

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2015
title: LUNCHEON CLUBS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides Committee with an update on the emerging Luncheon Clubs project, following the decision to provide a small grant scheme for the purpose and the request to keep Members informed.

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 INFORMATION

2.1 Through match funding from LCC and as previously agreed by this Committee, there is a fund of £20,000 to be invested in new lunch club provisions and the development of existing clubs, with the objective of them becoming sustainable in 2016/17.

2.2 A meeting of key partners, including Age UK Lancashire, Public Health, The Seniors' Forum and Crossroads was held to discuss needs across the borough, and to review the existing provision and opportunities to deliver new or improved services.

2.3 In the light of the review a meeting is being convened of existing and prospective lunch club providers to fund, and to develop a network of users. The network will provide a useful forum for the exchange of ideas and information, and for the clubs to support each other through shared knowledge.

2.4 The network will form a valuable communication route for statutory bodies and voluntary organisations wishing to access some of the vulnerable members of our community and to enable improved joint working on the initiative.

2.5 Once the initial launch is complete, officers will work with the groups to establish and enhance the luncheon club offer.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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