INFORMATION ITEM



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	5 JANUARY 2016	11

CARE AND REPAIR UPDATE REPORT (WYRE AND FYLDE) 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

This report is the eighth annual report to Members on the operation of the Wyre and Fylde Care and Repair service. This report covers the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

The Care and Repair Service is administered from Wyre Council on behalf of the two authorities. Total project funding for 2014/15 was £250,074 with Wyre and Fylde Councils providing £30,000 each. Other funding sources includes; Supporting People - Core funding £54,810 and Handy Person services £54,834, Public Health £47,630, Social Care Funding from LCC £32,800. During the year Care and Repair (Wyre and Fylde) dealt with 4,027 enquiries for advice and support. Examples of services provided include: 148 grab rails, supporting client to access charity funding to carry out essential works, visiting 323 people in their own home to assess needs and provide support to complete claims for Attendance Allowance and making referrals for the Affordable Warmth Initiative. In Fylde the Handy Person has completed 1,036 jobs in Fylde which includes security measures, draught proofing, small repairs, tripping hazards and prevention.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Annual report provided by Care and Repair (Fylde and Wyre) completed by Michelle Scott, Manager. Link to Annual Report

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

This report is the eighth annual report to Members on the operation of the Wyre and Fylde Care and Repair service. The seventh annual report was reported to the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee on the 11th September 2014. A further report was presented to the same Committee on the 4th December 2014 following a review of the Care and Repair service/commissioning strategy undertaken by Lancashire County Council (LCC). This required a 'partnering arrangement' between Fylde and Wyre councils to agree, with LCC, to deliver the joint service, with Wyre Council as the lead authority. Additional services were included and the annual contribution of £30,000 provided by Wyre and Fylde Councils be fixed and committed for 3 to 5 years.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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