

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

**Wednesday, 10th January
2007**

In the Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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- Questions must be submitted to the Democratic Services Section by no later than midday, two working days before the day of the meeting to allow time to prepare appropriate responses and investigate issues if necessary.
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Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2007

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley on Wednesday, 10th January 2007 commencing at 6.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**

2. **Declarations of any interests**

Members of the Committee are reminded of their responsibilities 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 the discussion on the matter and must withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision on the matter.

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 December 2006 (enclosed)

4. **Executive Cabinet - 11 January 2007**

To consider any reports on the agenda for the Executive Cabinet meeting to be held on 11 January 2007 which are not already on the agenda. The Executive Cabinet agenda will be circulated to all Members of the Committee. Please bring your copy to the meeting.

Members of the Committee are requested to notify the **Democratic Services Section by 10.00am on Monday 8 January 2007**, to ensure the attendance of the appropriate Executive Member and officers.

5. **Forward Plan**

To receive and consider the Council's Forward Plan for the four months period from 1 January 2007 to 30 April 2007 (copy enclosed).

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6. **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy (Pages 7 - 62)**

Report of Director of ICT Services (enclosed)

7. **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Inquiry**

To receive a presentation by the Council's Relationships Manager (Audit Commission) Mr Mike Thomas.

The presentation is to gain background information in connection with the Committees ongoing inquiry into the Council's performance against the key lines of inquiry to be assessed by the Audit Commission during the CPA and the Direction of Travel.

At the last meeting of the Committee, two Sub-Groups were established and below are the dates for when they will meet

Equality and Diversity Sub-Group

Monday 29 January 2007

Thursday 15 February 2007

Thursday 1 March 2007

Capacity /Achievement Sub-Group

Wednesday 31 January 2007

Monday 26 February 2007

Thursday 8 March 2007

8. **Overview and Scrutiny Improvement Plan - Update (Pages 63 - 72)**

Copy of the updated Plan enclosed

9. **Lancashire Care NHS Trust - NHS Foundation Trust Consultation**

The Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 30 November 2006 received a presentation from a representative of the Lancashire Care NHS Trust on their wish to become a NHS Foundation Trust.

It was explained that the plans and the improvements the Trust required, would deliver even better mental health and substance misuse services to the people of Lancashire.

As part of the consultation process the Trust was required to consult with stakeholders. The Council's comments on the proposals were welcomed so that they could be incorporated in their plans for the future.

Attached is the consultation document compiled by the Lancashire Care NHS Trust for information.

The Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel welcomed the proposals for the Lancashire Care NHS Trust on their wish to become a NHS Foundation Trust, however the Panel requested that Chorley Borough Council receives a fair share of representation on the Council of Governors.

The Committee is requested to endorse the views of the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

10. **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (enclosed) (Pages 73 - 76)**

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

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

Distribution

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2. Agenda and reports to Donna Hall (Chief Executive), Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Policy and Performance), Tim Murphy (Director of Information and Communication Technology), Steve Pearce (Assistant Head of Democratic Services) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.

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