

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

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title: MEALS ON WHEELS/LUNCHEON CLUBS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides Committee with an update on the provision of Meals on Wheels Service and other Luncheon Clubs in Ribble Valley

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – The provision of services supports older and more vulnerable people in the community and provides a point of contact for those residents with other partner agencies
- Corporate Priorities – The service helps make peoples' lives safer and healthier
- Other Considerations – None

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 There has been an ongoing review of the provision of a Meals on Wheels Service and Luncheon Clubs in Ribble Valley, which has previously been reported to Members at the March 2014 meeting of this Committee.

2.2 Substantial progress has been made in identifying the extent of the current provision and the opportunities to set up new drop-ins/luncheon clubs using the local volunteer network. A detailed report will be provided in due course when options to consider for supporting these services have been developed more fully.

2.3 RVS are continuing to provide the current meals on wheels service with the existing service users until the end of June 2014. This has enabled RVS and LCC to work with the existing recipients to find suitable alternative provision, which meets their needs.

2.4 LCC will report their initial findings and the alternative provisions to be made later this month. Any updates will be provided to Members at the meeting.

3 INFORMATION

3.1 Luncheon clubs are currently supported at Chatburn (Methodist Church), Longridge Hospital (Ribchester), Mellor (Methodist Church), Whalley (Methodist Church Hall), Pendle Club, Clitheroe.

3.2 LCC & RVS have written to all of the meal recipients and the volunteers confirming the situation. LCC workers are in the process of meeting each of the service users with the relevant RVS volunteer.

3.3 The Council's role in response to the service changes is focusing on ways to support new and existing drop-ins and luncheon clubs as opportunities arise through ongoing community partnership working. In addition work is being progressed to enable local good neighbour schemes and volunteer led activities in community centres by developing established community support.

4 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 That Committee note the contents of this report.

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