

**EXECUTIVE CABINET**

**THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008**

31 Mar 2008

**DECISIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on Thursday, 27 March 2008. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>DECISION</b>
08.17	<b>SCRUTINY INQUIRY REPORTS</b>	<p>The Executive Cabinet was requested to consider and approve the findings and recommendations of the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel as contained within its final reports on the Panel's inquiries into (a) Absence Management and (b) Efficiency Gains.</p> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had amended Recommendation 12 of the Efficiency Gains report to read: 'To investigate the extent to which Members</p>	<p>That the findings and recommendations of the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel on its inquiries into (a) Absence Management and (b) Efficiency Gains, as amended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be received and accepted for consideration, with a view to the Executive Cabinet's</p>

might be included in the health and well-being initiative provided for Council staff.'

decisions on the recommendations being reported back to a future meeting.

**08.18 'ONE CHORLEY FORWARD TOGETHER' - COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY FOR CHORLEY**

That the Community Cohesion Strategy for Chorley entitled 'One Chorley Forward Together', as now presented, be noted and endorsed.

Agreed

**08.19 CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP - THIRD QUARTER UPDATE**

That the report be noted.

Noted

**08.20 JOINT WORKING WITH PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE COUNCILS ON THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

That approval be given to:

- The establishment under Section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 of a Joint Advisory Committee with Chorley, Preston and South Ribble Borough Councils to advise upon the preparation of any Joint Local Development Framework Document;
- delegated authority being given to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration to deal with the practical implementation of the

Agreed, subject to the appointment of Chorley Council's representatives on the Joint Advisory Committee being agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 13 May 2008.

joint working;

- the nomination of one or more Members of the Cabinet and Substitute(s) to serve on the Joint Advisory Committee.

08.21

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOTANY/GREAT KNOWLEY SITE**

(1) That approval be given to the Guiding Principles document for the development of the Botany/ Great Knowley site, with delegated authority being granted to the Corporate Director (Business) to make any minor textual amendments.

Agreed

(2) That the Council reaffirms its stance that it will use all reasonable endeavours to seek a reallocation of the site through the formal Local Development Framework process.

08.22

**ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PLAN, 2008/10**

That approval be given to:

Agreed

- (a) the draft Asset Management Strategy and Plan for 2008/10, as now presented, being circulated for consultation; and
- (b) the Executive Member for Resources being granted delegated authority to agree the final document, subject to there being no significant changes required following consultation.

08.23	<b>CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2007/08 - MONITORING</b>	That the Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Capital Programme for 2007/08 as set out in Appendix A to the submitted report, together with the recommended slippage of expenditure to/from 2008/09.	Agreed
08.24	<b>CORE FUNDING, 2008/09 - AWARDS IN EXCESS OF £5,000</b>	That approval be given to the award of Core Funding grants in excess of £5,000 to the organisations and local groups identified in Sections 16 to 22 of the submitted report, subject to the Corporate Director (People) agreeing, and signing off, a Core Funding Agreement with each organisation.	Agreed
08.25	<b>ACHIEVING SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN CHORLEY</b>	<p>(1) That the Council's approach to improving service design and delivery based on a clear understanding of customer need, together with the timescales for action, as outlined in the submitted report, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That approval be given to the inclusion of the 'Circle of Need' project within the work programme and the acceptance of £50,000 of Department for Communities and Local Government funding for the project through the National Process Improvement Project.</p>	Agreed

08.26

**REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S  
DECISION MAKING  
STRUCTURE**

That the Council be recommended to approve and adopt the following recommendations:

Agreed

1 That the following recommendations for changes to the structure of overview and scrutiny be approved:

- One overarching Overview and Scrutiny Committee, meeting 10 times a year with a membership of 12 Councillors. The two current scrutiny panels, Corporate & Customer and Environment & Community, to be disbanded.
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be the Committee which hears any call-ins of decisions; sets the workplan for scrutiny for the whole year and also consider corporate issues including:
  - overall performance information;
  - business planning for the Council
  - overall budget scrutiny
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee to establish and appoint task and finish groups to undertake

reviews. A Task and Finish Group should generally consist of Councillors from the membership of the main committee but should also include other Council Members (other than Executive Members) who are interested in the topics under scrutiny.

- The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be from the main opposition group, and the Vice Chair to be from the ruling group.
- Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups must be chaired by a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to look at the special responsibility allowances for scrutiny roles.

2.2 That the structure of decision making for licensing be revised to provide for:

- an overarching Licensing Committee meeting four times a year, with a membership of 17, to consider all licensing matters (including policy, monitoring and enforcement issues and matters formerly considered by

the Statutory Licensing Committee) other than decisions on individual applications for licences or the review of licences. In addition, the Council's functions in respect of Alcohol Designation Orders be allocated to this Committee. In recognition of its proactive role in promoting public safety, the Committee be renamed the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.

- That all individual applications and reviews (including under the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005 and all hackney carriage/private hire and any other miscellaneous licences) be delegated to a Licensing Sub Committee made up of three Councillors scheduled to meet once a month at 10am. Membership to be on a rotational basis as at present.
- The Licensing Sub Committee will meet either as a Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee (to deal with personal and premises licences and reviews under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005) or as a General Licensing Sub Committee (dealing with

hackney carriage/private hire and any other miscellaneous licences) depending on the business to be considered.

2.3 That the membership of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Working Group be reduced to 12 to reflect its status as a Working Group and that membership include both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Development Control Committee and the Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration. The Working Group's terms of reference to be amended to reflect its revised role in considering just LDF issues rather than the wider Community Strategy.

2.4 That, having succeeded in achieving the Charter for Member Development, the Member Development Steering Group be given an extended remit to include all aspects of Members support, including the responsibilities of the Civic Events Working Group. The group to be renamed the Members Support Working Group, to meet just 5 times a year with membership to include the Executive Member for Customer, Democratic and



Legal Services. The Civic Events Working Group to be disbanded.

2.5 That the potential changes to Standards Committee be noted only at this stage but that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to seek to recruit a further two independent members and one Parish Councillor and that the Council membership be increased to five, appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

2.6 That in order to consider the wider equalities agenda, consultation take place on the establishment of an Equalities Forum, meeting 4 times a year with a Council membership of 6 to include the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance. The Equalities Forum to establish Task and Finish Groups to consider specific issues. The existing disability and ethnic minority consultative fora to be disbanded but the wider membership of those groups to be retained for consultation purposes and potential involvement in Task and Finish Groups.

2.7 That consideration be given to changes in the current Executive portfolios to reflect recent managerial and departmental

restructuring.

2.8 That the calendar of meetings for 2008/09, incorporating the above changes be approved as set out in the revised draft timetable circulated at the meeting;

2.9 That the Director of Corporate Governance be authorised to make the appropriate Constitutional changes to ensure the above recommendations can be implemented, including the removal of references to the Community Forum meetings.

**08.27**

**CRIME AND DISORDER  
REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP**

- (1) That approval be given to the pursuance of the proposal to merge the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships into a Lancashire South Strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- (2) That delegated authority be granted to the Executive Member for Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment to agree the establishment and implementation of a Strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

- (1) That the implementation of the proposals to merge the Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire Community Safety Partnerships into a Lancashire South Strategic Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be delayed by 6 weeks in order to allow for greater consultation

on the proposal.

- (2) That the proposal be considered further by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its proposed meeting on 22 May 2008.
- (3) That the suggested pilot project be operated over a 12 months period.
- (4) That appropriate criteria be developed against which the success of the project can be measured.
- (5) That an interim review of the project be carried out 6 months after the initial implementation of the pilot.

08.29

**PEOPLE DIRECTORATE -  
RESTRUCTURE**

- (1) That the proposals for the restructure of the People Directorate as outlined in the submitted report be approved for consultation purposes with staff and trade unions. Agreed
- (2) That the Executive Member for Resources be granted delegated

power to determine any necessary changes to the proposals arising from the consultation.

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