

Executive Annual Report 2016/17

Councillor Margaret Pattison

**Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Markets,
Voluntary Sector, Older People and Rural Affairs**

Executive Membership

- Cabinet
- Planning Policy Cabinet Liaison Group

Executive Appointments to Outside Bodies etc

- Lancaster Community Fund Grants Panel
- Yorkshire Dales National Park Board

Overview of Portfolio Responsibilities

Responsibility for Markets, Voluntary Sector, Older People and Rural Affairs

Corporate Plan Key Outcomes/Success Measures

Corporate Plan - Key Outcomes	Success Measures
Communities are brought together and the major issues affecting the district are addressed through working in partnership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine the future delivery and funding of voluntary, community and faith sector services groups.• Improve neighbourhood working by engaging with communities to understand their needs and build resilience.
Well run, value for money services that are valued by the public and demonstrate good governance, openness and transparency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the Localised Council Tax Benefits Support Scheme (LCTS) to determine a sustainable scheme for the future.• Review and rationalise the Council's future accommodation needs to support service delivery and save money.

Health and wellbeing of our citizens is improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of vulnerable households benefiting from Warm Homes Initiatives
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Progress made during 2016/17

MARKETS

- Lancaster Charter Market and Assembly rooms continue to contribute to the offering of the city centre for residents and visitors alike. Income has been slightly above budget.
- Morecambe's Festival Market has traded to budget.
- The Assembly Rooms is now reopened after being closed to allow vital works to take place.
- Market officers have been actively visiting markets in other areas to look at best practice and come up with ideas for the development of our markets in the future.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations are commissioned to deliver key activities in support of vulnerable people in line with the council's corporate outcomes and priorities. The main areas of investment and service provision are:

- **specialist advice and information** services to help reduce levels of debt, poverty, personal distress and isolation; increase access to services and help to reduce the need for other crisis services;
- **infrastructure support** to help develop and improve the resilience of the VCFS sector and to deliver services that are relevant to the needs of the district, and;
- **volunteering** aimed at the effective coordination of volunteers at a central point in support of a wide range of VCFS organisations and increasing levels of volunteering to support the delivery of services in the district

Our partners have continued to provide services to a good standard throughout the year and contracts with the current VCFS providers have now been extended to 31 March 2018,

although work has already commenced through an Informal Task Group of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the commissioning arrangements beyond March 2018. The review will involve engagement with other funders including the Police and Fires Services; Lancashire County Council and the North Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group. Meetings will also be held with service providers and service users resulting in: an assessment of the changing needs of vulnerable residents; identification of gaps in service provision and how services could be better targeted to areas of greatest need, and; consideration of new models for the delivery and funding of services. Recommendations from this review will be fed into the budget process during 2017/18.

OLDER PEOPLE

Over the last year I have worked alongside many groups and been invited to many meetings sharing good practise.

- Morecambe Rainbow Centre. Activities for over 50s.
- Lancaster Pension Group. Talking about cuts to bus services, cuts to social care.
- The Harbour in Blackpool who specialise in Dementia care.
- Dignity Day. 1st February. Open day at Westend Impact with local service providers organised by Lancaster Pension Group.
- May 15th 2016 Ashton Memorial lit up for the start of Dementia awareness week.
- Had a meeting with Peter Brooks from Blackpool Borough Council, Peter specialises in training carers in Care homes for people diagnosed with Dementia.
- Regular meetings with local Authority Elected Member Older Peoples Champions, sharing good practice with elected members in the Northwest.
- Moretogether a free Magazine which is distributed to 5000 houses in Morecambe.
- Regular meetings with CCG Health and Wellbeing sharing good practise. Tackling obesity working with schools and staff in hospitals.
- Working alongside Age UK.
- Invited to join the steering group at the Dukes Lancaster. "A Life More Ordinary" film viewing specialising for people diagnosed with dementia.
- WW1 Heritage group.
- Silverline. Tackling isolation and loneliness in the home. "If you're feeling lonely" How to stay connected in older age?

- Housing for over 50s.....This last year has seen changes in older people services across the Country with the withdrawal of Supporting People funding to provide housing related support from the 1st April 2017 for sheltered housing services. Locally and as a provider of sheltered housing accommodation it is pleasing to report that the council has maintained the level of services to council housing sheltered housing tenants. The County Council will continue to provide domiciliary care and telecare services for older people where individuals meet the national eligibility criteria under the Care Act. Tenants who do not have an assessed statutory need are also able to access Lancashire Wellbeing Service which helps people to deal with the underlying causes that are affecting their ability to manage their health and wellbeing.
- Sheltered Council Housing. I was proud to judge the Christmas displays around 6 sheltered council housing premises; Park View was the winner and they received a lovely hot pot supper with sweet served up by myself and housing staff. Everyone had a great time.
- The Bay Dementia Hub.... The first Friday of the month at St Johns Hospice Lancaster, offers guidance, support and information to both carers and people diagnosed with Dementia family and friends.
- Defying Dementia Lancaster University "Together We Can Defy Dementia" I am proud to say I have organised a charity football match with the help of (Morecambe Town) Councillor David Brayshaw, our team Lancaster and Morecambe Bay Rovers playing Liverpool Select X1 men over 45 years on Saturday 13th May 12noon Lancaster University.....Donations to Defying Dementia.

If you want to get in touch with any of these services look on the facebook page and online.

RURAL AREA PORTFOLIO

I have enjoyed joining the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority with 1% of Lancashire now in the Yorkshire Dales.

I am on the Audit Committee and Planning meeting in Bainbridge which is a beautiful place to visit.

I have been invited to attend many Parish Council meetings over the last year, it is lovely to see villages and parishes looking out for each other.