

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To keep members informed of relevant Community Safety Partnership activities.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Safety – The Community Safety Partnership exists to ensure that safety priorities are supported continuing to make the borough a safe place in which to live.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 Members received a report in relation to the Corporate Strategy at its meeting on 19 June 2018. (Minute 109 refers). Priority 3 of this strategy is to help make people's lives safer and healthier. To deliver against this priority the Council has in place the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) which comprises a number of local public agencies and partners from the voluntary sector to help understand and coordinate work around community safety. The Corporate Strategy identifies as an action that the council will continue to work with our Community Safety Partnership, ensuring that low crime levels are maintained, by tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.

2.2 Anti- social behaviour in some locations across the borough has been identified as an issue of concern by members and is a matter kept under review through the CSP. Consequently a number of targeted initiatives have been undertaken to help address issues. The summary attached as Appendix 1 to this report provides an update on recent measures.

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Community Safety Update ASB Activities – October 2018

Youth Activities

1. Longridge

The combination of activities that were started to engage the young people in Longridge appear to have had a positive impact on the incidence of youth nuisance in the town. Police statistics report that ASB is down, and the neighbourhood policing team agree that there has been less trouble reported since the series of measures was implemented.

The youth project that was delivered by Longridge Community Arts stopped short of delivering the 'Club Night' due to concerns that it may have attracted problem individuals. The team had started to positively engage with the more challenging young people, and would like to continue the work by different means – most likely detached youth work in the weekday evenings, and a proposal is being developed.

The Kicks Football programme being delivered at Longridge High School by Preston North End FC will continue, and it has gained momentum engaging up to 20 young people at the Friday sessions.

Longridge Community Gym is also delivering a youth gym (which is now at capacity) on a Friday, and this is being complimented by a boxing club which has been funded by LANPAC.

The partnership continues to work with Lisa Murdock from the town's high schools on the UCAN project. Lisa secured additional funds (via LANPAC and the Town Council) to deliver two more hard hitting programmes, in addition to building strong links with the residents at Park House where much of the trouble has centred. The project has been recognised to be making a significant difference to the boys that have been engaged in the activity, so much so, that they have stayed out of trouble in school and are progressing their studies rather than being excluded to the pupil referral unit.

Lisa's role at St Cecelia's will end at Christmas, and she hopes to secure additional funds to devote more time to the project.

There is now an established Youth Activities group in Longridge made up of key stakeholders in the youth problems around the town, including RV police, schools, Children and Families' Wellbeing Service (CFW) service, Preston police and Preston CSP and this works collaboratively to stay abreast of the situation, and to develop activities as required.

2. Clitheroe & Villages

Working with the CFW and Pro Sport, a football programme ran in the castle grounds over the summer, encouraging the young people to get involved rather than just staying in groups around the bowling green. This had a fluctuating attendance, but it had the effect of being a useful distraction.

The Premier Kicks programme being delivered by Burnley FC in the Community at the castle will re-start over the next few weeks, and will build links with the youth club based at the Zone to deliver a more inclusive offer.

The experienced youth engagement workers will deliver sports activities on the MUGA at the Castle to bring life to the area, in an attempt to divert the attention of the young people who may otherwise be involved in antisocial activities.

BFC are keen to develop their youth offering into the villages, and plan to start a multi sports session in Sabden in the New Year. If this is successful, it is hoped to develop the activities in other areas.

Transforming Lives (TL)

TL has been running for around two years, supported by the East Lancs Transforming Lives team. This group brings together relevant agencies to identify and support individuals with a view to reducing and avoiding more resource intensive interventions.

In January 2019, the support team will no longer exist, being replaced instead by office-based 'Integrated Teams' in each district. Due to relatively light case load, Ribble Valley won't have an integrated team (neither will Fylde or South Ribble) – instead there will be a virtual team, which will continue to use a multi-agency approach to support adults with chaotic lives. Where there is a family in need, they will be referred straight to the teams at the Children & Families Wellbeing service based at The Zone in Clitheroe.

For further information please ask for Dilys Day, extension 4549.