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Dear Councillor

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS NORTH AREA FORUM - WEDNESDAY, 21ST JUNE 2006**

These items were tabled at the meeting of Clayton-Le-Woods North Area Forum held on Wednesday, 21st June 2006

**Agenda No    Item****5.    "You Said, We Did" (Pages 7 - 16)**

A schedule outlining the action undertaken in respect of queries raised at the meeting in March.

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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**CLAYTON NORTH AREA FORUM**

The Clayton North Area Forum was held on Thursday, 16 March 2006 at the Youth and Community Centre, Manor Road, Clayton-le-Woods and approximately 25 members of the public attended. The questions and issues raised by members of the public, together with the responses given, are set out below.

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<p>1. Raised at meeting: There is a footpath between Manor Road and the school that is often covered in leaves in winter. I have contacted CBC and the PC about this.</p>	<p>This year it took longer for the leaves to fall, usually we can sweep the leaves in 3 weeks, but this was not the case this year. Two large sweepers were used in the past, but smaller ones were now being used and a schedule of areas requiring sweeping was in the process of being drawn up. If there are any other issues which require our attention please contact the Chorley Contact Centre (Tel: 515151). John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>2. Raised at meeting: The red recycling sacks are reducing the contributions to charity shops who do a lot of good in the area.</p>	<p>The Council is obligated to provide a textile collection to 96% of the Borough. 20 companies were interviewed to provide the service, including charities with textile service. The Council does work with charities and uses recycling credits for charity shops. The public can still use charity shops; in fact the feedback has been that the impact had not been great on charity shops. It is a 12 week trial and it will be assessed at the end it, including consultation with charity shops. It does say on all the publicity about the textile recycling that people can give to charity as well. John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>3. Raised at meeting: What is the progress on providing a football field at Town Brow?</p>	<p>Negotiations are ongoing with Chorley Borough Council for football field at Shady Lane. Parish Councillor Fenn.</p>	<p>The land is owned by English Partnerships and a provisional agreement has been reached (there is no Member approval as yet) for the transfer of the</p>

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3. Cont.....		land to Chorley Borough Council under the Community Related Assets Package with a view to then leasing the land to the Parish Council. English Partnerships has yet to formally confirm the transfer and timing. Roger Handscombe, Director of Property Services.
4. Raised at meeting: Could I have information about how patients can access new community based health services.	Your GP has information on all new service developments and can refer you to these. Shelagh Garnet - Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust	Further details of these and other PCT services are available on the PCT website: <a href="http://www.chorley-pct.nhs.uk">www.chorley-pct.nhs.uk</a>
5. Raised at meeting: There is a problem of broken glass and rubbish in the shrubbery on Sheep Hill Lane that has not been cleared.	If there are areas that need to be litter picked please report it to us, via the Chorley Contact Centre (Tel: 515151) John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment	N/A
6. Raised at meeting: The area is scruffy due to litter and rubbish. After the collection there is lots of rubbish on the roads and hedgerows. Some of the rubbish is recycling - the green bags aren't working. The contractors need to be supervised more as they are rushing and there is a lack of care in how they empty the rubbish into the recycling vehicle.	The Council is currently considering the whole approach to Streetscene. It was accepted had been problems with the green recycling bags, although these bags had been widely consulted on and were chosen after consideration of price and the capacity of the bag. The green bags now had a flap to close it. There have been penalties on the contractor for rubbish not collected that equates to the cost of collection by another contractor. Each day there were 14 vehicles collecting and the relative performance of those monitored. The bad weather has compounded this problem.	N/A

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6. Cont.....	Alternative boxes with lids and bags are available and 10 – 15 thousand of these have been issued. A new weighted sack is being trialled in areas where the bags cannot be tied to anything. If there are any specific issues please report them to the Chorley Contact Centre (Tel: 515151). John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment	
7. Raised at meeting: In the lighter evenings some areas around Wood End and Sheep Hill Lane become a racing track for youths. What can be done?	There is legislation allowing the Police to warn motorists and confiscate vehicles in certain circumstances. If the Police are not able to prosecute we can highlight the problem to the parents of the drivers. The A6, the use of seat belts and mobile phones is a target area currently. The Police try to be intelligence led and will respond to any problem areas. Inspector J Edmondson - Lancashire Constabulary	N/A
8. Raised at meeting: Could the different types of recycling not be collected together?	There is no plan currently to collect recycling co-mingled as it is expensive to sort. The vehicles would have to be adapted to collect recycling from a wheeled bin. At the end of the current contract the whole system may change. In 2009 there will be a plant at Leyland Technology Park that could deal with co-mingled recycling. John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment	N/A
9. Raised at meeting: The area between A49 and Lancaster Lane is a rat run. What can be done?	A meeting will be arranged to discuss this further. Keith Allen, Head of Public Space Services	A trial is ongoing of the Quiet Lanes Initiative. The Quiet Lanes & Greenways project stems from a Countryside Agency national initiative to make some minor rural roads more attractive to people who are not in motor vehicles, and to encourage people who do drive to take extra care.

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<p>9. Cont....</p>		<p>Quiet Lanes will enable all users to share the road and enjoy their journey at a relaxing pace. The idea of the Quiet Lanes and Greenways project is that it is a low-key, low-cost approach to creating an environment conducive to non-motorised road users and enabling circular trips to be made, thus reducing car dependency.</p> <p>The current state of the Quiet Lanes project is that we are still undertaking consultation for a pilot project in the Bowland AONB. Once this is complete and any changes made to proposed routes, then the routes will be implemented on the ground. Then there will need to be a local publicity/awareness campaign before an evaluation can be carried out of the success (or otherwise) of the whole project. Only when the project is complete and judged successful would we be in a position to spread the initiative to other parts of Lancashire. At that time a judgment would be made as to which areas/roads would benefit from Quiet Lane status. Any required action will be taken on the completion of the trial.</p> <p>Martin Sephton, LCC</p>
<p>10. Raised at meeting: There is a need for traffic calming measures and a speed camera at Back Lane. Could the speed limit be reduced from 40 to 30 mph? Lorries use this road as a rat run.</p>	<p>I will arrange for you to meet with colleagues from Lancashire County Council and myself to discuss this further. Chorley Borough have just completed a Lancashire County Council funded Local Safety Scheme on Sheep Hill Lane at its junction with Back lane. It is intended that the speed limit on Sheep Hill Lane will be reduced to 30mph.</p>	<p>A meeting was held with the gentleman on 14 June. The request for 20mph speed limit has been put on the list with LCC and the process explained. At the meeting several other issues were raised:</p> <p>Telephone numbers for drainage firms used by the Council were provided as requested.</p>

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<p>10. Cont...</p>	<p>There was an existing speed camera on Sheep Hill Lane at this location. This has been moved slightly because the road has been widened and an off road cycle path provided. There are current proposals for a 20mph zone, funded by “safer routes to school” in the Manor Lane area. Consultation is at present being carried out on this scheme. Keith Allen, Head of Public Space Services</p> <p>LCC Traffic and Network Officer to make contact with Chorley BC Engineering Services Officer to arrange a meeting.</p>	<p>Clearing of the build up of dirt and the cutting back of hedges on Back Lane have been requested.</p> <p>In response to a query it was explained that the grass cutting service could not collect the grass in every location. This was done in some areas, such as sheltered housing, but it would require a significant funding increase to do it everywhere.</p> <p>Alan Capstick, Engineering Services Manager.</p>
<p>11. Raised at meeting: Could there be a secondary school in Clayton, the children from the primary schools disperse to a large area. This affects the choices of school and travelling costs. Will there be a secondary school in Buckshaw Village?</p>	<p>As at January 2006 there were 5771 pupils in Chorley Secondary Schools that was slightly more than the calculated number of places that is 5744. In South Ribble Secondary Schools there were 8398 pupils against 9412 places. As a result of falling numbers in primary schools over the past five years the numbers of pupils is expected to fall to 5488 in Chorley and 7775 in South Ribble by 2090. Therefore, building a new Secondary School in Clayton would increase the number of unfilled places. Secondary school provision in both Chorley and South Ribble will be reviewed as part of the National Building Schools for the Future Programme but this is not scheduled until 2014. There are no plans to build a secondary school at Buckshaw Village.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>11. Cont...</p>	<p>The most recent survey of primary schools within a two mile radius of the development showed 455 unfilled places as at January 2006.</p> <p>However, estimates indicate that by 2010 there may be up to 4800 pupils seeking places against a current capacity of 4472.</p> <p>Therefore consideration is being given to the need for additional primary school provision in the area. If it is agreed that additional provision is required one option is to build a new primary school as part of the Buckshaw Village Development. County Councillor Mrs E Livesey Cindy Lowthian, District Partnership Officer.</p>	
<p>12. Raised at meeting: Youths congregate in the Cuerden Valley Car Park. Could some gates be put on the car park?</p>	<p>There is a project at Clayton Leisure Centre, including twilight football and a roller disco. Action to resolve issues in hotspots is being considered further. The Neighbourhood Wardens have been involved. Jamie Carson, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services</p> <p>The Police work closely with the Neighbourhood Wardens and will target any problem areas identified at the monthly PACT meetings.</p> <p>There is also a Junior PACT Panel. The aim was to get the children diverted on something else – a sustainable solution. Inspector J Edmondson.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>13. Raised at meeting: If the weather is bad could litter pickers be used?</p>	<p>If there are areas that need to be litter picked please report it to the Chorley Contact Centre. (Tel: 515151) John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment</p>	<p>N/A</p>



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<p>14. Raised at meeting: Why is this meeting restricted to Clayton North?</p>	<p>The Council is trialling 3 pilot areas: Coppull, Clayton North and Lostock. Residents wishing to attend the meetings, but live just outside the border have been welcome to attend. Once the pilot is finished it will be evaluated and could be extended for the whole of the Borough. There are common issues across the Borough such as recycling. The Clayton North boundaries match the Borough wards. Councillor Edgerley.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>15. Question card: At the Older Peoples Forum on Tuesday 14/03/06 the main complaint about living in Chorley is very poor public transport in many areas. You do not have public transport included in the terms of reference. Could this topic be put on for the next meeting and ask Public Transport providers to attend.</p>	<p>This would be placed as an item on the next agenda. Donna Hall, Chief Executive, Chorley Borough Council.</p>	<p>Tony Moreton Head of Passenger Transport from LCC will attend the meeting to give a short presentation and respond to any questions.</p>
<p>16. Question card: Although not directly an issue for CBC or LCC my concern is that we heard recently that HomeStart Chorley and South Ribble are having funding difficulties.</p> <p>Couldn't the BC or LCC put pressure on some of the fund holders to assist as many families in the area rely heavily the support of this charity in a preventative way for family issues – the alternative would be social services who are already overstretched. HomeStart is a most effective intervention.</p>	<p>At a recent meeting Chorley Borough did assign £5k for HomeStart. It is understood that the charity will be able to continue. Councillor Edgerley.</p>	<p>This issue has been raised with LCC. Chorley and South Ribble Homestart will receive their £1400 plus inflation as part of the 3 year funding agreement they have with LCC that started in 2004/05 to 2006/07.</p> <p>Unfortunately a request for additional funding in 2006/07 with LCC was unsuccessful. A letter has been forwarded to the member of the public who raised the enquiry to inform them of this position.</p>

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<p>17. Question card: Community Safety. Clayton Brook is currently enjoying relatively low crime, mostly due to Community Policing &amp; Community network &amp; the CCTV camera in the village. Recently the camera was saved at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour by businesses and agencies in the community. Why does CBC not take on the responsibility for this camera?</p>	<p>The Council does help with cost of the camera and pays for all maintenance and monitoring, but not the cost of the rental of the line into the police station. Councillor Edgerley</p>	<p>When the camera went in it was on the understanding that the Parish Council and/or people in the area would meet this cost.</p> <p>The MAPS Team did work closely with the local community to identify businesses and individuals who would help by making donations to meet the line rental. Tim Rignall, Head of Corporate and Policy Services</p>
<p>18. Question card: 1. When are the free bus fares for pensioners being implemented &amp; are all areas such as Clayton-le-woods being included?</p> <p>2. Re recycling – are there any plans to re-think the collection containers to make them more secure?</p>	<p>1. The scheme will be implemented from 1 April and it has been agreed with the whole of Lancashire. The Chorley scheme provides more than statutory scheme as it also provides half priced fares on other area in Lancashire. There have been technical delays so the bus companies are charging 50p per journey until the technology is in place, at which point the half fare comes in. Please call the Chorley Contact Centre (Tel: 515151) for further information. Gary Hall, Director of Finance</p> <p>2. The Council is currently considering the whole approach to Streetscene. It was accepted had been problems with the green recycling bags, although these bags had been widely consulted on and were chosen after consideration of price and the capacity of the bag. The green bags now had a flap to close it. John Lechmere, Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>19. Question card: “Care and Repair” services in Chorley, South Ribble * and Preston areas are well promoted. In Chorley “Anchor staying put” scheme is not so well publicised – I understand it was recently due to be re-organised. Has the new arrangement now come into being- and if so, can we have details please? Any leaflets available? * Chorley and South Ribble were doing a joint venture I believe.</p>	<p>A joint partnership between Chorley Borough Council, South Ribble Borough Council and Lancashire County Council Supporting People Administration has established the South Lancashire Home Improvement Agency. The tender to run the service was won by Anchor Housing Association and commenced on 10 May 2006.</p> <p>The joint agency has only recently been established, but it will deliver home improvements, disabled persons’ home adaptation services and a handy person scheme to eligible private households in Chorley and South Ribble. The direct contact telephone number is 01772 625385. Steve Lomas, Director of Housing Services</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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<p>20. Question card: Whilst not a fan of speed cameras do there have to be a certain number of deaths before a speed camera is placed on the A6 – towards Preston between ESSO garage and bridge over M65. Traffic has increased following the building of Mallards Walk &amp; Ambledone and crossing the A6 – or getting out of any of the side roads is a nightmare. Refuges will help &amp; I understand they should be with us soon</p>		<p>The Department for Transport have produced a handbook of rules and guidance for the operation of safety cameras as part of the National Safety Camera Programme. Contained within this handbook are the criteria which must be met if a site is to receive approval from the DfT for the installation of a camera, and this criteria relates to the number of collisions resulting in injury during the last 36 month period, with particular emphasis given to those resulting in killed or serious injury, speed and whether a camera is the appropriate solution to a problem. This criteria is applied to all new sites being considered even when it is relocating an existing camera mounting. There are currently no proposals for further fixed cameras on the A6 although we do review the situation on a regular basis.</p> <p>In the case of the A6 then it would be necessary to look at the impact the installation of the refuge islands had on vehicle speeds. If they proved to be sufficient in terms of traffic calming then this would negate the need for a camera</p> <p>John Davies Project Manager Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety</p>