

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

## Thursday, 2nd August 2007

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



## **PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/SPEAKING AT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEETINGS**

- 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.
- A maximum period of 3 minutes will be allowed for a question from a member of the public on an item on the agenda. A maximum period of 30 minutes to be allocated for public questions if necessary at each meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its appropriate panels. This will provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise and ask questions on any issue falling within the remit of the Committee or Panel.

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Dear Councillor

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST 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 Thursday, 2nd August 2007 commencing at 6.30 pm.

### **AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the interest arises **only** as result of your membership of another public body or one to which you have been appointed by the Council then you only need to declare it if you intend to speak.

If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest, you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly 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 25 June 2007 (enclosed)

4. **Lancashire County Council Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny - Partnership Working (Pages 7 - 10)**

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider the attached correspondence from Lancashire County Council requesting the District Councils to take part in a piece of work with the County Council Overview and Scrutiny on an undertaking regarding Every Child Matters.

It is intended to look at how partnership working can help to deliver the outcomes of Every Child Matters and will examine partnership working between the County Council and District Councils.

The Committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to take part in this piece of work with the County's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Children and Young People.

5. **Corporate Fourth Quarter Performance - Receipt of Information Requested (Pages 11 - 14)**

The Committee at its meeting on 21 May 2007 requested information relating to the under mentioned issues and queries when it considered the Corporate Fourth Quarter Performance Monitoring Report.

The Director of Development of Development and Regeneration will report on the following issues:-

- Number of affordable housing units – general input around what action is being taken to drive up performance (report attached)
- Vacant Town Centre Floor Space in various areas of the Town Centre. Verbal update on the actions being taken to drive up performance.
- Local Plan Milestones – What were the stages, which were missed? Are there likely to be further delays in the Municipal Year? (report attached)

6. **Business Plan Monitoring Statement - Policy and Performance Directorate (Pages 15 - 22)**

Report of Director of Policy and Performance (Assistant Chief Executive) (enclosed)

7. **Corporate 1st Quarter Performance Report, 2007/08 - Monitoring Report for the period ending 30 June 2007 (Pages 23 - 46)**

Report of Director of Policy and Performance (Assistant Chief Executive) (enclosed)

8. **Equality and Diversity Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry - Feedback of Executive Response (Pages 47 - 54)**

To inform the Committee of the response by the Executive Cabinet on the recommendations of the Equality and Diversity Sub Group of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following its review of the Council's approach to the embodiment of equality and diversity in the culture of the Authority.

The report submitted to the Executive Cabinet contained a series of recommendations for measures aimed at ensuring that the Council's services were delivered against equality and diversity objectives so that all communities were afforded equality of access, outcome and opportunity. A copy of the report is attached for Members information.

The Executive Cabinets decision was as follows:

**That approval be given to the implementation of the recommended measures contained in the report which can be implemented within existing resources and that consideration of the measures and actions which are likely to incur additional costs be deferred to await details of the estimated costs.**

9. **Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 55 - 58)**

The Committee is requested to consider the updated Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (enclosed)

The Chair of the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel will report that the Panel at its meeting held on 16 July 2007 made a request for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to include the following issues in the Panels Work Programme:-

- To investigate the Council's environmental footprint and what the Council is currently doing to reduce its carbon emissions.
- To examine the poor public attendance at the Chorley Community Forums, providing an analysis of the attendances across each Forum.
- Town Centres issues and management.

10. **Forward Plan (Pages 59 - 62)**

To consider the Councils Forward Plan for the four month period 1 August 2007 to 30 November 2007 (copy enclosed).

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

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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2. Agenda and reports to Donna Hall (Chief Executive), Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Policy and Performance), Jamie Carson (Director of Leisure and Cultural Services), Jane Meek (Director of Development and Regeneration), Julian Jackson (Planning Policy Manager), Steve Pearce (Assistant Head of Democratic Services) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services Officer) for attendance.

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