



INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	9 MARCH 2021	11

REPORTS OF THE VARIOUS OUTSIDE BODIES

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 19 October 2020, Council made appointments to the various outside bodies. These appointments followed recommendations from the programme committees. This report deals with appointments within the remit of this committee.

In line with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies (Part 5f of the Council's Constitution), every member serving on an outside body is required to complete a reporting form every six months, which is submitted to the relevant programme committee to which the external partnership relates.

Included as an appendix to this report are the returned completed reporting forms and a list of outstanding reports/details of those bodies which have not met.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Elected member representatives to the Outside Bodies

INFORMATION ATTACHED

Outside Bodies Reports and Summary

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The information is provided to maintain an understanding of the work of the outside bodies, and to remain abreast of any issues that may have an impact on the residents of the borough or the council.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Tracy Manning, Director of Resources – tracy.manning@fylde.gov.uk

Outside Body	Councillor	Report Status
Environment, Health & Housing Committee, 9/3/2021 meeting		
Children's Partnership Board (formally the Children's Trust)	Will Harris	Nil return, no meetings
Citizens Advice Fylde	Noreen Griffiths	Report attached
Citizens Advice Fylde	John Singleton	Reports attached
Citizens Advice Fylde	Linda Nulty	Report attached
Community Safety Partnership	Tommy Threlfall	Report attached
Council for Voluntary Services, BWF	Michelle Morris	Nil return, no meetings
East Lytham Working Group	Roger Lloyd	Nil return, no meetings
Fylde & Wyre Health & Wellbeing Partnership	Jayne Nixon	Nil return, no meetings
Fylde Coast LGBT Strategic Partnership	Shirley Green	Nil return, no meetings
Fylde Coast Women's Aid	Viv Willder	Nil return
Fylde Peninsular Water Management Group	Tommy Threlfall	Nil return
Just Good Friends	Karen Henshaw	Nil return, no meetings
Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Board	Jayne Nixon	Nil return, no meetings
LCC Health & Scrutiny Committee	Jayne Nixon	Report attached
Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works	Roger Lloyd	Nil return
Local Liaison Committee Springfield Works	Tommy Threlfall	Nil return
MATAC	Roger Lloyd	Nil return
OneFylde	Angela Jacques	Report attached
Police and Crime Commissioners Panel	Tommy Threlfall	Nil return
Police and Crime Commissioners Panel	Bobby Rigby	Report attached
Registered Providers Partnership (RSO) (formerly RSL)	Jayne Nixon	Nil return, no meetings
YMCA Housing (Face to Face)	Viv Willder	Report attached

Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (for example, Observer, Trustee, Director):-
Noreen Griffiths Management Committee on Fylde Citizens Advice Bureau

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Period this report covers (date)
March 2020-February 2021

Name of Outside Body
Fylde Citizens Advice

How often does the organisation meet?
3 monthly

How often have you attended?
3 meetings

What are the key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council
Funding for Fylde CAB which is greatly received. More trustees/members for the committee are being sort at this time, hopefully through the Parish Liason group.

Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc
Due to COVID-19 meetings have been virtual. As the pandemic has effected so many residents CAB have received financial assistance due to fuel poverty and the Rosemary Project which is linked to Fylde Coast Women's Aid. During lockdown domestic abuse cases have increased.

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?
CAB will do this.

In the light of these meetings, is it worthwhile for the Council to continue to have a representative/representatives on this body?
Definitely as residents are given advice and if needed financial support. Fylde CAB need more representatives as trustees/committee members.

Any further comments?
Volunteers are still working from home and are keen to get back to the office to do face-to-face advice.

Cllr John Singleton JP –

Outside body report in respect of C.A.B. Kirkham

Meeting date: 19/10/2020 Meeting platform GOOGLE

The meeting was advised that a large number of volunteers have been working from home. The office was still occupied by the administrator and all projects are still being manned.

The office has now closed due to the Tier 3 conditions. A notice has been placed on the front window of the office and a local media message has been distributed.

The office telephone has a message advising clients to contact the advisers using the telephone, email or webchat facilities. The 'At home service' has been suspended whilst Tier 3 is in operation for this area.

During the last 3 months the advisors have dealt with 334 clients in the Fylde area covering 1,205 issues. The main method of contact during this period has been the telephone with 71%, with email contacts at 11%.

The main issues for contacting the service at Fylde has been initial claim to benefit, tax credits universal credit and P.I.P.

Other issues, apart from benefit, were that of debt and bankruptcy. The majority of the clients were all of working age.

The wards with the majority of clients were Medlar with Wesham 9% Ashton 7% and Kilnhouse 7%. At the other end of the scale were Singleton & Greenhalgh 2% and Staining & Weeton with 2%

Fylde C.A.B. expects to receive more clients as the furlough scheme comes to end

The accounts are healthy at the moment but there is some concern regarding other funding streams ending in March 2021.

Working groups are being set up, including Fylde Council representatives on the board to prepare a floor space plan for when the office re-opens.

There were no issues concerning Fylde Council.

Cllr John Singleton JP.

21/10/2020 13.30

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Outside Body reporting - Citizens Advice Fylde.

Date 28th January at 5pm Meeting A.G.M. Via the Teams platform

The volunteers supported by staff have delivered a high level of service to Fylde residents. This work could not carry on without the support from Fylde Council. The management and staff are grateful to Fylde for the renewed SLA which runs up to March 2023.

Fylde Council are the main sponsor and without this funding the office would be in trouble. Other sponsors include United Utilities for the At Home project, The Energy Industry Voluntary Scheme for Fylde energy, the Allen Lane foundation for the Rosemary project and the main National Citizens Advice by D.W.P.

COVID

From March 2020 all appointments are carried out by telephone. Form filling is carried out by the client posting the form to the C.A.B. office and it is completed through a telephone call and then returned to the client to check and sign.

Partnerships

The C.A.B is a referral agent for the Fylde Foodbank who shares the lower floor. The C.A.B. also attends the Fylde Homelessness Action Group and provides information on debt housing and welfare benefits to Fylde Council. The Rosemary Project supports 29 clients with Domestic Violence.(DV)

Clients by area:-

From April 019 to March 2020 the C.A.B. helped 1,652 individual clients covering 6,029 issues

By Areas

Wesham	10%	St Annes	38%	Warton & Westby	7%
Kirkham	18%	Lytham	6%	Newton & Treales	5%
Freckleton	9%	Staining & Weeton	2%	Elswick	2%
Singleton & Greenhalgh	1%	Ribby with Wrea	2%		

Top main issues: - Benefits & tax credits Benefits Universal credit & Debt.

The top benefit claim was the Initial claim for benefit

The top debt was the debt relief order

Accounts:-

The net operational surplus amounted to £17,270

Total reserves were £83,966 of which all were unrestricted.

Cllr John Singleton JP

Fylde Councillor serving on the outside body of the C.A Fylde

02/02/2021 14.37

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Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

Details

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

Linda Nulty - Citizen's Advice Member of Management Committee/Trustee

Email:- cllr.lnulty@fylde.gov.uk

Period this report covers (date):- Up to 24/03/2021

Name of Outside Body:- Fylde Citizen's Advice

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

Approximately every 6 weeks . Attended all meetings

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc

Fylde Borough Council fund this service which is vital to many residents across the Borough.

The decision was taken to close the offices due to the Covid 19 pandemic as it was considered to be risky to both staff and volunteer workers as well as the general public, if face to face interviews continued.

However, the service continues to help residents through an easily accessible telephone service.

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

The CEO of Citizen's Advice is in contact with Tracy Manning, always keeping FBC informed of actions and day to day running .

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

It is definitely worth having representatives from FBC on this Management Committee representing our residents from differing parts of the Borough

Any further comments?:-

This service is vital to our residents especially at times like this pandemic when people need advice on employment issues, redundancy, housing and universal credit amongst many other issues

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Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body (*for example, Observer, Trustee, Director*):- Cllr Tommy Threlfall - attendee

Email:- cllrthrelfall@fylde.gov.uk

Period this report covers (date):- June 2020-December 2020

Name of Outside Body:- Community Safety Partnership

How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?:- It has met once this period, on 24th September 2020, via Zoom.

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

Examples of issues could be those that may affect decisions regarding budget setting, challenges for residents, policy changes that affect partnership working etc

N/A

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?:- If applicable, Tracy Manning.

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?:- No.

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Councillor Name and Role on Outside Body *Jayne Nixon Attendee Lancashire Health and Scrutiny Committee*:-

Email:- cllrjnixon@fylde.gov.uk

Period this report covers April 2020 to Feb 2020:-

Name of Outside Body:- *Lancashire Health and Scrutiny Committee*

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

Monthly meetings, attended 3 times

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

This meeting has taken place monthly but during the run up to the current lock down it was requested that Council leaders attend in place of general council members, so I did not attend

The meetings I have attended have been very informative and have given me a good insight into the workings of the Health issues affecting our County. At the present time all the focus is still on the Corvid 19 issues. I feel moving forward we will be able to discuss other health matters as the pandemic subsides.

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?:- EHH committee

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?:-

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

Councillor Angela Jacques - Trustee

Email:- cllrajacques@fylde.gov.uk

Period this report covers (date):- September 2020 - February 2020

Name of Outside Body:- OneFylde

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

There have been 8 meetings in this last period, and I have attended 8. All via Zoom.

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

None.

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

N/A.

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?:-

No.

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

Cllr Bobby Rigby - attendee

Email:- cllr.rigby@fylde.gov.uk

Period this report covers (date):- June 2020-December 2020

Name of Outside Body:- Police and Crime Commissioners Panel

How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?:- There have been 3 meetings in the last period, and due to prior commitments, I have only been able to attend 1 on 16th September.

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:- It is useful for Fylde Council to be aware of changes within the Lancashire Constabulary, such as the announcement of the new Chief Constable, Chris Rowley.

Who did you inform of these issues within Fylde Borough Council?:- N/A

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?:- No.

Outside Bodies - Member Reporting Form

Details YMCA FACE TO FACE HOUSING

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

CLLR VIV WILLDER OBSERVER FOR FBC

Email:- CLLR. VWILLDER@FYLDE.GOV.UK

Period this report covers (date):- FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 2021 (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 CANCELLED)

Name of Outside Body:- YMCA FACE TO FACE HOUSING

How often does the organisation meet? And how often have you attended?:- USUALLY ABOUT 4 TIMES A YEAR BUT WITH COVID LAST YEAR....TWO WERE CANCELLED AND ONLY 3 IN 2020

Key issues arising for Fylde Borough Council:-

NO ISSUES AS YMCA WORK WITH FBC FOR MANY HOUSING ISSUES THAT MAY CROP UP!

A SNAPSHOT OF THE ENORMOUS WORK YMCA DO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

1. SUPPORTED HOUSING: FOYER, (4 maintained, no voids. 113 LONDON STREET, (1 maintenance and void. HARBOUR HOUSE, (no issues)
2. SOCIAL HOUSING: (OWNED, VICTORIA ROAD, DONNINGTON ROAD,(now being refurbished).PATERSON HOUSE (all tenanted).
3. YOUNG PEOPLE : LOFTHOUSE, LANCASTER, REACHING COMMUNITIES, ELEARNING, LOFTHOUSE DANCE.
4. FUNDING: Around £85.000 funding for the huge amount of help in many areas for young people.

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

If any issues.....to Kirstine Riding

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?:-

YMCA is not just a name but help and support in ALL aspects of working, helping young people to get their place in life!