5.380m, which is 62% of the current 2020/21 capital budget of £8.737m. Appendix C gives the details for individual schemes and the revised forecasts, both for 2020/21 and the following 3 years.

### Corporate outcomes

9. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	✓	Thriving communities	✓
A fair local economy that works for everyone	✓	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places	✓

### Revenue Budget and Forecast Summary

10. Table 1 below summarises by directorate the revenue budgets and forecasts.
11. The overall forecast is a deficit of £9,000 against the funding requirement. Table 2 below lists the main variances within particular service areas for each directorate.

Table 1: Revenue Budget Summary

	Original Budget £'000	Current Budget £'000	Forecast at Quarter 3 £'000	Forecast Variance £'000
Corporate	496	344	449	105
Neighbourhoods & Development	7,230	7,261	7,331	70
Planning & Property	701	738	972	234
Customer & Digital	2,394	2,420	2,451	31
Governance	1,757	1,697	1,703	6
Finance	754	717	701	(16)
Communications & Visitor Economy	203	278	268	(10)
Transformation & Partnerships	512	638	545	(93)
Pensions Deficit Contributions	25	25	(25)	(50)
Savings Targets	(305)	(187)	0	187
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>13,766</b>	<b>13,932</b>	<b>14,395</b>	<b>464</b>
Provision for repayment of debt	649	649	619	(30)
Interest payable / (receivable)	(170)	(170)	(79)	91
Parish Precepts	432	432	432	-
<b>Funding Requirement</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>14,843</b>	<b>15,368</b>	<b>525</b>
<u>Funding:</u>				
Council Tax	(8,596)	(8,596)	(8,596)	-
New Homes Bonus – City Deal	(601)	(601)	(601)	-
New Homes Bonus – SRBC	(59)	(59)	(59)	-
Retained Business Rates	(3,715)	(3,715)	(8,852)	(5,137)
Surplus business rates set aside for deficits in future years			5,137	5,137
Section 31 grants (mainly business rates)	(1,595)	(1,595)	(1,595)	-

<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>(14,566)</b>	<b>(14,566)</b>	<b>(14,566)</b>	<b>-</b>
Government covid support for income deficits			(386)	(386)
Covid new burdens business grants			(130)	(130)
<b>Net Contribution (To) / From Reserves</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>9</b>

Table 2: Revenue Forecasted Variations Within Directorates

Details	Forecasted Over / (Under-) Spend or Income Deficit / (Surplus) £'000
<b>Corporate</b>	
Staffing Costs	51
Fees regarding governance reviews	54
	<b>105</b>
<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Development</b>	
Staffing Costs	(96)
Repairs and maintenance of properties	13
Underspends funding replacement parking P&D machines	40
NNDR on empty investment properties	14
Vehicle repairs and hiring of temporary replacements	102
Waste contract refund re overcharge in previous years	(37)
Income (Surplus) / Deficit	34
	<b>70</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Property</b>	
Staffing Costs	(74)
Planning professional fees	55
Homelessness temporary accommodation	(20)
Agency fee for Estates Surveyor	14
Income (Surplus) / Deficit	259
	<b>234</b>
<b>Customer &amp; Digital</b>	
Staffing Costs	(197)
Court Summons income deficit	228
	<b>31</b>
<b>Governance</b>	
Staffing Costs	(123)
Legal fees	90
Income (Surplus) / Deficit	39

Details	Forecasted Over / (Under- ) Spend or Income Deficit / (Surplus) £'000
	<b>6</b>
<b>Finance</b>	
Staffing Costs	(43)
External Audit Fees	27
	<b>(16)</b>
<b>Communications &amp; Visitor Economy</b>	
Events budget underspend	(10)
<b>Transformation &amp; Partnerships</b>	
Staffing Costs	(84)
Training	(9)
	<b>(93)</b>
<b>Budgets Not In Directorates</b>	
Pension Contributions	(50)
Provision for repayment of debt (MRP)	(30)
Interest on short-term investments	91
Savings Target	187
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>525</b>
Government covid support for income deficits	(386)
Covid new burdens business grants	(130)
<b>Overall (Surplus) / Deficit</b>	<b>9</b>

### Revenue Budget Requested Changes

12. There are currently no requests for changes to revenue budgets.

### Staffing Costs

13. The table below lists the main variances within particular services areas. Appendix A shows the posts that were vacant at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

14. Several posts, across various services, have become vacant during quarter 3 because staff have been redeployed to new roles created specifically to respond to the pandemic.



Table 3: Staffing Costs Main Variations

Service Area	Over / (Under-) spend £	Reasons and notes
<b>Corporate</b>		
Chief Executive	47,000	The costs of implementing a new shared Chief Executive on top of the cost already incurred for the previous Chief Executive who left in July have created an overspend.
<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Development</b>		
Street Cleansing	(19,000)	Once post has been vacant since May and another became vacant in September
Community Involvement	(63,000)	Several members of the team have been redeployed to work in Covid-specific roles.
Community Safety	17,000	A new post Early Intervention Coordinator has been created.
Youth Support	(54,000)	The newly created Youth Support Officer posts were not filled until quarter 3
Environmental Health	(43,000)	A new Housing Enforcement Officer post was created in the budget setting process but has not yet been filled.
Grounds Maintenance	14,000	Additional overtime costs
Engineers	(53,000)	Two posts have been vacant all year - a Graphic Designer and an Engineering Assistant.
Sports Coaching	87,000	Additional funding was secured, which has enable additional staff to be hired.
Museum	(31,000)	The curator post became vacant in May. The budget will be realigned in 21/22 to reflect revised structure for delivering this service.
Parking and Highways	(14,000)	An employee has reduced their hours to part time
Mechanics and Transport	17,000	The budget is set based on actual SCPs of the post-holders. A HR review resulted in several staff being increased to a higher SCP within their grade. There are also some additional overtime costs.
Waste Management	27,000	One-off funding was secured that enable two temporary roles to be created.
Senior Management	15,000	The cost of the shared Director of Commercial Services
<b>Planning &amp; Property</b>		
Building Control	23,000	Upgrades to two staff following Job Evaluation reviews.
Senior Management	(38,000)	The Assistant Director of Housing and Property has been vacant all year.
Housing Services	(18,000)	One person is on maternity leave

Service Area	Over / (Under-) spend £	Reasons and notes
Development Control	(18,000)	One Enforcement post was vacant for part of the year. The other has been vacant since May. However, more complex work is being picked up via a retained specialist consultant on a case by case basis. There were severance cost for one person leaving, which reduce the overall underspend.
Planning Support	25,000	As part of a restructure, new roles were created which will be funded by CIL Admin funding.
Apprentices	(49,000)	Three posts are now vacant - one person was promoted to a new role in IT, another has been redeployed to a covid-specific role, and the third post has been vacant all year. The budget was created with the intention of recruiting additional support in Gateway but no suitable candidates were available.
<b>Customer &amp; Digital</b>		
Gateway	(54,000)	Three posts were vacant for the first half of the year but are now filled. A further 3 people have recently been redeployed to covid-specific roles.
Senior Management	(6,000)	The budget is based on the structure before the new shared service arrangements. There saving from the previous Director leaving is offset by the costs of the new shared director.
IT	(51,000)	Two posts are currently vacant. Some posts were vacant earlier in the year but are now filled.
Revenues and Benefits	(87,000)	There are 3 vacancies. In addition two staff were on adoption or maternity leave.
<b>Governance</b>		
Democratic Services	(25,000)	Two posts were vacant earlier in the year but are now filled
Licensing	(59,000)	The Head of Licensing post has been vacant all year.
Assurance	(12,000)	The team has been restructured and new posts have been recruited to.
Corporate Admin	(14,000)	The Corporate Support Apprentice role is vacant because the post-holder was promoted to fill a vacancy.
<b>Finance – Employed by Chorley Council</b>		
Financial Services	(43,000)	Timing of significant vacant posts (now recruited to) offset by agency costs in year to create underspend.
<b>Transformation &amp; Partnerships – Employed by Chorley Council</b>		
HR	14,000	Some one-off staffing payments in year.
Transformation & Partnerships	(98,000)	Following service reviews underspends have been created due to timing of recruitment to revised structure.

## **Non-Staffing Costs**

15. There has been one-off expenditure of £54k in 2020/21 relating to a HR investigation.
16. Pay and display machines – underspends previously reported are being utilised to fund the purchase of new pay and display machines following the Review of Car Parking at 25 November 2020 Council.
17. There is a £102k overspend relating to vehicle repairs and hiring of temporary replacement vehicles. One vehicle was written off as a result of fire damage resulting in additional hire costs some of which was offset by insurance claim (£23k). There was also additional vehicle hire required over Christmas due to additional waste demands with people working from home. Vehicle maintenance costs are overspent due to major work on bin collection wagons as the purchase of new vehicles was delayed.
18. There is a forecast £55k overspend in planning relating to legal costs on challenges to developments within the Borough. It is not forecast that these costs will be recovered and the council will review its reserves at year-end with the view of creating a reserve to manage any future costs of planning appeals.
19. Homelessness temporary accommodation budgets are £20k underspent largely because while there has been significant increases in these costs they have been covered by various grant schemes and other funding opportunities.
20. External audit fees have increased by £27k as a result of the additional work required to be undertaken on the 18/19 and 19/20 audits. This additional work was both due to the impact that Covid-19 had on delaying the audits as well as the additional value for money work that was required to be undertaken. Both sets of accounts have now been signed off.
21. The Pension Contributions budget represents the difference between the actual pension contributions that have been incurred and the notional charges against individual services. The actual costs are £1.171m and were paid in a lump sum at the start of the year, this resulted in an underspend against the original budget of £50k.
22. There is a significant reduction of £91k in income received as interest on cash investments due to historically low interest rates. This is being addressed as part of the 21/22 budget setting process where the budget has been reduced by £100k in 21/22 onwards. Offsetting this shortfall in income in 20/21 is an underspend in the budgets for repayments of debt totalling £30k

## **Income from Fees and Charges**

23. Income from fees and charges has been significantly impacted as a result of Covid-19. For some fees and charges the Council can access government support of 75% of losses against 95% of the original income budget. As a result, the Council is forecasting to receive £386k in Government Support.

24. The most significant reductions have been in car parking, investment property and Court Summons as detailed in table 4 below. These have all been as a direct result of Covid-19 with reduced usage, rental reliefs and the closure of courts meaning income cannot be recovered as normal.
25. There have been some increases in income in relation to Sports Coaching, Garden Waste and Planning applications. The Sports Coaching is due to a confirmation of grant funding of which there was some uncertainty previously whereas Garden Waste and Planning Applications are as a result of unbudgeted increases in demand for these services.

Table 4: Income from Fees and Charges

Service Area	Income 2019- 20 £'000	Budget £'000	Actual to 31/12 £'000	Forecast £'000	Forecast (Surplus) / Deficit £'000
<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Development</b>					
Car Parking charges and fines	(141)	(145)	(35)	(50)	95
Civic Centre banqueting suite income	(26)	(36)	-	-	36
Dog impounding, littering and dog fouling	(4)	(18)	(2)	(3)	15
Environmental Permits	(23)	(19)	(19)	(19)	0
Grounds Maintenance	(156)	(155)	(151)	(153)	2
Licensing - Piercings & Tattoos and Animals	(9)	(7)	(4)	(6)	1
Licensing - Street Traders	(23)	(25)	(18)	(17)	8
Open Spaces (sports pitches, fairs, etc)	(33)	(18)	(5)	(12)	5
Pest Control	(46)	(50)	(36)	(41)	9
Property rental - Civic Centre	(67)	(50)	(52)	(52)	(2)
Property rental - Market	(126)	(142)	(53)	(96)	45
Property rental - Moss Side Depot	(43)	(43)	(32)	(43)	-
Property rental - Worden Craft Centre	(11)	(15)	(14)	(14)	1
Sports Coaching	(279)	(120)	(273)	(237)	(118)
Waste Collection - Garden waste	(809)	(683)	(746)	(756)	(73)
Waste Collection - New bins	(56)	(45)	(101)	(64)	(19)
Waste Collection - Special collections	(40)	(40)	(36)	(50)	(10)
Waste Collection - Trade Waste	(445)	(481)	(441)	(442)	39
Vehicle Maintenance for FCC	(120)	(101)	-	(101)	(0)
	<b>(2,456)</b>	<b>(2,189)</b>	<b>(2,018)</b>	<b>(2,155)</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Property</b>					
Building Control	(177)	(191)	(122)	(162)	28
Planning application fees	(436)	(505)	(568)	(600)	(95)
Planning pre-application fees	(31)	(40)	(17)	(25)	15
Investment property rental	(950)	(1,105)	(738)	(795)	311

Service Area	Income 2019- 20 £'000	Budget £'000	Actual to 31/12 £'000	Forecast £'000	Forecast (Surplus) / Deficit £'000
	<b>(1,593)</b>	<b>(1,841)</b>	<b>(1,445)</b>	<b>(1,582)</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Governance</b>					
Land Charges	(90)	(80)	(58)	(65)	15
Legal fees recovered	(13)	(15)	(10)	(15)	-
Licensing - Alcohol	(78)	(76)	(61)	(63)	13
Licensing - Gambling	(10)	(12)	(8)	(12)	-
Licensing - Taxis	(84)	(90)	(69)	(79)	10
	<b>(275)</b>	<b>(273)</b>	<b>(206)</b>	<b>(234)</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Customer &amp; Digital</b>					
Court summons costs recovered	(219)	(228)	-	-	228
	<b>(219)</b>	<b>(228)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>228</b>
Government Support				(386)	(386)
	<b>(4,543)</b>	<b>(4,531)</b>	<b>(3,670)</b>	<b>(4,357)</b>	<b>174</b>

## Covid-19

26. The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's budgets is varied and includes delays to recruitment and restructuring, reduction in income and additional expenditure. The major impacts on the budget are summarised below. This includes the various grant funding streams received to help the council manage the transition back to business-as-usual.

### Income

27. It has been well documented that the country has undergone a significant reduction in economic activity pushing the economy into temporary recession. The impact on local residents and businesses is potentially vast, especially in the service industries. Two areas this may significantly affect the council's finances is the impact on its business rates and council tax collection funds.

### Business Rates

28. The original gross (including amounts paid over to the Government and other preceptors) collectable business rates for South Ribble was budgeted at £36.7m for 20/21. As part of the budget on 11 March 2020 the Government announced that it would increase the discount on business rates liability for businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure industry to 100% for 20/21. This has reduced the council's gross collectable to an estimated £24.5m. The council and other preceptors will receive compensatory grant payments, known as S31 grants, in 20/21 for this extended relief.

29. After adjusting for this reduction in collectable business rates the analysis below gives the forecast outturn position for South Ribble's business rates collection fund.

Cumulative Income										
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Forecast Total 20/21
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Forecast	3.858	5.671	7.899	9.893	12.563	14.692	16.784	18.965	20.644	24.475
Actual	3.132	4.746	6.64	8.782	11.295	13.719	15.945	18.253	20.038	23.854
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>0.726</b>	<b>0.925</b>	<b>1.259</b>	<b>1.111</b>	<b>1.268</b>	<b>0.973</b>	<b>0.839</b>	<b>0.712</b>	<b>0.606</b>	<b>0.621</b>

30. Based on current collection rates it is estimated the gross shortfall of business rates income could be £0.621m. South Ribble's share of this deficit would be approximately £0.248m meaning the council would be £0.248m short of its budgeted business rates income in 20/21. This is a further reduction of £0.141m from reported at Quarter 2. Although this figure seems large it should be noted:

- The forecast deficit has improved significantly since August and the Government has announced that councils will be able to spread out the loss of business rates and council tax income over the next three years, rather than in one year. A deficit of £248,000 may therefore only result in a £83,000 impact for the council per year.
- The council holds a business rates retention reserve of £3m to fund one-off shortfalls in the business rates it collects. This includes managing downward revaluations, the risk surrounding this has however now been reduced as the scheduled 2021 national revaluations have been put back to 2023. The reserve is therefore considered more than sufficient to manage the risk surrounding business rates income.

31. The forecast business rates income has not been adjusted in Table 1 due to the uncertainty regarding the final shortfall in businesses rates income and that, due to the complexities of the business rates system, any shortfall is likely to be recognised in 2021/22 rather than this financial year. In addition, due to the 100% reliefs offered by the Government to the retail, hospitality and leisure industry the council will receive £5.1m additional business rates income in 2020/21. The shortfall in income from these reliefs won't be realised until 2021/22 onwards and so this £5.1m 'surplus' is moved into a reserve to offset against these future deficits.

### Council Tax

Cumulative Income										
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Forecast Total 20/21
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Forecast	7.384	13.927	20.499	27.178	33.748	40.136	46.723	53.296	59.744	68.02
Actual	7.083	13.403	19.869	26.401	32.942	39.465	46.025	52.599	59.06	67.322
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>0.301</b>	<b>0.524</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.777</b>	<b>0.806</b>	<b>0.671</b>	<b>0.698</b>	<b>0.697</b>	<b>0.684</b>	<b>0.698</b>

32. Based on current collection rates it is estimated that the gross shortfall of council tax income could be £0.698m in 20/21. South Ribble's share of this deficit would be approximately £84,000 meaning the council would be £84,000 short of its budgeted council tax income in. This is a

slight increase in deficit of £3k from Quarter 2 however still represents a good rate of council tax collection.

### CV-19 Grant Funding Support

33. Further detail on individual grant schemes is provided in Appendix D to this report detailing the requirements of each funding stream. A summary of the grants is provided below:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Allocation 20/21</b>	<b>Allocation 21/22</b>
Initial Covid Funding - General	1,481,167	504,532
New Burdens Funding - Business Grants	130,000	
New Burdens Funding - Business Grants	58,500	
New Burdens Funding - Business Grants	22,345	
Trace Support Payments - Admin	25,654	
LA Compliance & Enforcement Grant	45,740	
<b>Unringfenced Grants Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,763,406</b>	<b>504,532</b>
Trace Support Payments - Discretionary	22,884	
Trace Support Payments - Individuals (£500) - top up to 31/1/21	22,000	
Trace Support Payments - Discretionary - top up to 31/1/21	9,115	
Trace Support Payments - Individuals (£500)	38,000	
Health Protection Project (Part 1)- Test & Trace Staff	72,850	
Health Protection Project (Part 2) - Test & Trace Staff & Non Staff	45,989	
Health Protection Project (Part 3) - Food & Essential supplies	99,245	
Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP)	30,000	
Containing Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)	1,218,668	
Sales Fees and Charges	386,000	
Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People (CEV)	57,000	
National Leisure Relief Funding	210,000	
Extending Council Tax Support	707,201	
Reopening High Streets - to be spent to June 21	97,965	
<b>Ringfenced Grants Sub-total</b>	<b>3,016,917</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,780,323</b>	<b>504,532</b>

34. South Ribble's total unringfenced Covid-19 funding for 20/21 was £1.481m. No specific grant guidance has been provided regarding this funding and so it is assumed to be un-ringfenced. The budget announcement for 2021/22 also allocated an additional £500k of unringfenced Covid-19 funding to the council.
35. The council received £707k grant allocation to reduce the council tax liability of individuals in their area. As per Government expectations, the council allocated this hardship fund to provide residents, who are of working age and already receive council tax support, with up to £150 off their council tax bills over the 2020 to 2021 financial year. The council awarded this relief to 2,220 working age claimants totalling £468k and has since awarded a further £152k of reliefs to 778 additional claimants.

36. The council also received £98,000 '**Reopening High Streets Safely Fund**'. This grant is ERDF funding and as such the restrictions as to how this can be spent are extremely prohibitive. The possibility of what may be eligible to be reclaimed is still being explored however nothing has been committed to date. This project has been extended to June 2021 so can be spent across financial years.
37. The council's **Test and Trace Support Payments** have already paid out in excess of £90k payments to individuals who are required to self-isolate. Any allocations above the initial awarded amount will be reclaimed from Government.
38. Through LCC, the council has received a grant allocation from Government that will be used to fund support for the Government's **Test & Trace** scheme. The council has utilised the fund to recruit additional staff who will chase up the contacts that the national scheme have been unable to contact.
39. The Local Authority **Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies** is a one-off contribution to upper tier local authorities in England to use to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The grant must be, and will be, spent within this financial year and South Ribble's allocation is £99,245.
40. The council will fully commit its **Next Steps Accommodation Programme** funding to provide short-term accommodation and immediate support to those that require it.
41. The council has received confirmation of its successful application to the DCMS for funding to support its **leisure services** provider during the Covid-19 pandemic. The council received £210k to provide support to its leisure provider during the second and third lockdown periods. The council has already approved up to £240k to provide support as a result of Covid-19.

#### Expenditure

42. The table below details the spend to date on Covid-19 related funding streams. It should be noted there is significant uncertainty around the **Containing Outbreak Management Funding** (COMF). The funding was incorrectly paid to Lower Tier authorities and we are uncertain as to whether some of this should be paid to Lancashire County Council. Should this funding remain with the Council it is anticipated much of these costs were via redeployment of existing Council resources so the funding may create an underspend of £1.2m in the General Fund. However, until there is certainty over this funding it is suggested the money should be held until further notice is given.



Spend Area	Spend to Date	Committed 20/21	Spend repurposed from Existing Budgets	Total 20/21 Spend	21/22 Spend Committed
<b>Unringfenced Grant Spend Elements</b>					
Staffing	67,601	111,592	762,941	942,135	301,743
Premises Improvements	12,453	2,692		15,144	
Transport Related Costs	1,824			1,824	
Community Hub Costs	33,284	1,799		35,083	
Information Technology	29,747	2,000		31,747	
Operation tools & equipment	27,862	1,576		29,438	
Postage	4,317			4,317	
Publicity & Promotion	554			554	
Temporary Accommodation	57,255	94,685		151,940	
Expenses Recovered	-5,574			-5,574	
Other Costs - inc Leisure	12,760	242,295		255,055	
<b>Unringfenced Grants Spend Sub-Total</b>	<b>242,083</b>	<b>456,639</b>	<b>762,941</b>	<b>1,461,662</b>	<b>301,743</b>
<b>Ringfenced Grant Elements</b>					
Track and Trace Payments	91,999			91,999	
Extending Council Tax Support	602,000	105,201		707,201	
Sales Fees and Charges	386,000			386,000	
National Leisure Relief Funding		210,000		210,000	
Containing Outbreak Management Funds			1,218,668	1,218,668	
Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP)		30,000		30,000	
Health Protection Project (Part 1)- Test & Trace Staff		72,850		72,850	
Health Protection Project (Part 2) - Test & Trace Staff & Non Staff		45,989		45,989	
Health Protection Project (Part 3) - Food & Essential supplies	99,245			99,245	
Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People (CEV)			57,000	57,000	
Reopening High Streets				0	97,965
<b>Ringfenced Grants Sub-total</b>	<b>1,179,244</b>	<b>464,040</b>	<b>1,275,668</b>	<b>2,918,952</b>	<b>97,965</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,421,327</b>	<b>920,679</b>	<b>2,038,609</b>	<b>4,380,614</b>	<b>399,708</b>

43. With regard to unringfenced grants, it is forecast that the Council will spend and commit £1.461m on Covid-19 related expenditure in 20/21 and £0.301m in 21/22. Of this £0.762m relates to budgeted costs, such as staffing costs, that have been used to manage the various services that have supported Covid-19 recovery and Government initiatives.
44. All ringfenced grants are forecast to be fully committed in 2020/21 or 2021/22.
45. It is likely there may be some more commitments that are not currently on the financial system but at the moment it is forecast there is £0.819m of existing resources which have been redeployed on Covid-19 work creating a potential General Fund underspend in 2020/21 of £0.819m. In order to be prudent, we would suggest providing £0.300m of funding for any committed expenditure that is not yet showing on the financial system, this would be in addition to the £301k of commitments outlined in the table above. In addition to this, should the COMF also be available, there would be an additional £1.218m of funding available.

## Business Grants

46. A summary of the business grants to be received and paid out to date is below. It is assumed all business grant allocations will be either spent or returned to government. There is significant expenditure in process as payments go out for the more recent 'lockdown' periods. As a result, spend can increase significantly from day to day.

Grant Name	Allocation	Spend to Date	Committed/To Be Repaid	Total
Business Grants - 1st Lockdown	20,888,000	20,192,470	695,530	20,888,000
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Open 1 - To 5/11/20	194,486	8,902	185,584	194,486
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Open 2 - 2/12/20 to 18/12/20	19,342		19,342	19,342
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Open 3 - 19/12/20 to 30/12/20	13,653		13,653	13,653
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed 1 - To 5/11/20	87,598	67,770	19,828	87,598
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed 2 - 2/12/20 to 18/12/20	126,962	126,962	0	126,962
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed 3 - 19/12/20 to 30/12/20	112,025	109,749	2,276	112,025
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed (Addendum) - 5/11/20 to 2/12/20	1,398,510	804,212	594,298	1,398,510
Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed Addendum Tier 4) - 30/12/20 to 4/1/21	0	124,481	-124,481	0
Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed (Addendum) - 5/1/21 to 15/2/21	2,097,765	1,048,374	1,049,391	2,097,765
Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment - 5/1/21 - 15/2/21	4,194,000	2,094,761	2,099,239	4,194,000
Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) - share of Lancs £30m - to 31/3/21	2,215,760	7,779	2,207,981	2,215,760
Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) - Top Up - to 31/3/21	984,136		984,136	984,136
Wet Pubs	38,400	46,000	-7,600	38,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,370,638</b>	<b>24,631,460</b>	<b>7,739,177</b>	<b>32,370,638</b>

47. The Council received an initial total funding allocation of £20.888m of which the following was allocated by the Government in May 2020:
- £19,896,000 maximum allocation for Small Business & Retail, Hospitality & Leisure grants
  - £992,500 maximum allocation for Discretionary Grants

The initial Government allocation was an estimate of the likely business need for grants however and, like many other councils, South Ribble were not able to fully commit the grant allocation. The council was proactive in extending application deadlines and contacting businesses that it believed to be still eligible however it was not possible to fully commit the funding and it is forecast that the £695k will be returned to the Government.

48. All other grants are assumed to be fully committed depending upon how long lock-down restrictions continue or are brought back in the future.

## Summary

49. As a result of the commitments against unringfenced grants identified above, a reserve for £500k Covid-19 Recovery has been created from within the forecast budget underspends.
50. In addition, a Covid-19 reserve of £600k has been created from carried forward of Covid-19 grants to cover existing Covid-19 commitments which will only be incurred in 21/22.

## Reserves

51. The total balance on reserves at the beginning of the financial year was £20.813m. Table 5 below shows the expected movements in the reserves for 2020-21.

Table 5: Reserves Summary

Reserve Name	Opening Balance £'000	Transfers In £'000	Transfers Out £'000	Capital Financing £'000	Movemnt Between Reserves £'000	Closing Balance £'000
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>						
Borough Council Elections	(160)	-	-	-	-	(160)
Borough Investment Account	(4,576)	-	-	170	-	(4,406)
Business Rates Retention	(3,309)	(4,987)	65	-	-	(8,231)
Capital Funding	(3,514)	-	24	2,074	-	(1,416)
CIL Admin	(248)	-	-	-	248	-
City Deal	(1,851)	-	-	-	-	(1,851)
Climate Change	(250)	-	-	-	-	(250)
Credit Union	(150)	-	1	-	-	(150)
Housing Needs Surveys	(100)	(20)	-	-	40	(80)
Local Plans	(255)	-	-	-	62	(193)
My Neighbourhoods	(67)	(46)	-	2	-	(111)
Performance Reward Grant	(27)	-	27	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	(500)	-	-	-	-	(500)
Restructure Costs	(200)	-	-	-	-	(200)
Transformation Fund	(415)	-	-	269	-	(146)
Business Grants	-	-	-	-	(150)	(150)
Community Wealth Building	-	-	-	-	(150)	(150)
Mental Health for Young People	-	-	-	-	(50)	(50)
Covid Recovery Fund	-	(500)	-	-	-	(500)
Covid Commitments Reserve	-	(600)	-	-	-	(600)
Income Equalisation Reserve	-	(150)	-	-	-	(150)
Other Earmarked Reserves:						-
Ring-fenced grants	(488)	-	231	-	-	(257)
Sports Development income	(337)	-	220	-	-	(117)
Carried forward underspends	(126)	-	126	-	-	-
	<b>(16,574)</b>	<b>(6,303)</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,669)</b>
General Reserve	(4,239)	(11)	96	-	-	(4,154)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(20,813)</b>	<b>(6,314)</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>2,514</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(23,823)</b>

52. The details of the purposes of each earmarked reserve and the movements in the balances are as follows:

- Borough Council Elections – The original budget included a £40,000 top up of this reserve every year to build up a fund for local elections that take place every 4 years. In the Outturn 2019-20 it was approved to top up the reserve for a full £160,000 using the surplus in 2019-20 so that no contributions are needed over the next 3 years.
- Borough Investment Account – This reserve is to be used for the Worden Hall and Hoole Village Hall capital projects. £2m of the reserve has been potentially committed towards the Leyland Town Deal project.
- Business Rates Retention – This reserve exists as a contingency to cover any unexpected shortfalls in business rates funding that may occur within a one- or two-year period to allow time for the council's budgets to be realigned. There is a significant in-year increase in this reserve which will be repaid to government in future years and is not available to the Council for use.
- Capital Funding – This is the main reserve used for funding the capital programme.
- City Deal – This reserve exists as a contingency to fund any unexpected costs that arise in relation to City Deal.
- Climate Change – The approved budget for 2020/21 included the creation of a Climate Change reserve of £250,000.
- Credit Union – As part of the budget monitoring report for quarter 3 of 2019-20, Cabinet approved the creation of a Credit Union reserve of £150,000 using the surplus in 2019/20.
- Housing Needs Surveys – This reserve is topped up each year so that when housing surveys are needed to be carried out there is funding available.
- Local Plans – The purpose of this reserve is to meet the forecasted expenditure requirements in relation to the Local Development Framework.
- My Neighbourhoods – This is the balance of unspent funding for the My Neighbourhoods forums.
- Performance Reward Grant – This is the balance of unspent PRG funding.
- Repairs and Maintenance – This reserve exists as a contingency to fund unexpected costs for repairs and maintenance of council properties that cannot be covered by existing revenue budgets. The approved capital programme for 2020/21 onwards allocates this reserve to the leisure centres refurbishments scheme, which has a total budget of £2.1m.
- Restructure Costs – This reserve was increased at Outturn 2019-20 to £200,000 as a provision for potential cost relating to the expansion of shared services.
- Transformation Fund – This reserve is being used to fund the IT Digital Strategy costs in the capital programme.
- As part of the budget setting for 2021/22 a number of new reserves have been created from released of existing reserves which can be released. These are reserves for Community Wealth Building, Business Grants, Mental Health for Young People.
- Two new reserves are being created as a result of the Covid funds described above for £500k and £600k.
- An Income Equalisation Reserve of £150k has been created from the to cover any potential temporary reliefs and losses on investment income over the recovery period from Covid 19.

- Other Earmarked Reserves – This reserve comprises three elements: approved carry forwards of underspends that have not yet been allocated, surplus income relating to Sports Development, and miscellaneous ring-fenced grant income specific to certain service areas.

53. Appendix B shows the planned movement in reserves over this year and the next 3 years.

### Capital Programme

54. Appendix C lists all the capital schemes within the programme and the detail regarding budgets, spending and forecasts.

55. Table 6 below shows the movements in the balances of capital funding streams.

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Funding has been steadily building up over the last 5 years. The balance in shows the net funding available to the Council after deducting payments made, or due, to Parish Councils and LCC as part of the arrangements for City Deal.
- Land Release Fund – The grant was received a couple of years ago in relation to the house-building project. That project has seen been terminated and the money cannot be repurposed so is now in the process of being repaid.
- Section 106 – The majority of the balance of Section 106 funding is allocated to schemes within the capital programme. Several receipts totalling £523,000 have stipulations that they must be used for highways work and have been earmarked to be paid to LCC once the relevant works are completed. There are three large value affordable housing schemes that will use all the affordable housing funding: Tom Hanson House Bamber Bridge, McKenzie Arms Bamber Bridge, Sumpter Horse and an Extra Care facility. The other Section 106 funding is allocated mostly to parks and open spaces schemes within the programme.

Table 6: Capital Financing

Funding Stream	Opening Balance £'000	Receipts £'000	Release to Revenue £'000	Capital Financing £'000	Closing Balance £'000
<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>					
City Deal capital funding	-	-	-	-	-
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	(2,029)	-	-	100	(1,929)
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	(314)	(688)	-	750	(253)
External Contributions	-	(29)	-	29	-
Housing grants repaid	-	-	-	-	-
Land Release Fund	(362)	362	-	-	-
Lottery Funding (Hurst Grange Park)	-	(180)	-	180	-
Section 106 Affordable Housing	(5,044)	-	-	758	(4,285)
Section 106 Other	(2,391)	-	-	1,087	(1,304)
Town Deal Funding	-	(750)	-	750	-
Other grants and contributions	(25)	-	-	-	(25)
	<b>(10,165)</b>	<b>(1,285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>(7,796)</b>

### Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

56. The contents of the report outline the financial implications for the council.

### Comments of the Monitoring Officer

57. There are no concerns with this report from a Monitoring Officer perspective.

### Background documents

There are no background papers to this report

### Appendices

Appendix A – Staffing Vacancies at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Appendix B – Capital Programme

Appendix C – Reserves Planned Movements

Appendix D – Glossary of Covid Schemes

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Post	Already Shared	To be considered in relation to shared services	Notes
<b>Neighbourhoods &amp; Development</b>			
Arborist			The post holder has been seconded to work in a covid-specific role.
Neighbourhoods Team Operative 2 FTE			One post has been vacant since 31/05/20. Another is vacant due to the post-holder being seconded to a covid-specific role.
HGV Mechanic			The post became vacant at the end of December and is being recruited to.
Depot Support Operative			The post holder was seconded to another role in the waste management team in September.
Neighbourhoods Officer			The post holder has been seconded to work in a covid-specific role.
Waste Monitoring Officer			The post holder has been seconded to work in a covid-specific role.
Engineering Technician			Vacant since 14/09/19. The post was created by upgrading an apprentice role but the person in post then left the organisation. The team is able to function without this role and so there are plans to delete it and create an additional Facilities Management role to bolster that service.
Graphic Designer		Y	Vacant since 30/11/19
<b>Planning &amp; Property</b>			
Assistant Director of Housing & Property			Vacant since 22/03/20. The post is being kept vacant pending a potential restructure within this directorate and the Neighbourhoods & development directorate to align services and reporting lines better. In the short-term, the saving is being used to fund part of the costs of a new Surveyor role for 18 months.
Apprentice (generic role)			There is one budget within the Planning & Property directorate that covers all apprentice roles within the organisation. The post-holders are assigned to various teams across multiple directorates. There is one vacancy, which was also vacant all throughout 2019-20. The post was intended to be used for the Gateway team. It was advertised twice but there were no suitable candidates. Now that all posts within Gateway are filled, this apprentice post is no longer considered necessary and will not be recruited to.
IT Apprentice			The post-holder was promoted to fill a vacancy within the IT team.

Post	Already Shared	To be considered in relation to shared services	Notes
Estates Officer			Vacant since 05/04/20. The saving has been used to fund an additional Surveyor resource. From April to October this was via an agency arrangement but from November onwards a temporary post has been created in the establishment for an 18 month period. The saving from the vacant Estates Officer and Assistant Director posts have funded the new role.
Museum Curator			Vacant since 31/05/20. This post is now rolled into an interim operating model with the Museums service for Chorley.
Planning Enforcement Officer			The post became vacant on 31/05/20. More complex work is being picked up via a retained specialist consultant on a case by case basis. There are two enforcement posts, the other being recently filled in September, and the need for both is not certain.
<b>Customer &amp; Digital</b>			
Gateway Officer 3 FTE			Two people have been seconded to covid-specific roles. Another post became vacant in December.
IT Security Support Officer		N	Vacant since 01/07/19, when a restructure was implemented. The post has been advertised twice but there have not been suitable candidates to appoint. The service is confident that it can attract a suitable applicant for this post. Recruitment is due to start imminently with the post being filled within before Christmas.
IT Senior Network Support Analyst		Y	Vacant since 14/02/20. The post holder retired, and the post will be kept vacant during 2020/21 to fund the severance costs.
IT LLPG Officer			The post-holder was recently promoted to fill a different vacancy within the team.
Revenues & Benefits Officer 1.7 FTE		N	One post has been vacant since 29/02/20 and another became vacant on 26/07/20. Options are being considered regarding potential automation of processes that may result in at least one post not being required.
Revenues and Benefits Visiting Officer			Vacant since 18/12/20
Revenue and Benefits Assessor			Vacant since 28/2/21
Revenues and Benefits Clerical Assistant		Y	Vacant since 12/08/20
<b>Governance</b>			
Head of Licensing		Y	Vacant since 23/02/20
Corporate Support Apprentice	Y	Y	The post-holder has been acting up since October to fill a vacant Executive Assistant role.



Post	Already Shared	To be considered in relation to shared services	Notes
Insurance Officer	Y	Y	Vacant since 13/10/19. Another officer has been acting up to this role but their substantive role is not currently back-filled.
<b>Communications &amp; Visitor Economy</b>			
No vacancies			
<b>Transformation &amp; Partnerships</b>			
HR Advisor	Y	Y	Vacant since 29/02/20. The post was incorporated into the phase 1 service review
Business Support Officer 2 FTE	Y	Y	One post was vacant since 31/12/19 and the other since 01/11/20. The posts were incorporated into the phase 1 service review

Notes:

1. FTE stands for Full Time Equivalent and is used for part-time posts to show a comparison against a full-time post.
2. MTFSS stands for Medium Term Financial Strategy, which is the annual document that outlines the Council's detailed budget for the following financial year and planned budgets for the next few years after that.

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# Reserves Planned Movements 2020-2024

Note: All figures are in £'000

## Appendix B

Reserve Name	19/20 C/F	2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
		In	Out	C/F	In	Out	C/F	In	Out	C/F	In	Out	C/F
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>													
Borough Council Elections	(160)	-	-	(160)	-	-	(160)	-	-	(160)	-	160	-
Borough Investment Acct	(4,576)	-	170	(4,406)	-	1,450	(2,956)	-	600	(2,356)	-	-	(2,356)
Business Rates Retention	(3,309)	(4,987)	65	(8,231)	-	4,295	(3,936)	-	177	(3,759)	-	177	(3,582)
Capital Funding	(3,514)	-	2,098	(1,416)	(250)	1,321	(345)	(250)	-	(595)	(250)	-	(845)
CIL Admin	(248)	-	248	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
City Deal	(1,851)	-	-	(1,851)	-	-	(1,851)	-	-	(1,851)	-	-	(1,851)
Climate Change	(250)	-	-	(250)	-	-	(250)	-	-	(250)	-	-	(250)
Credit Union	(150)	-	1	(150)	-	66	(84)	-	50	(34)	-	34	-
Housing Needs Surveys	(100)	(20)	40	(80)	(20)	-	(100)	-	-	(100)	-	-	(100)
Local Plans	(255)	-	62	(193)	-	26	(167)	-	25	(142)	-	44	(99)
My Neighbourhoods	(67)	(46)	2	(111)	-	-	(65)	-	-	(65)	-	-	(65)
Performance Reward Grant	(27)	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	(500)	-	-	(500)	(250)	500	(250)	(250)	-	(500)	(250)	-	(750)
Restructure Costs	(200)	-	-	(200)	-	100	(100)	-	100	-	-	-	-
Transformation Fund	(415)	-	269	(146)	-	146	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Wealth Building	-	(150)	-	(150)	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Grants	-	(150)	-	(150)	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mental Health for Young People	-	(50)	-	(50)	-	50	(0)	-	-	(0)	-	-	(0)
Covid Recovery Fund	-	(500)	-	(500)	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Covid Commitment Reserve	-	(600)	-	(600)	-	-	(600)	-	-	(600)	-	-	(600)
Income Equalisation Reserve	-	(150)	-	(150)	-	-	(150)	-	-	(150)	-	-	(150)
Other Earmarked Reserves:				-			-			-			-
Ring-fenced income	(488)	-	231	(257)	-	44	(213)	-	44	(169)	-	-	(169)
Sports Dev income	(337)	-	220	(117)	-	85	(32)	-	-	(32)	-	-	(32)
Carried fwd underspends	(126)	-	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

	<b>(16,574)</b>	<b>(6,653)</b>	<b>3,558</b>	<b>(19,669)</b>	<b>(520)</b>	<b>8,883</b>	<b>(11,260)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>(10,765)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>(10,851)</b>
General Reserve	(4,239)	(11)	96	(4,154)	-	-	(4,154)	-	-	(4,154)	-	-	(4,154)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(20,813)</b>	<b>(6,664)</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>(23,823)</b>	<b>(520)</b>	<b>8,883</b>	<b>(15,414)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>(14,919)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>(15,005)</b>

# Capital Programme 2020-21 Quarter 3

Note: All figures are in £'000s

# Appendix C

Scheme Name	Current Budget 20/21	Spend	Forecast	Forecast Variance	Variance split		Notes	Revised Budgets				Total 2020-24	
					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24		
<b>Good homes, green spaces and healthy places</b>													
<b>Green Infrastructure</b>													
Green Infrastructure unallocated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	This is the general budget for green infrastructure works. When specific schemes are designed and brought forward, a budget is then transferred from 'unallocated'.	-	189	200	200	589
Green Link - Penwortham Holme to Howick	125	-	100	(25)	(25)	-	-	This project involves improvements to, and creation of, environmental footpaths and meadows etc, between the two locations. The project has been held up due to Covid-19. Planning is now underway with LCC and the EA on work that can be done this financial year that complements imminent EA flood prevention scheme.	100	150	-	-	250
Green Link - Shruggs Wood	44	58	61	17	-	17	-	The original budget for 20/21 was based on the c/f amount of an original £200k for works planned in conjunction with the leisure facility development on the nearby site. However significant work has now been completed, including the creation of a new footpath link, opening up a new part of the wood.	61	-	-	-	61
Leyland Loop	91	10	91	-	-	-	-	Work is underway with LCC and land owners to develop a further 7km of the proposed 10km route planned for this financial year. The forecast and budget were reprofiled in the previous report due to delays caused by Covid.	91	100	-	-	191
<b>Total Green Infrastructure</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>252</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,091</b>

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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
<b>Worden Park</b>												
Arboretum landscaping	30	0	30	-	-	-	On track	30	-	-	-	30
Craft Units Windows and Security Grills	40	-	40	-	-	-	Contractors are expected on site in March. Depending on availability and the weather, this scheme may slip into April.	40	-	-	-	40
Farmyard Cottages Windows and rendering	50	-	50	-	-	-	As above	50	-	-	-	50
Farmyard Cottages - Heating	50	-	50	-	-	-	As above	50	-	-	-	50
Ice House front façade	10	-	10	-	-	-	On track	10	-	-	-	10
North Lodge	4	4	4	-	-	-	Additional damp protection work and further work to the garden was required.	4	-	-	-	4
Overflow Car Park	120	115	120	-	-	-	Contractors on site. On track	120	-	-	-	120
Sewerage pumping station and septic tanks	20	-	20	-	-	-	The Worden sewerage pumping station is about improving the appearance of the site whereas the improvements relating to the septic tanks are essential due to non-compliance issues. Additional drainage works may be required around the tank sites.	20	20	-	-	40
Shaw Brook weirs and banking	-	-	-	-	-	-	Previously this was scheduled for 21/22 but the profile has been moved back to 22/23 to align better with work to and around Worden Hall.	-	-	40	-	40
Shaw Wood footpaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	As above	-	-	33	-	33
Walled garden pot house - replace the building frame and base walls	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22. The profile has been adjusted to reflect a later expected start.	-	50	50	-	100
Worden Park fountain	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22	-	80	-	-	80
Worden Park infrastructure and landscaping	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22, to coincide with the Worden Hall refurbishment	-	120	200	112	432
Worden Hall refurbishment	120	107	120	-	-	-	Work is underway to take project through to planning stage. Will be not on site until next financial year.	120	1,450	600	-	2,170
<b>Total Worden Park</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>444</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>3,199</b>

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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
<b>Other Parks and Open Spaces</b>												
Hurst Grange Park drainage	25	-	-	(25)	(25)	-	Due to other projects happening on site, this scheme, which is a lower priority, will be rescheduled to 21/22.	-	25	-	-	25
Hurst Grange Coach House Phase 2	300	89	180	(120)	(120)	-	Work started in Nov and will continue to June.	180	553	-	-	733
Hurst Grange Park Paths	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22	-	40	-	-	40
Open Spaces - Bent Lane	68	7	68	-	-	-	Unfortunately, ground investigations revealed that the land is contaminated. Remediation will be required before any works can be undertaken. We are awaiting an assessment from a specialist regarding the price of remediation. A specific report will be prepared regarding this scheme when the costs are known. For now the forecast is unchanged.	68	-	-	-	68
Open Spaces - Balcarres Green	24	25	26	2	-	2	Work complete	26	-	-	-	26
Other Parks - Footpaths (Fossdale Moss, Priory, Valley Road)	15	-	-	(15)	(15)	-	This project is a lower priority and has been moved back to 21/22.	-	45	-	-	45
Playground - Worden Park	50	45	50	-	-	-	Work complete	50	-	-	-	50
Playground - Leadale Green	33	33	35	3	-	3	Work complete	35	-	-	-	35
Playground - Seven Stars	173	172	175	2	-	2	Work complete	175	-	-	-	175
Playground - Haig Avenue	175	-	-	(175)	(175)	-	Start on site was subject to a ground investigation report, which required additional analysis. This has now been received and a tender process can begin. Approval to appoint will be sought from Cabinet in March, with start on site in April.	-	175	-	-	175

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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Playground - Hurst Grange	225	65	190	(35)	(35)	-	Construction will commence this financial year but it might be difficult to complete all the work before year-end, depending on weather conditions and the other projects happening on site. The forecast has been reduced to allow for this.	190	35	-	-	225
Playground - Bellis Way	59	-	49	(10)	(10)	-	On track. Additional funding of £29k has been secured, meaning the scope of the project has widen and the budget increased. The playground will be completed in 20/21 but some landscaping works are likely to carry over to 21/22.	49	10	-	-	59
Playground - Bent Lane	-	-	-	-	-	-	See Open Spaces – Bent Lane (above). Work on a playground cannot commence until remediation work is carried out, hence the budget has been rephased for next financial year. It is requested to increase the budget for this scheme to allow for a suitable scheme to be developed.	-	175	-	-	175
Tarn Wood, Penwortham	30	30	31	1	-	1	On track. The actual cost was slightly more than budgeted due to some additional work being required.	31	-	-	-	31
A tree for every resident	43	17	35	(8)	(8)	-	The forecast has been reduced slightly to reflect what is likely to be achievable in 20/21.	35	53	48	-	136
Withy Grove Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	This scheme had been pushed back to 22/23. Work is dependent on Network Rail completing a foot bridge.	-	-	60	-	60
<b>Total Other Parks &amp; Op</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>(381)</b>	<b>(388)</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>839</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,058</b>



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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
<b>Sports and Leisure</b>												
King George V Playing Fields, Higher Walton	75	-	50	(25)	-	(25)	On track. The work planned has been procured for a cheaper price, meaning £25k of the budget is available for additional works. The funding for this scheme is a specific Section 106 receipt that must be used for public open space on the site. A separate scheme will be developed in future years to use the remainder of the funding.	50	-	-	-	50
King George V Playing Fields, Higher Walton Additional works	-	-	-	-	-	-	As above	-	-	25	-	25
Leisure Facility	12	12	12	-	-	-	Spend so far is on fees. No more spend is planned for this year.	12	-	-	18,988	19,000
Leisure Centre refurbishments	250	-	-	(250)	(250)	-	A Facilities strategy has identified a list of work required across the sites. Work has not yet started due to the impact of Covid-19. At the latest forecast it was hoped that some work could begin in 20/21 but it is now clear that this won't be possible until 21/22. The budget has been reprofiled across 21/22 and 22/23 to reflect the latest work plan.	-	500	1,600	-	2,100
Lostock Hall Football Facility (St Gerard's)	146	1	90	(56)	-	(56)	Work has begun on site to create a new football pitch for St Gerard's in line with the Section 106 agreement. Work is expected to be complete by March. The forecast has been reduced to match the tender price, which was much lower than the initial budget estimate.	90	-	-	-	90

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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Sport Pitch Hub	70	102	102	32	-	32	Background work been done with FA and Football foundation to agree project and funding on the chosen Bamber Bridge site. Should be on site in 21/22. Options are being explored to access grant from Football Foundation. This would be a bonus as the scheme is budgeted to use existing resources. The budget in future years has been reduced to £3.2m to reflect the estimated cost.	102	3,200	-	-	3,302
<b>Total Sports and Leisure</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>(523)</b>	<b>(478)</b>	<b>(45)</b>		<b>734</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>18,988</b>	<b>25,603</b>
<b>Housing</b>												
Affordable Housing - former McKenzie Arms, Bamber Bridge	100	37	100	-	-	-	Procurement options will be reported to Cabinet for a decision on which route to take. The budget profile has been amended to reflect and expected completion in June 2022.	100	1,700	453	-	2,253
Affordable Housing - Pearson House, Station Road, Bamber Bridge	588	296	588	-	-	-	On track	588	-	-	-	588
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,003	243	750	(253)	(253)	-	The total value of work committed is £1.014m. However, this is dependant on covid guidance and applicants wanting and being able to have the work completed. The forecast has been reduced to allow for any unforeseen circumstances. Any unspent funding can be carried forward to 21/22.	750	1,027	682	682	3,141
Empty Homes grants	39	-	-	(39)	(39)	-	The policy is being reviewed following the collapse of Methodist Action. There is not going to be any take up in 20/21.	-	39	-	-	39
Extra Care scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	Cabinet approved in September the site location (West Paddock), and to carry out preparatory work using revenue funding. The capital budget profile has been updated to reflect the latest project schedule.	-	200	6,000	3,800	10,000

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					Re-profile	Extra Cost / (Saving)		20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	
Next Steps Accom - Purchase 2 houses	140	-	140	-	-	-	This scheme was approved by Cabinet in December. It is funded by £70k grant and £70k Section 106.	140	-	-	-	140
Private Sector home improvement grants	75	6	6	(69)	(69)	-	A revised policy is being taken to Cabinet for approval, which should encourage a much greater take up in future years. The profile has been amended to spread the £00k total across the next 3 financial years.	6	98	98	98	300
<b>Total Housing</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>(659)</b>	<b>(611)</b>	<b>(48)</b>		<b>1,838</b>	<b>6,764</b>	<b>8,858</b>	<b>23,568</b>	<b>41,028</b>
<b>Good homes, green spa</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(1,024)</b>	<b>(24)</b>		<b>3,374</b>	<b>10,033</b>	<b>10,090</b>	<b>23,880</b>	<b>47,376</b>
<b>A fair economy that works for everyone</b>												
Car Park resurfacing, Ryefield Avenue, Penwortham	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22	-	40	-	-	40
Church Road, Bamber Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	Budgeted to start in 21/22. The scheme relates to a specific Section 106 receipt that must be used at the Church Road site. The Council does not own the land so progress is likely to be slow.	-	40	-	-	40
Land Acquisition Croston Road	77	30	30	(47)	-	(47)	On track. The price has been negotiated down so there will be a saving against the budget.	30	-	-	-	30
Leyland Train Station Ticket Office	15	-	15	-	-	-	Initial plans include a new staircase, bike secure storage and improvements to the entrance. Only the staircase is expected to be completed in 20/21. Also, this project is now linked to Town Deal.	15	45	-	-	60

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Masterplanning & Regen - Leyland	750	-	750	-	-	-	£750k has been received in September 2020 as an initial payment towards the Town Deal as per the urgent decision on 13th August 2020. This will be used to purchase sites within the development areas. The rest of the programme Budgeted to start in 21/22. This is now one of the 3 main projects which form the Town Deal investment plan.	750	2,000	-	-	2,750
Masterplanning & Regen - Penwortham	50	-	50	-	-	-	Tenders are being prepared to appoint consultants to carry out initial masterplanning exercise. Those works are expected to be completed this financial year.	50	-	2,000	-	2,050
New Longton Regeneration	-	-	-	-	-	-	A consultation has been undertaken with the local community on potential projects. Most of the suggestions relate to road safety. However, we need to agree what is possible with the local ward members since the Section 106 money earmarked for this scheme is largely for public open space and only £20k is available for road safety improvements. Work is not expected to take place until 21/22.	-	75	-	-	75
<b>A fair economy that wor</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>(47)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(47)</b>		<b>845</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,045</b>

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<b>Thriving communities</b>												
Hoole Village Hall Grant	200	-	100	(100)	(100)	-	The scheme involves a loan of £150k and a grant of £50k. The agreements for these are being finalised. The first tranche of the loan and grant payment are forecasted to be made before year end. The grant will be funded by the Borough Investment Reserve.	100	100	-	-	200
St Mary's, Penwortham - Churchyard wall repairs	30	18	40	10	10	-	Progress on this scheme has been very slow because the decision making processes within the church organisations are very slow moving. We are also still awaiting burial records from the church before the main work can take place. Urgent works costing £40k are planned for Q4.	40	100	-	-	140
<b>Thriving communities</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>An exemplary council</b>												
<b>IT Programme</b>												
IT Unallocated Funding	62	-	-	(62)	(62)	-	This is the general budget for IT projects. When specific schemes are brought forward, a budget is then transferred from 'unallocated'. A joint Digital Strategy is being developed and will inform how this budget will be used in future years. The remaining £62k will be carried forward to assist with this.	-	262	200	200	662
Capita Software Upgrade (c/f)	5	2	5	-	-	-	On track	5	-	-	-	5
Civic Centre conference centre hearing loop	35	-	-	(35)	(35)	-	Due to covid, the civic centre has been closed off for large periods preventing work being done. It is highly likely the project will not be able to be done until 21/22.	-	35	-	-	35
HFX Upgrade (c/f)	4	4	4	-	-	-	Complete	4	-	-	-	4
ldox (c/f)	147	110	147	-	-	-	On track	147	-	-	-	147

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Single Sign On and Calendar Integration	33	8	33	-	-	-	On track	33	-	-	-	33
Members tablet refresh	52	52	52	-	-	-	Complete	52	-	-	-	52
Mobile phone upgrade	12	9	12	-	-	-	On track	12	-	-	-	12
Front to Back Office Automation	17	-	17	-	-	-	On track. This is dependent on the Single Sign-On project.	17	-	-	-	17
Help Desk System	5	-	-	(5)	(5)	-	The project has been postponed while shared services arrangements are being reviewed.	-	5	-	-	5
Tablet refresh (agile working)	35	-	-	(35)	(35)	-	As above	-	35	-	-	35
<b>Total IT Programme</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>(137)</b>	<b>(137)</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>269</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1,005</b>
<b>Other non-ICT projects</b>												
Corporate Buildings Unallocated	100	-	-	(100)	(100)	-	The budget for 20/21 is earmarked for fire safety work in the Civic Centre and the Depot. For future years, stock condition surveys are being carried out which will result in a list of work required, and the budget can be profiled accordingly.	-	250	200	200	650
Corporate Buildings - Civic Centre	75	1	40	(35)	(35)	-	The budget for 20/21 is earmarked for contributing to fire safety work plus an upgrade of building maintenance systems. The forecasted cost is expected to be £35k less than the current budget. In future years, the budget has been increased by £50k in both 22/23 and 23/24. As with the line above, the budget is likely to need refoiling once the stock condition surveys are completed.	40	50	50	50	190
Civic Centre emergency lighting	7	9	9	2	-	2	Complete	9	-	-	-	9
Civic Centre Dementia Garden	12	11	12	-	-	-	On track	12	-	-	-	12

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Civic Centre LED Lighting	45	-	45	-	-	-	On track	45	-	-	-	45
Civic Centre New Entrance	-	-	-	-	-	-	The scheme has been postponed due to the impact of Covid-19 both currently and in not knowing what services and the building environment might look like afterwards.	-	150	-	-	150
Civic Centre Solar Panels	31	31	31	-	-	-	Complete	31	-	-	-	31
Civic Centre 3rd Floor	-	-	-	-	-	-	This work is being held up because fire safety works must be completed first. The main thing is the compartmentalisation of the central staircase.	-	50	-	-	50
Polling Booths	22	22	22	-	-	-	On track	22	-	-	-	22
Vehicles and Plant replacement programme	2,497	1,313	1,530	(967)	(967)	-	Due to delays in procurement for several waste collection vehicles, a large proportion of the budget in 20/21 has been moved to next year. The budgets in future years have been updated to reflect latest price estimates.	1,530	2,189	490	54	4,263
Miscellaneous Costs	-	(2)	-	-	-	-	This line is used for accounting purposes to show any small variances in retention costs for completed schemes between what is accrued and what costs are actually incurred. minor variances.	-	-	-	-	-
<b>An exemplary council</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>(1,237)</b>	<b>(1,239)</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1,956</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>6,426</b>
<b>New Schemes for the MTFS</b>												
Open Spaces - Mounsey Road	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	50	-	-	50

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Playground - The Holme, Bamber Bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	175	50	-	225
Playground - Moss Side Village Green	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	125	50	-	175
Playground - Birch Avenue, Penwortham	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	75	-	-	75
Playground - Margaret Road, Penwortham	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	100	-	100
Kingsfold Community Centre Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	150	-	150
Neighbourhood Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	350	-	350
Leisure Local	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	250	250	-	500
Sumpter House Site	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	2,000	-	2,000
<b>Total New Schemes</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	<b>675</b>	<b>2,950</b>	-	<b>3,625</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,737</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>(2,422)</b>	<b>(2,353)</b>	<b>(69)</b>		<b>6,315</b>	<b>16,133</b>	<b>15,980</b>	<b>24,384</b>	<b>62,812</b>



## **Glossary of Funding Streams**

### **Initial Covid Funding**

1. No specific grant guidance has been provided regarding this funding however it is currently assumed to be un-ringfenced.

### **New Burdens Funding - Business Grants / Council Tax / Business Rates**

2. Broadly, a new burden is defined as any policy or initiative which increases the cost of providing local authority services and where central government requires local authorities to do something new or additional.
3. In respect of COVID-19, this funding will be utilised for administering, processing, monitoring and reporting the various grant schemes.
4. The funding will also be used to undertake Pre & Post assessment checks in respect of grant applications – as required by Government guidance.

### **Extending Council Tax Support**

5. The Government has recognised that COVID-19 is likely to cause fluctuations in household incomes and recognises that, as a result, some individuals may struggle to meet council tax payments. As Councils have already established their local council tax support schemes for 2020-21, it is expected that billing authorities will primarily use their grant allocation to reduce the council tax liability of individuals in their area, using their discretionary powers.
6. Councils may also use this funding to deliver increased financial assistance through other local support mechanisms, having considered local circumstances.

### **Reopening High Streets**

7. This Fund is for Council's to support their business communities with measures that enable safe trading in public places. The fund focuses on high streets, as well as other public places gearing up to reopen as safe, welcoming spaces. The fund supports four main strands of activity:
  - Support to develop an action plan for how the local authority may begin to safely reopen their local economies.
  - Communications and public information activity to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely
  - Business-facing awareness raising activities to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely.
  - Temporary public realm changes to ensure that reopening of local economies can be managed successfully and safely.

### **Trace Support Payments - £500 payment to individuals**

8. This allocation is to provide a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment to people who:

- have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because they have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive;
  - are employed or self-employed;
  - are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result; and
  - are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.
9. The programme costs will be subject to reconciliation, which could mean an authority may need to return funding if the number of payments made is less than their allocation. Other local authorities may need a top up payment where they make payments that exceed their initial allocation.

#### **Trace Support Payments – Admin**

10. This funding is to support local authorities in implementing the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. This includes both administrative costs (set-up costs and running costs) and the costs of the payments made under the scheme.
11. The funding is not subject to a reconciliation process. Additional funding may be provided as necessary, informed by the experience of the programme. The administrative funding has been designed to cover the estimated costs of both setting up the scheme and running the scheme, but it will not be possible to match funding to the specific costs incurred by individual local authorities.

#### **Trace Support Payments – Discretionary**

12. This funding is to enable Authorities to make discretionary payments for people:
- who are not currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit; and
  - who are on low incomes and will face financial hardship as a result of not being able to work while they are self-isolating.
13. Local authorities can introduce additional criteria to determine eligibility for discretionary payments in their area, as long as these operate in addition to, rather than instead of, the criteria set out above.
14. For both the Test and Trace Support Payment and discretionary payments, eligible individuals will receive their £500 payment on top of any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) that they currently receive.

### **Health Protection Project (Part 1)- Test & Trace Staff**

15. This allocation is for the provision of staffing resource contributing to the day to day health protection capacity of the Council.

### **Health Protection Project (Part 2) - Test & Trace Staff & Non Staff**

16. This allocation is for the provision of staffing and non-staffing resource to support a preventive and responsive approach to the current COVID-19 outbreak, working with wider statutory and non-statutory partners to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in local communities and settings.

### **Health Protection Project (Part 3) - Food & Essential supplies**

17. The intended focus of the fund is the direct provision of food and other essential supplies. The Government recommends consideration of the provision of cash or vouchers for this. However, it is at the discretion of local authorities to use the fund to meet the greatest needed.
18. The Government has confirmed that funding can be passed onto others to support existing schemes that deliver the grant objectives. Schemes will need to assess claims and consider individual circumstances when making decisions to support claims. They will need to accept referrals from across the district.

### **Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP) Short Term**

19. This programme is to provide short-term / interim accommodation and immediate support.
20. The funding can cover a range of interventions, from moves into the private rented sector, to extending or procuring interim accommodation such as hotels or student accommodation and supporting individuals to reconnect with friends or family.

### **LA Compliance & Enforcement Grant**

21. This allocation is to enable practical support to aid and encourage compliance, such as;
  - dedicated staff in public areas, business support, or support for individuals:
  - Measures to aid public and business awareness and understanding of regulations and guidance:
  - Any activity associated with enforcement of COVID-19 regulations or guidance:

### **Containing Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)**

22. This funding is to facilitate;
  - Targeted testing for hard-to-reach groups out of scope of other testing programmes.
  - Additional contact tracing.
  - Enhanced communication and marketing e.g. towards hard-to-reach groups and other localised messaging.
  - Delivery of essentials for those in self-isolation.
  - Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces.
  - Harnessing capacity within local sectors (voluntary, academic, commercial).

- Extension/introduction of specialist support (behavioural science, bespoke comms).
- Additional resource for compliance with, and enforcement of, restrictions and guidance
- Measures to support the continued functioning of commercial areas and their compliance with public health guidance.
- Funding Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (marginal costs only).
- Targeted support for school/university outbreaks
- Community-based support for those disproportionately impacted such as the BAME population.
- Support for engagement and analysis of regional areas to assess and learn from local initiatives.
- Providing initial support, as needed, to vulnerable people classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable who are following tier 3 guidance.
- Support for rough sleepers.

### **Sales Fees and Charges**

23. This is income which provides for 75% of relevant income loss of 95% of the allocated budget. Submissions are made via the Delta system and calculated from Council populated figures.

### **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable People (CEV)**

24. This funding relates to the second period of national lockdown.
25. The Government has provided councils with funding equivalent to £14.60 per CEV individual on the Shielded Patient List (SPL) for the 28-day period that restrictions are in force.
26. The funding is unringfenced, but is expected to be used to deliver the activities and outcomes outlined in the Shielding Framework. This includes the overheads of setting up and managing the local system, contacting CEV individuals within the area of intervention, assessing the food and basic support needs of CEV individuals and facilitating the delivery of that support where necessary, and reporting on the level of support provided.

### **National Leisure Relief Funding**

27. This is funding which required a bid from the relevant leisure provider. Bid submissions included plans for spending this allocation which covers the period December 2020 to March 2021.

### **Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) – Open 1; Open 2**

28. This strand of LRSG support was announced 22 October 2020 to help kickstart recovery for businesses that are not legally required to close but are severely impacted by the restrictions.
29. The funding is discretionary, and as being a local scheme has been developed in line with Government guidance.
30. Round 1 funding relates to the period 9/9/20 to 5/11/20

31. Round 2 funding relates to the period 2<sup>nd</sup> December onwards
32. The LRSG - Closed (Addendum) Grant covers the period between these dates
33. Whilst data is reported on a weekly basis, it is understood that this grant is cash limited – and will not be topped up if the allocation is exceeded.

#### **Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) – Closed 1; Closed 2**

34. This support is for businesses that were required to close because of the formal publication of local restrictions.
35. Round 1 funding relates to the period 9/9/20 to 5/11/20
36. Round 2 funding relates to the period 2<sup>nd</sup> December onwards
37. The LRSG -Closed (Addendum) Grant covers the period between these dates
38. Each eligible Local Authority has been issued funding allocations that are calculated using Valuation Office Agency (VOA) data, based on the categories of business relevant to the closures imposed by Government, and monitored through weekly returns submitted by Local Authorities.
39. If the allocation proves insufficient for all eligible businesses, top-up funding will be provided.

#### **Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG) - Closed (Addendum)**

40. This grant covers the period of the second lock-down; 5<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December
41. Businesses that are eligible are those that have been mandated to close by Government and include non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality businesses.
42. Each eligible Local Authority has been issued funding allocations that are calculated using Valuation Office Agency (VOA) data, based on the categories of business relevant to the closures imposed by Government, and monitored through weekly returns submitted by Local Authorities.
43. If the allocation proves insufficient for all eligible businesses, top-up funding will be provided.

#### **Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) - share of Lancs £30m**

44. This funding is based upon a notional £20 per head
45. The funding is discretionary and Local Authorities can determine how much funding to provide to businesses from the ARG funding provided, and exactly which businesses to target.
46. A scheme has been developed a scheme to help those businesses which – while not legally forced to close – are nonetheless severely impacted by the restrictions put in place to control the spread of Covid-19, including businesses which supply the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors, and businesses in the events sector.

### **Christmas Support Payments (Wet Led Pubs)**

47. On 1 December 2020, the Government announced the introduction of additional support over the festive period for wet-led pubs in areas under Tier 2 or 3 restrictions.
48. Qualifying businesses are entitled to a one-off grant of £1,000 payable in 2020/21
49. Local Authorities will receive 80% of the estimated grant funding based on an initial Government estimate. When this threshold of funding has been spent, Government will top up funding to Local Authorities if required.

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