

22 May 2008

Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 22ND MAY 2008

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the above meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

6. **Forward Plan (Pages 93 - 98)**

To consider the Councils Forward Plan for the four month period 1 May 2008 to 31 August 2008 (copy enclosed).

A new Plan is due to be published on the Monday 19 May and this will be forwarded to Members before the meeting.

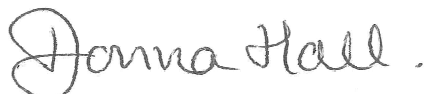
Will Members please note that the Committee has already requested to examine with the appropriate Director the under mentioned report prior to any decision being taken by the Executive.

- Approval of Workforce Development Plan

7. **Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (Pages 99 - 106)**

Report of Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) (to follow)

Yours sincerely



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ان معلومات کا ترجمہ آپکی اپنی زبان میں بھی کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ یہ خدمت استعمال کرنے کیلئے براہ مہربانی اس نمبر پر ٹیلیفون

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CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN FOR THE FOUR MONTH PERIOD 1 JUNE 2008 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

This Forward Plan sets out the details of the key decisions which the Executive Cabinet, individual Executive Members or Officers expect to take during the next four month period. The Plan is rolled forward every month and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

A Key Decision is defined as:

1. Any executive decision (as opposed to a regulatory decision) which is likely to result in the Council incurring significant expenditure or the making of savings where there is:
 - A change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more, or
 - A contract worth £100,000 or more, or
 - A new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more.
2. Any executive decision which will have a significant impact in environmental, physical, social or economic terms on communities living or working in two or more electoral wards - This includes any plans or strategies which are not within the meaning of the Council's Policy Framework set out in Article 4 of the Council's Constitution.
3. As a matter of local choice, the Forward Plan also includes the details of any significant issues to be initially considered by the Executive Cabinet and submitted to the Full Council for approval.
4. New items in the Forward Plan are shown in bold print.

The current members of the Executive Cabinet are:

Councillor Peter Goldsworthy	Executive Leader
Councillor Patricia Case	Executive Member (Policy and Performance) and Deputy Leader
Councillor Eric Bell	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods)
Councillor Alan Cullens	Executive Member for Resources
Councillor Peter Malpas	Executive Member (Business)
Councillor John Walker	Executive Member (People)

Anyone wishing to make representations about any of the matters listed below may do so by contacting the relevant officer listed against each key decision, within the time period indicated.

Under the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution, a Key Decision may not be taken, unless:

- It is published in the Forward Plan;
- 5 clear days have lapsed since the publication of the Forward Plan; and
- If the decision is to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Cabinet, 5 clear days notice of the meeting has been given.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in the Forward Plan in accordance with Rule 18 (General Exception) and Rule 19 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP or accessed from the Council's website: www.chorley.gov.uk

- Council Constitution
- Forward Plan
- Reports on the key decisions to be taken
- The minutes or decision notice for each key decision, which will normally be published within 5 working days after having been made

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Executive Cabinet which are held at the Town Hall, Chorley. The dates and times of the meetings are published on www.chorley.gov.uk or you may contact the Democratic Services Section on telephone number 01257 515122 for further details.

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Chief Executive

Publication Date: 19June 2008

Details of the Decision to be taken	Decision to be taken by	Relevant Portfolio Holder	Earliest Date decision can be taken	Proposed Consultees	Method(s) of Consultation	Documents to be considered by Decision taker	Representation s may be made to the following officer by the date stated
Sale of land at Gillibrand, Chorley (Parcel 10)	Executive Member for Resources	Executive Member for Resources	9 Jun 2008	Strategy Group.	Draft report circulated to Consultees.	Report of Corporate Director (Business)	Corporate Director (Business) Tel: 01257 515285 jane.meek@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 2 June 2008
Affordable Housing Framework	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Business)	26 Jun 2008	Strategy Group	Draft Framework document to be circulated to consultees	Draft Affordable Housing Framework	Corporate Director (Business) Tel: 01257 515285 jane.meek@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008
Capital Programme and Revenue Budget for 2008/09 - Outturn	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member for Resources	26 Jun 2008	Strategy Group	Draft report to be circulated to consultees	Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation)	Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) Tel: 01257 515480 gary.hall@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008

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Chorley Community Safety Partnership - Local Action Plan	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods)	26 Jun 2008	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Strategy Group	Draft action plan to be circulated to consultees.	Draft report and action plan	Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) Tel: 01257 515720 ishbel.murray@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008
Corporate Governance Directorate - Review of Democratic Services Section	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Resources)	26 Jun 2008	Staff members, Trade Unions and Strategy Group	Draft report to be circulated to consultees	Report of Director of Corporate Governance	Corporate Director of Governance andrew.docherty@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008
Establishment of Joint Committee with South Ribble Council for Shared Financial Services	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Resources)	26 Jun 2008	Staff members, Trade Unions and Strategy Group	Draft report to be circulated to consultees	Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation)	Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) Tel: 01257 515480 gary.hall@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008

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Neighbourhoods Directorate - Value for Money Review and Restructure	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods) and Executive Member (Resources)	26 Jun 2008	Staff members, Trade Unions and Strategy Group	Draft report to be circulated to consultees	Joint report of Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) and Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods)	Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) Tel: 01257 515480 gary.hall@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 9 June 2008
Award of Waste Contract	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Neighbourhoods)	14 Aug 2008	Evaluation Panel Strategy Group	Draft report circulated to consultees	Report on Evaluation of Tenders	Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) Tel: 01257 515720 ishbel.murray@chorley.gov.uk Monday, 28 July 2008

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Local Development Framework - Approval of Central Lancashire Preferred Options Agreement	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Business)	14 Aug 2008	Strategy Group	Draft Document to be circulated to consultees	Draft Central Lancashire Preferred Options Document	Corporate Director (Business) Tel: 01257 515285 jane.meek@cho rley.gov.uk Monday, 28 July 2008
Report on outcome of bid to Government for the designation of the Central Lancashire and Blackpool areas as a 'Growth Point'	Executive Cabinet	Executive Member (Business)	14 Aug 2008	Strategy Group	Draft report to be circulated to consultees	Report of Corporate Director (Business)	Corporate Director (Business) Tel: 01257 515285 jane.meek@cho rley.gov.uk Monday, 28 July 2008

Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods)	Overview and Scrutiny	22 nd May 2008

PROPOSED PILOT MERGE OF CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the extended period of consultation on the proposed pilot merge of the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That Overview and Scrutiny Committee now support the pilot proposal to merge the Community Safety Partnerships of Chorley and South Ribble in to a strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
3. That Overview and Scrutiny Committee forward this report to Executive Cabinet on 26th June 2008 for endorsement, including the proposed framework for local arrangements for Chorley.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. Further consultation has now taken place on the proposed pilot merge of the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships. During this period of consultation, it has been established that West Lancashire will not be included in the pilot proposal to merge at this point in time. Executive Cabinet support has been confirmed for South Ribble to proceed with the proposed pilot.
5. The consultation included a special meeting of the Chorley Community Safety Partnership (22nd April 2008), a subsequent period of submission for comments by all members of the Community Safety Partnership (14th May 2008) and discussion at the Chorley Partnership meeting (23rd April 2008).
6. Feedback received has focused on the need to ensure local representation for Community Safety in Chorley and, importantly, that the community/voluntary sector can be actively engaged in Community Safety in Chorley. In addition, the need for assurances that funds would be spent across the strategic partnership area and that Chorley would not be disadvantaged.

- 7. A proposed local framework has been developed to respond to the comments received and to provide for a transition period to replicate the period proposed for the pilot of the merge, i.e. 12 months.
- 8. Success criteria, upon which to measure the progress of the pilot, has also been established based on research of those strategic partnerships who have already formally merged.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- 9. The issues and concerns raised throughout the consultation process have been considered and reflected in a proposed revised local framework for Community Safety in Chorley.
- 10. Whilst objections to the proposal to merge have been made, it is considered that the associated points of objection have been redressed through the proposed local framework and considered further through the adoption of a 12 month pilot period of the merge of the Community Safety Partnerships of Chorley and South Ribble.
- 11. As per the previous report of 27th March 2008 to Executive Cabinet ‘Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership’, there has been a 25% reduction on the revenue budget for the Chorley Crime and Disorder Reduction partnership for 2008/09. There is a need therefore to develop more strategic joined up activities to increase the capacity of resources and secure more opportunities to access ‘partnership’ funding through a Strategic Partnership approach.
- 12. Whilst West Lancashire have indicated that they are not currently prepared to pilot a merge, it would still be prudent to take for the pilot proposal to merge with South Ribble.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 13. To maintain the existing Chorley Community Safety Partnership is an option. However, the benefits provided for via a strategic partnership arrangement are significant, not least of all in respect to future funding resources and funding opportunities, the planning and execution of joint operations operated on a strategic standpoint and the sharing of best practice.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 14. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances	√	Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	√
Involving people in their communities	√	Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	√

BACKGROUND

15. Recommendations were made at the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting of 25th March 2008 and subsequently supported by the Executive Cabinet meeting of 27th March 2008 to undertake further consultation and actions in regards to the pilot proposal to merge the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships into a Lancashire.South Strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
16. These recommendations were as follows:
 1. ***That implementation of the proposals be delayed by 6 weeks, to allow for greater consultation.***
 2. ***That the proposal be brought back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its 22 May meeting.***
 3. ***That the suggested pilot runs for a period of 12 months.***
 4. ***That success criteria be developed against which the project can be measured.***
 5. ***That an interim review be done 6 months after implementation of the pilot.***

CONSULTATION

17. A special meeting of the Chorley Community Safety Partnership was convened on 22nd April 2008 and during which members were asked to comment on the proposals for the Strategic Partnership. Whilst there was no objection in principle to the proposed pilot to merge, some key valuable views were raised and are summarised as follows:
 - Several partner representatives expressed their strong concern at the lack of earlier consultation on the proposals.
 - The current Partnership arrangements allow the practical participation of several community and voluntary groups active in the Borough (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch Association; PAiCE; SWITCH; Clayton Brook Together). The Groups are anxious to contribute to the community safety agenda and remain part of the new arrangements.
 - The Chorley Community Safety Partnership also acted as one of the LSP's Thematic Groups, responsible for the delivery of five priority targets. Questions were raised as to the replacement arrangements for the LSP, which would need to be capable of accessing funding sources, delivering priority objectives and reporting back periodically to the LSP.
 - The Chorley Community Safety Partnership has always benefited from the contribution made by the active community groups, which were anxious to retain a responsible role and strategic endorsement.
 - Each Authority or organisation represented on the proposed Responsible Authorities Group should have equal voting rights.
 - A suggestion put forward was that the Council investigates the means by which the existing four merged CDRP's address and undertake community engagement.
18. Further views were sought via written response from members of the Partnership and which largely reflected those captured at the Community Safety Partnership meeting. These included submissions from Neighbourhood Watch, Lindsay Hoyle MP, Councillor Mark Perks and Voluntary and Community Sector (PAiCE; SWITCH; CB2gether; COPF). In particular the need to ensure continued action of local community groups in crime reduction activities; representation of Neighbourhood Watch on any future Community Safety Partnership; appropriate and equal allocation of jointly secured funds across the

strategic partnership, ensuring Chorley is not financially disadvantaged; improving the partnership working at senior statutory body levels; consider the setting up of local Community Safety sub partnerships; and, ensuring mechanisms are in place for elected members to be able to influence and to receive information on strategic actions.

19. At a meeting of the Chorley Partnership Executive on 23rd April 2008, the partnership supported the proposed pilot merge of the Community Safety Partnerships.

LOCAL FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE

20. Comments received during the initial presentations to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Cabinet and through the extended consultation period have been taken on board to develop a local framework structure which supports both the intended strategic profile of a joint strategic group and the need to ensure local action and community engagement in Chorley.
21. It is proposed that the future structure, as presented within the original proposal, is amended to initially include a Local Delivery Partnership, which sits above the MATAC, PPO and Prevent and Deter meetings (Appendix A). This would ideally function as a Community Safety Partnership for Chorley but with revised membership to reflect the representation on the joint strategic 'Responsible Authorities Group' and representation on MATAC, PPO and Prevent and Deter.
22. This Local Delivery Partnership would perform the role of thematic sub group for the Chorley Partnership and would take forward the governance role for the Chorley Community Safety Local Action Plan.
23. It is suggested that this Local Delivery Partnership is established for a 12-month period, to de-establish the current Community Safety Partnership and to replicate the pilot period of the merge. It will be the objective over this period of time to ensure that key voluntary and community groups are represented on an appropriate Community Safety forum.
24. Actions to be taken during this period will include the review of the current membership of MATAC and to ensure it continues to drive forward multi agency activity. This review will include the potential to recruit appropriate voluntary and community groups to be members of this forum. In addition, the potential establishment of seven 'Mini MATAC' meetings will be considered in the Neighbourhood Areas to ensure co-ordination of activity at the local level.
25. Membership of the Local Delivery Partnership would include local representation from Chorley Council (officers and elected members), Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, Lancashire Primary Care Trust and existing voluntary and community groups.
26. Further discussions on the practicalities of the strategic framework will be held between members of the proposed Responsible Authorities Group – from South Ribble and Chorley – in advance of the commencement of the pilot. During the consultation, comments were also received on the operation of the joint strategic group and in particular the need to ensure each member was given equal voting rights. This will be raised during these further discussions.
27. It is proposed that the pilot will commence, at the earliest, on 1st July 2008 and a further meeting of the Chorley Community Safety Partnership will also be held at the beginning of July to progress review actions.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- 28. It was agreed that which to measure the success should establish measurable factors or otherwise of the pilot which has been proposed. Investigation of the Strategic Partnerships who have already formally merged, has assisted in developing simple, yet effective measures, which are proposed to be adopted for the Lancashire South Strategic Crime and Disorder Partnership.
- 29. These measure are as follows:
 - Agreed Strategic Partnership Plan based on the joint strategic assessment with key milestones for 12, 24 and 36 months
 - Agreed combined targets for the Strategic Partnership for both aspects of performance and funding
 - Developed structure (local) to reflect review of MATAC, PPO and Prevent and Deter
- 30. As recommended at Executive Cabinet, a review of the pilot will be undertaken following the first six months of the implementation of the pilot and included during this process is the reporting of progress on the delivery of the measures as set out above.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

- 31. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	√

- 32.

There are no background papers to this report.

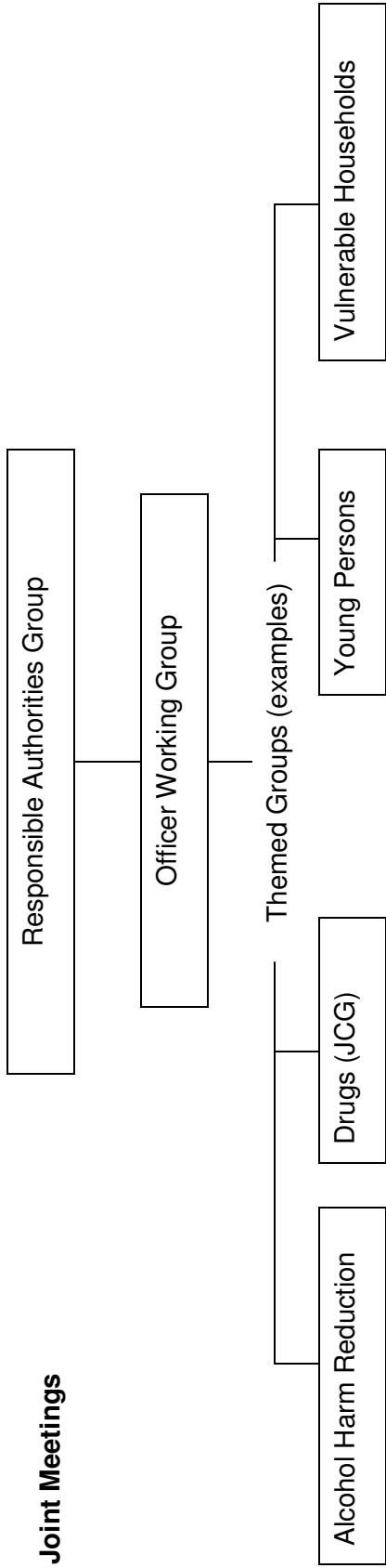
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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Report to Executive Cabinet of 27 th March 2008 – Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	27 th March 2008		
Proposal to merge Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships	February 2008		

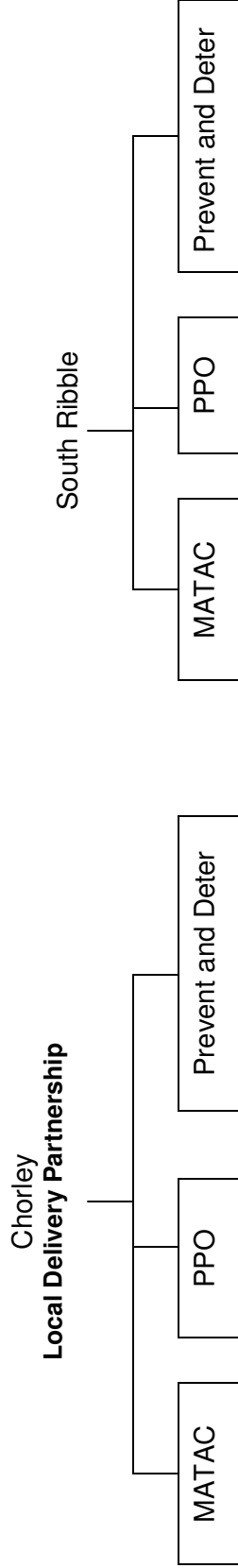
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APPENDIX A



Local Meetings



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