

## Scrutiny Budget and Performance Panel Update (Nov 2022)

### Re: Further information on the prevention of homelessness indicator definition

The indicator for prevention/relief of homelessness is based on a dual definition which included both categories.

#### Prevention

Prevention is when a household has accommodation but is threatened with losing it within 56 days.

This could be caused by a number of factors:

- private landlord has served a valid notice or where
- a parent is excluding an adult child from the family home,
- care leavers,
- Housing Association tenants facing possession action
- owner occupiers facing possession proceedings

The council will work with the household to resolve the issues and remove the threat of homelessness and if this is achieved then the **homelessness has been prevented**.

#### Relief

Relief of Homelessness is where a household/individual is homeless and the council has been able to successfully resolve this (the relief duty lasts for 56 days). **A relief is determined when they have been successfully found accommodation available or them to occupy for at least six months.**

There is not a duty to provide all with temporary accommodation – only those who are in priority need.

Some households are homeless (roofless) when they present and are owed a relief duty immediately (for example rough sleeping, sofa surfing, DV) - in those cases the council works to try and resolve homelessness by helping them to source accommodation.

In some circumstances the relief duty can be extended beyond the 56 days. If homeless is not resolved within 56 days, the council makes a decision on whether a main duty is owed, and we must legally secure accommodation for them. A main duty is only owed to those who are eligible:

- homeless,
- priority need,
- unintentionally homeless and
- have a local connection

It should be noted that within the indicator, South Ribble offers temporary accommodation to those who are outside of the formal definition of priority need and therefore are excluded within the prevention or relief numbers.

See attached link for further information

- <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/article/1905/Homelessness-information-2019>

### Re: Percentage of residents who have received £150 Council Tax Rebate

The mandatory CT rebate scheme closed at the end of September but was reopened by central government until 30 November.

100% of residents who were eligible for the rebate have now received payment into their bank account or if they did not apply as a credit to their Council Tax account.

## **Re: Communities Delivery Profile:**

**Farington Fun Day** – a successful free to attend family fun day event held at Farington Park on the 19th August. This event focused on equality and accessibility, with a wide range of information stalls from charities and accessible activities.

**Christian Community Larder Premises** – funded through the Boost Fund and the Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale Community Hubs, a converted shipping container has been successfully installed on the Church grounds. This has enabled the Browndale Christians Together Foodbank to evolve into a community larder, with long-term sustainable premises and potential to do much more for those they support. This includes transforming their current foodbank into a community shop model.

**Church Road Gardens Battle of Bamber Bridge Memorial** – the memorial project which has been completed in partnership with Preston Black History Society. The project has established a memorial garden with an information plinth outside the Hob Inn in Bamber Bridge.

**Love Where You Live Campaign (anti-litter and dog fouling)** - The winning children's entries from the 'Love Where You Live' campaigns (in Leyland and Farington and Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall, and Walton-le-Dale) have been printed as posters and banners and displayed in key locations such as play areas, parks and schools.

**Broadfield Community Garden** – the second phase of this project has been ongoing throughout the period. 'Let's Grow Preston' have been working with volunteers from the Broadfield area to clean up the site and make improvements. Funding from the Leyland and Farington Community Hub commissioned 'Let's Grow Preston' to deliver supervised sessions until the end of October 2022.

Where the ownership of the garden will be transferred to 'The Base Community Centre'

**South Ribble in Bloom** – (on the plan as a project on all the Hubs) - annual competition across all the areas of the borough where judging of the entrants took place in July and August. Entrants were received from all 5 hub areas and great involvement of residents, community groups, schools, churches, businesses across the borough.

**Social Isolation event focussing on loneliness** – (on the plan as a project on all the Hubs) – an event held in September inviting people and organisations across the borough to learn more and work with us on tackling social isolation and loneliness in South Ribble. A great outcome of everyone working together, communicating and finding out what is already out there and promoting it.

**Western - Dob Lane Playing Fields** – Benches have been installed around the edge of the footpath which was previously installed. Remedial works have been carried out on the footbridge that connects the playing fields and Community Centre, replacement bridge is currently being sourced, installation will take place once obtained.

**Western - Longton Live** – a successful music event was delivered over weekend of 15/16 July 2022. 15 local venues hosted performers, with around 50 volunteers involved. Positive feedback has been received from members, residents and local businesses around the social and economic benefit to the town.

**Western – Hutton Village Hall playpark** - Multiple meetings have taken place with Hutton Parish Council. Exploring developing the existing unused tennis courts into play area for older children. Most recent meeting took place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September where options were discussed for the site with David Parkes and Bill Whittle. Parish have £30K to put into the project, Western hub £10K and there is an option to bid into Boost fund (March) for additional funding.

**Safer Streets Campaign** – Safer Streets launched as an online reporting for the residents of Lostock Hall to be able to report unsafe and dangerous parking within the village. There were posters and banners displayed and social media updates. With over 200 response which have been passed on the Lancashire County Council and South Ribble Police.

**School Uniform Pop Up Shop** – school uniform from across the borough was collected and sorted and the CDO team then held a Pop-Up Shop for 3 weeks in an empty retail unit on Hough Lane in Leyland. The project supported nearly 700 families across the borough with new or recycled uniform.

**Winter Warmth Project** – In Conjunction with Tippytoes BabyBank, new or preloved coats and blankets were collected and sorted with a Pop-Up Shop in the civic centre. Over 100 families were supported during this one-day event.

**Broad Oak Welcome Feature** – Deer and Foulo sculpture installed on the Booths roundabout in the Broad Oak Ward. South Ribble Mayor held an event to officially 'open' the deer and foulo.

**Board Games Afternoon** – The group meet each Thursday at Kingsfold Library, with good attendance and support for the socially isolated, group now looks to be self-sustaining.

**Kingsfold Luncheon Club** – New appliance was needed for the club. Penwortham Hub identified and purchased appliance.

**Heritage Trails** - Booklets designed and printed for Penwortham Heritage Trails, booklets have distributed across the borough.