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Dear Councillor

## **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - THURSDAY, 20TH JULY 2006**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel to be held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 20th July 2006 commencing at 6.30 pm

### **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members of the Committee are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, then the individual Member should not participate in a discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 8 June 2006 (enclosed)

4. **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2006/07 (enclosed) (Pages 5 - 6)**

5. **Neighbourhood Working - Inquiry (Pages 7 - 10)**

The Panel has been requested to carryout a Scrutiny Inquiry on the subject of 'Neighbourhood Working'.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 June agreed that this be a first priority inquiry for the Panel for this Municipal Year

A blank copy of the Scoping document and project plan to be complete are enclosed

6. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent**

Continued....

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

**Distribution**

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Councillor Alan Cullens (Chair) and Councillors Peter Baker, Kenneth Ball, Alan Cain, Michael Davies, Doreen Dickinson, Anthony Gee, Daniel Gee, Keith Iddon, Miss Margaret Iddon, Roy Lees, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Michael Muncaster, Rosemary Russell, Edward Smith and Shaun Smith) for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Colin Campbell (Executive Director - Environment and Community), John Lechmere (Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.

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

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## Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Thursday, 8 June 2006**

**Present:** Councillor Alan Cullens (Chair) and Councillors Peter Baker, Alan Cain, Michael Davies, Doreen Dickinson, Anthony Gee, Daniel Gee, Keith Iddon, Miss Margaret Iddon, Roy Lees and Edward Smith

### 06.ECS.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Lowe and M Lowe.

### 06.ECS.19 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No members declared any interests in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

### 06.ECS.20 MINUTES

**RESOLVED - 1) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 15 March 2006 and the last meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 14 March 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**2) That the task that had been given to the Panel in the previous Municipal Year on the use of renewable energy within the Borough and the area the Council would take a lead on this issue on a cost neutral basis be progressed as soon as possible.**

### 06.ECS.21 WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH IN LANCASHIRE - CONSULTATION ON MODERNISATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES

The Panel received a consultation document compiled by the Lancashire Joint Primary Care Trust requesting the authority to respond to their proposals by 14 July 2006.

Ms J Faux, Chief Executive of Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust attended the meeting and gave a presentation consulting and advising Members of the mental health public consultation.

In summary the changes will affect people over the age of 16 years who live in Lancashire who come into contact with mental health services.

The Primary Care Trust wanted to develop services that help and support people in their own homes and communities. The Government supports the PCT's views.

In summary the PCT wanted mental health services to:

- support people in their recovery from the effects of their mental health problems.
- provide more mental health services to people in their homes and communities.
- provide more support to help people with their own personal development and help them to have access to the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.
- promote positive mental health and well-being in all communities.
- provide better support to carers.

There were currently 15 specialist adult and older mental health service hospital sites across Lancashire which will be directly affected by the proposed changes. They are of various size and generally the buildings are of poor quality and inadequate.

The new community mental health services will, in the near future, reduce the need for people to go into hospital. Because of this we would need fewer hospital beds. At the moment there are 707 beds and PCT think they will need about 450 in the future. However, the final number of beds will be worked out locally. It would cost less money to build new hospital sites, than it would to improve the current units.

Having new hospital sites would allow the PCT to make huge improvements and offer hotel-like quality rooms and facilities. Also the PCT could offer more specialist hospital services like a young person unit and services for people who are disabled.

The PCT want to develop local crisis and respite houses as alternatives to going into hospital. Any money saved from hospital changes will go into these types of new community mental health services.

The PCT are seeking your views on the following proposals to:

- provide more services to local communities to support people at home or as near to home as possible.
- fewer NHS beds.
- build three new state-of-the-art mental health hospital sites, one in each of the following areas:
  - Central and West Lancashire
  - East Lancashire
  - Fylde Coast
- The 15 existing mental health hospital units provided by Lancashire Care NHS trust will no longer be needed.

The proposals were not about saving money but investing and improving the mental health service in Lancashire.

The PCT had requested the Council's views on their proposals for change to mental health services in Lancashire and opinions on the following questions, by answering either yes, no or don't know.

1. Do you agree with the general principles for improving mental health services?
2. Do you agree with our proposals to convert or close the existing mental health units, create three new mental health in-patient sites and release funding to provide improved community services such as crisis support and respite services?
3. Do you agree that the main elements of a good mental health crisis service are provided by a range of professionals from different health and social care agencies?
4. Do you have any other ideas for improving and modernising mental health services which you think that we should consider?

Members welcomed the proposals for care in the community and to increase the standard and better service for mental health and raised several issues and welcomed the fact that there would be no impact on existing Primary Care Trust arrangements.

In general the Panel supported the proposals.

**06.ECS.22 BUSINESS PLAN MONITORING STATEMENT JANUARY TO MARCH 2006**

The Panel received the final quarterly updates of the Business Plan for the Environmental Services, Leisure and Cultural Services, Housing Services, Development and Regeneration Directorates and the Public Space Services Unit which fall within the remit and area of responsible of the Panel.

In relation to the Business Plan for Environmental Services Members raised issues regarding the impact on staff of the recent restructuring, the number of missed recycling collections, Housing Stock transfer and the activities of the neighbourhood warden service.

**RESOLVED - 1) That the Business Plan Monitoring Statement report be noted.  
2) That the Neighbourhood Wardens, including Neighbourhood Policing, be included in any scrutiny work programme for the 2006/07 Municipal Year.**

Chair

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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – 2006/07**

Function/topic	Assigned to	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
<b>1. Holding the Executive to Account</b>													
Annual Budget Consultation	OSC					*	*	*					
Provisional full year Performance Indicator	OSC									*			
Business Plan and Performance Indicator Updates	ECOSP			*		*				*			
	CCOSP			*		*				*			
	OSC			*			*			*			
BVPP (Corporate Plan overall performance)	OSC			*						*			
Monitoring of Sickness Absence (6 monthly update)	OSC				*								
<b>2. Policy Development and Review</b>	OSC			*									
Overview and Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2006/07	OSC			*			*			*			
Corporate Improvement Plan 2004-2007 Update (Corporate Strategy)	OSC							*					
<b>3. Scrutiny Inquiries</b>													
Scrutiny topics to be undertaken in accordance with the programme list set out overleaf	OSC			*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
	CCOSP	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
	ECOSP	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
Budget Scrutiny	OSC									*			
	CCOSP									*			
	ECOSP									*			
LCC's arrangement for the Scrutiny of health function – Periodic Review (to be determined)	CCOSP												
<b>4. Monitoring of Inquiries</b>													
Housing Maintenance Appointments System	CCOSP			*									
Flooding, Flood Prevention and Contingency Plan/Proposals	ECOSP						*						
Chorley Markets - Occupancy of Stalls & Associated Matters	CCOSP			*						*			
Juvenile Nuisance	ECOSP												
Grass Cutting	ECOSP						*						
Provision of Youth Activities in Chorley	ECOSP									*			
One-Stop Shop/Contact Centre	CCOSP				*					*			
Accessibility of Cycling as a Leisure Pursuit	ECOSP												
Parkwise Scheme	CCOSP							*					
<b>5. Monitoring of Budget Scrutiny Recommendations</b>													
Environmental Services	ECOSP				*			*					
Revenues and Benefits	CCOSP				*			*					
Planning Services	ECOSP				*			*					
<b>6. Other</b>													
O & S Training Programme	OSC			*						*			
Public Participation/Communication X													
OSC - Overview and Scrutiny Committee													
ECOSP - Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel													
CCOSP - Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel													

X responsibility transferred to Special Cabinet Sub-Committee - June 2006  
 JUNE 2006

## Overview and Scrutiny Topics/Issues to be Programmed

Priority Order	Topic/Issue Title	Date Included	Priority Score	Source
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Full Scrutiny Inquiries</u></b></p> <p><b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p>Council's performance against the key line of enquiry to be assessed by the Audit Commission during CPA and Direction of Travel.</p> <p>Job Evaluation</p> <p>The effectiveness of the Community Safety Partnership in the delivery of reduced levels of crime in the Borough.</p> <p><b>Corporate and Customer Panel</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact Centre: Efficiencies and Partnership with LCC</li> <li>2. Gershon Efficiencies</li> <li>3. Staff Sickness Absences</li> </ol> <p><b>Environment and Community Panel</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neighbourhood Working</li> <li>2. Inequalities in the Borough</li> <li>3. Town Centre Strategy</li> </ol>	<p>June 2006</p>	<p>All within the Corporate Strategy</p>	<p>Corporate Strategy</p>



**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE**

<b>Review Topic:</b>	<b>Investigation by:</b>
	<b>Type:</b>

<b>Objectives:</b>	<b>Desired Outcomes:</b>
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**Terms of Reference:**

<b>Key Issues:</b>	<b>Risks:</b>
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<b>Venue(s):</b>	<b>Timescale:</b>
	<b>Start:</b>
	<b>Finish:</b>

**Information Requirements and Sources:**

**Documents/evidence:** *(what/why?)*

**Witnesses:** *(who, why?)*

**Consultation/Research:** *(what, why, who?)*

**Site Visits:** *(where, why, when?)*

**Officer Support:**

Lead Officer:

Committee Administrator:

Corporate Policy Officer:

**Likely Budget Requirements:**

Purpose

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**Total**

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**Target Body<sup>1</sup> for Findings/Recommendations**

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, PCT)

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**SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION – PROJECT PLAN** **TOPIC:**

STAGE AND TASK	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
<b>1. TOPIC SELECTED</b>																
<b>2. SCOPE INQUIRY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ complete project outline</li> <li>▪ complete project plan</li> </ul>																
<b>3. COLLECT EVIDENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ source information</li> </ul>																
<b>4. CONSIDER EVIDENCE</b>																
<b>5. COMPLETION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRODUCTION OF REPORT</b>																
<b>6. FEEDBACK &amp; ACTION</b>																
<b>7. MONITOR</b>																

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