

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2011
title: GENERAL REPORT
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of relevant issues which have arisen since the last meeting.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions – The following reports generally relate to the Council's ambitions to make people's lives healthier and safer.

2 FLOOD PROTECTION GRANT UPDATE

2.1 Further to my report to the last meeting of Committee, I am pleased to report that the application submitted to the Environment Agency has been successful and funding has been approved to assist 28 properties in Ribchester. The Environment Agency is also giving further consideration to providing additional funding to provide a 'Fit and Forget' scheme.

2.2 Arrangements are now underway to carry out a survey of each property with a view to providing the necessary flood protection measures.

3 CLITHEROE MARKET - CONTINUATION OF REDUCED FRIDAY RENT

3.1 Further to my report to the previous meeting of Committee, following the success of increased attendances throughout the summer, the matter has been further reviewed with the Chairman of Committee and Chief Executive. On balance, it has been decided to continue with the reduced charge of £5 to the end of the financial year.

4 HANSON CEMENT LIAISON MEETING

4.1 A liaison meeting was held on 29 September 2011. A copy of the minutes are attached as the appendix to this report.

5 HALLOWEEN ON PENDLE HILL

5.1 As in previous years, in order to ensure public safety on Pendle Hill, a multi agency approach with Lancashire Constabulary and Lancashire County Highways was undertaken with a comprehensive traffic management system being put in place making a one-way system over the Nick of Pendle from the A59 to Sabden.

5.2 I am pleased to report that the evening went without serious incident and the measures enabled the safe access for pedestrians from Sabden to the top of the hill. I am informed that feedback from the community of Sabden is that they remain grateful for the considerable efforts put in place and the avoidance of severe disruption that took place several years ago. As in previous years, a fair and several food concessions were prevented from trading illegally.

5.3 Next year is the fourth Centenary of the Pendle Witches, whilst Halloween will occur midweek on a Wednesday it is likely that the event will result in considerable public interest and significantly increased numbers. It is believed essential that these measures be repeated for at least one more year.

6 CLITHEROE CEMETERY EXTENSION UPDATE

6.1 I am pleased to report that the site access and planning permission have now been obtained to enable the Council to proceed with the proposed Cemetery Extension.

6.2 Subject to the necessary capital funding being approved, the final details of a scheme will be determined and tender documents prepared to implement the scheme early in the next financial year

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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