

Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

Details

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director)

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Period this report covers (date):

Up to 15th March

Name of Outside Body:

Citizens Advice Fylde

How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?

Approx every 6 to 8 weeks I have attended most meetings during the year

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council

Citizens Advice provides advice on many aspects, services and problems encountered by residents from all areas of Fylde Borough and is very well used. During the last few months there have been changes of the Manager and Deputy Manager, as well as the Admin assistant. I am pleased to say that the Chief Executive position has been filled by Natalie Reeves who has worked for the organisation for many years, with the Admin post being filled by a very competent, previous volunteer. The Deputy position is now out to advert and is expected to be filled shortly. Kim Cook the previous CE is helping out until all posts are filled and stability is returned. I am confident that the service has not suffered and will go from strength to strength. 6 new volunteers are currently being trained in addition to many long standing, committed volunteers. Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?

Tracy Manning deals directly with Fylde CA

In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?

Yes

Any further comments?

Fylde Citizens Advice is open in Kirkham 5 days per week and offers a good Outreach Service in St. Annes as well 2 days per week. They work alongside Fylde Foodbank referring clients in need as necessary. I do not know how many residents would cope without it! This report made on behalf of Cllr John Singleton and Cllr. Louis Rigby as well as myself. Sorry for the delay but wanted to give the up to date information.