

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

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1 PURPOSE

To update committee on a variety of developments in sports, arts and community development and performance of the Platform Gallery.

2 TOWN CENTRE CAR PARK

There has been provision in the Council's capital programme for some years for the provision of additional parking facilities in Clitheroe. The decision to create additional parking spaces arose from parking surveys carried out in 2018 which demonstrated that the existing off-street car parks were already saturated at a single weekly peak. The expectation was that, with substantial housing developments underway around the town, demand was likely to increase and saturation was likely to become more frequent and to cause problems. Before the Council is committed to such a significant investment, however, it was felt appropriate to remeasure current demand to establish what changes – if any – have occurred since the last survey.

Consequently, counts are being carried out on the short stay car parks in Clitheroe to gauge the occupancy and whether there is, in fact, further need for more short stay car parks in the town centre. At the same time officers are consulting with LCC on ways of improving access for motorists to the Market Car Park, which does not appear to be used to the same extent as other sites.

3. REFUSE UPDATE

The situation with a shortage of LGV drivers for the refuse collection and recycling services has been addressed for the time being.

4. WELLS UPDATE

Officers have met with representatives of the Clitheroe Town Wells Group as directed by Policy & Finance Committee. This led to condition surveys of the visible features of the 3 wells with a view to compiling repair schedules. Repairs to Stock Well will be funded and carried out by the Council.

Further discussions will take place between the parties about the supply and installation of information boards.

5 TOURISM

Members may recall that when the Council created the Economic Development Committee the reporting of Tourism as carried out by the Head of Cultural and Leisure Services along with the Councils' Tourism and Events Officer was transferred to that committee from Community Services. Though the actual work remained within the remit of the Community Services Directorate.

Recently the Tourism and Events Officer moved directorates from Community Services to Economic and Development, the post will now sit within Regeneration and Housing and report to that Head of that Service. The activities which that post is responsible for will continue within the Directorate.

The Food Festival will also after this year's event move from Community Services Committee, to be reported to and overseen by the Economic Development Committee.

6. CONCLUSION

Committee will, of course, be kept apprised of any further developments in Community services.

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