

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Local Strategic Partnership

Agenda and Reports
For consideration on

**Tuesday, 16th December
2008**

In Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley
At 6.00 pm



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10 December 2008

Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2008

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Local Strategic Partnership to be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Chorley on Tuesday, 16th December 2008 commencing at 6.00 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 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) held on 24 November 2008 (enclosed)

4. **Funding Sources (Pages 5 - 16)**

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

5. **Alcohol Harm Related Statistics**

Information will be circulated at the meeting.

6. **Questions for Allan Jones - Chair of Chorley Partnership (Pages 17 - 18)**

For the Group to agree the list of questions for the interviewing of Allan Jones on 20 January 2009. (enclosed)

7. **Dates of future meetings**

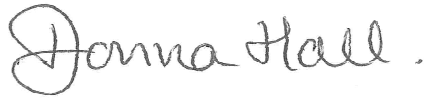
To confirm the dates for future meetings of the group in January, February and March 2009.

8. **Public Questions**

Members of the public who have requested the opportunity to ask a question(s) on an item(s) on the agenda will be asked to put their question(s) to the Panel. Each member of the public will be allowed to ask one supplementary question within his/her allocated 3 minutes.

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

Yours sincerely



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Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Local Strategic Partnership (Councillor Mike Devaney (Chair) and Councillors Nora Ball, Alan Cain, Dennis Edgerley, Marie Gray and Hasina Khan for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Lesley-Ann Fenton (Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance)), Claire Thompson (Performance Partnership and Equality Manager), Carol Russell (Head of Democratic Services) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

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Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Local Strategic Partnership

Monday, 24 November 2008

Present: Councillor Dennis Edgerley (acting Chair) and Councillors Nora Ball, Marie Gray and Hasina Khan

Officers in attendance: Lesley-Ann Fenton (Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance)), Carol Russell (Head of Democratic Services) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

08.12 CHAIR

In Councillor Michael Devaney absence, Councillor Dennis Edgerley took the Chair for this meeting of the Task Group.

08.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alan Cain and Michael Devaney and Claire Thompson (Performance, Partnership and Equality Manager)

08.14 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

08.15 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – LSP were confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

08.10 Objective 3

Investigate how the LSP will tackle one of the issues for the Borough, the high rate of alcohol harm related hospital admission rates and the impact on anti social behaviour.

08.16 MATTERS ARISING

08.10 Objective 3

Action

Councillor Hasina Khan to research ways of raising awareness of the effects of alcohol in ethnic communities

Councillor Khan had contacted a group called Preston United that ran courses in the community on a wide range of issues including Drugs and Alcohol Awareness. They mainly worked in Preston but were willing to deliver their services in the Chorley area.

RESOLVED – That the Group invited a representative of Preston United to a future meeting to talk about the work that they carry out.

08.17 MEMBER LEARNING SESSION

The Head of Democratic Services provided feedback from the recent Member Learning Session that had been held on 17 November 2008 on the work of the Chorley Partnership and its thematic groups. The session had been well attended and Members had asked questions in relation to the following:

- Performance indicators for the Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- What local indicators were we measuring through the LSP
- Gathering evidence with a view to demonstrating that the Families First project does provide a more effective and coordinated response and also saves money
- The process for identifying families for the Families First Project and whether or not families could refuse to be involved.
- The selection criteria/type of rural business that could be helped under the economic strand of the LSP/ key projects
- Rural diversification

The Chair suggested that scrutiny may wish to review another LSP project in the future.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

08.18 INFORMATION SHARING AND COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT THE LSP

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) outlined the current approach to information sharing regarding the work of the Chorley Partnership and its thematic groups with the Members and citizens of Chorley.

- A quarterly performance report on Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) activity was circulated to the Members of the Executive Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- A quarterly digest of LSP meetings including the LSP Executive, LSP Board and theme groups was circulated to all Members via email.
- The Chorley People Newsletter was sent to all Members in the post.
- Articles on the LSP achievements were published in the Borough News that was distributed to all residents in the Borough in the post and was also available to be picked up at various 'dump bins'.
- A Lancashire County Council Newsletter 'Ambition' on the Lancashire Partnership and District LSP activity is distributed to all County Councillors.
- All the agendas and minutes of the Chorley Partnership and its thematic groups are published (post meeting) on the Chorley Partnership website, this website can be accessed directly or from a link from the home page on Chorley Council's Website.
- To date two Member Learning Sessions have taken place on the LSP and its activities.
- All Members had been invited to a number of ad hoc Workshops aimed at influencing LSP partnership strategies.

Members acknowledged that there were a range of opportunities to access information about the LSP and its groups.

RESOLVED – 1. That the current approach be noted.

2. That future information regarding LSP activity will be included in the Members e.bulletin 'in theknow'
3. That links will be provided on 'intheknow' to the 'Ambition' county newsletter and the Chorley Partnership website.
4. That we endeavour to encourage the thematic groups to publish all their agendas and minutes within three working days of their meetings to promote a consistent approach.

08.19 **MONITORING KEY SUCCESS CRITERIA AND 'ADDED VALUE' FOR LSP PROJECTS**

The Group received a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) that proposed a definition of 'added value' to support the LSP task Group in evaluating the LSP projects.

The only two dictionary definitions of 'added value' found, mainly related to supplying commodities (goods and services). Looking at 'added value' from a project prospective and drawing on the discussion at the last LSP Task Group meeting, 'added value' could be defined as any or all of the following:

- When a project results in an improvement or outcome that would not have occurred unless the project had taken place.
- When a project results in an improvement or outcome being achieved more quickly than would otherwise have been the case if the project had not taken place.
- When a project delivers more than originally expected e.g. a greater return on investment; exceeding outcome or improvement targets; realising additional benefits in other associated areas.

Members also felt that 'added value' could also be defined as:

- Aligning budgets and co-ordinating resources to obtain a better project and a better outcome.

The report also outlined the framework currently used with partners to identify key success criteria for projects and how this is used to select and then monitor the LSP projects both during and at the conclusion of the projects. Information was also provided to Members on whether the key success criteria for the LSP projects commissioned in 2007/08 had been met and an officer view on whether they had 'added value', and it was highlighted that the Alcohol Consequences Project had already led to securing an extra £30k of funding.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) commented that under the present procedures, there is no question relating to the 'added value' and that perhaps a question relating to this could be introduced into all project management implementation.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

08.20 **PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHAIR OF CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP, ALLAN JONES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chair, Councillor Michael Devaney and Councillor Dennis Edgerley would meet with the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) to draw up a list of questions for Mr Allan Jones, Chair of the Chorley Partnership who had been invited to attend a future meeting of the Group.

08.21 TO FINALISE THE SCOPING OF THE PROJECT

The Group considered the draft scoping document that had been drawn up since the last meeting taking into account the issues and concerns Members had expressed.

RESOLVED – That the scoping document for the inquiry be accepted subject to the change of wording in minute 08.15 and be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1 December 2008 for approval.

08.22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

Chair

TASK AND FINISH GROUP – LSP**CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP – SOURCES OF FUNDING****16TH DECEMBER 2008****1. BACKGROUND**

The Task and Finish Group set up to examine the Chorley Partnership has requested an overview of the funding available to the Chorley Partnership.

This report outlines the funding that will pass through the LSP in 2008/9, as well as additional external funding that the LSP can bid for, or support 3rd sector organisations to apply for.

2. MAINSTREAM FUNDING

Due to Chorley's comparatively well-off position in terms of deprivation compared to the regional and national average, the LSP is not eligible for Working Neighbourhood Renewal Fund or any other deprivation-linked government funding.

As a district LSP we therefore rely on partners to contribute resources (financial, physical or people) to joint activity to support the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

This is a summary of the funding currently available to the Chorley Partnership:

- **The Whole LSP**

For the last 2 financial years, Chorley Council has pump primed the Chorley Partnership with £85,000 (2007/8) and £90,000 (2008/9).

Partners were then asked to commit resources to projects that would deliver the SCS.

In 2007/8 partners contributed an additional £200,000 either from their own reserves or through other external funding they had generated.

In 2008/9 partners contributed £270,000 from their own reserves or through other external funding they had generated.

A summary of the 2008/9 projects is attached in Appendix A.

- **Community Safety Partnership**

In 2008/9 the Community safety Partnership received £71k from LCC as part of Area Based Grant. It is also currently bidding for additional

capital funding held back by LCC, however it is likely that this capital funding will be allocated according to districts in most need.

- **Chorley Local Children's Trust**

The Children's Trust (formerly the Children & Young People's thematic partnership) now has a significant amount of funding it can commission to the third sector to deliver projects that will achieve its objectives.

Over the next 3 years the Children's Trust has £98k p.a. to commission from the Prevention Fund (which was previously allocated at a county level) and a one-off £14,000 from the Schools Forum Fund to be spent by March 2009.

As we were only given this money half way through the financial year, the decision was taken to carry over a large proportion of funding into next year. Therefore £35,797 was been commissioned out of the Prevention Fund for 2008/9, and the full £14,000 allocated from the Schools Forum Fund. The remaining £62,203 will be carried over into next year's allocation.

The approved projects are attached in Appendix B.

3. **Other funding available to the LSP to apply for**

There are a variety of funding streams that the LSP can help 3rd sector organisations to apply for, to support the delivery of LSP projects.

- **Lancashire Local funding (including the Lancashire Locals Climate Change Fund)**
- **Local Gateway Grants**
- **Central Gateway Grants**
- **Environment 'Community Design' Support**
- **Green Partnership Awards**
- **Small Sites Reclamation Fund**
- **Youth Bank (Youth Opportunity Grants, Youth Capital Grants)**

See Appendix C for further information on the grants.

4. **Partner organisations' mainstream funding**

The Police and NHS Central Lancashire both have pots of money that they can use to invest in Local Strategic Partnership activity that they are encouraged to contribute to LSP projects.

In future we will be working closely with partners to identify how we can align funding better between partners and the work of the LSP.

APPENDIX A**Approved LSP projects 2008/9**

Theme group	Project	Amount Awarded	Total Value of project
Economic Regeneration	Supporting rural economic diversification	£10,000	£20,000
Economic Regeneration	Marketing Chorley phase 2	£10,000	£10,000
Health & Wellbeing	Promoting Awareness of Mental Health	£3,000	£20,500
Health & Wellbeing	Time Banks in Chorley	£10,000	£50,234 (over 2 years)
Community Safety	Weeks of Action	£10,000	£15,000
Community Safety	Alcohol Consequences campaign	£10,000	£20,000
Children's Trust	Homestart – Family Support Groups	£10,000	£144,143
Children's Trust	Girls Aloud	£5,000	£7,188
Stronger & More Involved Communities	Chorley Community Network	£5,000	£17,336
Neighbourhood, Environment & Streetscene	Supporting climate change initiatives	£3,000	£3,000
Executive	Circle of Need – Joining up older people's services	£15,000	£45,000
	TOTAL	£91,000	£362,401

Also:

Chorley & South Ribble Partnerships	Families First (run over 2 years)	£20,000 p.a. over 2 years	£100,000 (more being sought from LCC)
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Financial and other Contributions from Key Partners**NHS Central Lancashire**

Alcohol consequences campaign £10,000

Families First £20,000 p.a. over 2 years

Promoting Awareness of Mental Health approx £10,000
Time Banks approx £40,234 (in 2009/10 budget)
Staff resources to Weeks of Action, Girls Aloud and Chorley Community
Network

Police

Families First £5,000 p.a. over 2 years
Weeks of Action – staff resources
Support to other community safety projects

APPENDIX B – CHILDREN’S TRUST FUNDED PROJECTS 2008/9

Chorley Local Trust Partnership Prevention Fund Allocation for 2008/9						
Reference Number	Name of Organisation	Name of Project	Amount £ Requested	Sector	Appraisal Score	Decision
PF01	St Peter’s CE Primary School	Gardening Club	12,000	School	16	Not approved
PF02	The Arts Partnership	New Horizons 2	8,580	VCFS	Gateway criteria not met	Not approved
PF03	The Arts Partnership	Music, dance and drama Project	14,345	VCFS	41	Approved £14,345
PF04	Astley Village Action	Astley Village Action	3,750	VCFS	31	Approved £3,750¹
PF05	Chorley Rugby Football Club	Healthy Eating/ Breakfast Club	11,563	VCFS	10	Not approved
PF06	Prince’s Trust	Get Started with Football	9,200	VCFS	Gateway criteria not met	Not approved
PF07	Chorley Sport’s Forum	Community Football, Basketball and Street Cheer Programme	12,240	VCFS	34	Approved £12,240
PF08	Chorley FM	Volunteer Project	3,185	Not for Profit	Gateway criteria not met	Not approved
PF09	Community Leisure Services	Light Space Wall	12,995	Charity	12	Not approved
PF10	Community Leisure Services	Dance Machine	11,584	Charity	14	Not approved
PF11	Community Leisure Services	Saturday Night Youth Activity	4,462	Charity	35	Approved £4,462
PF12	Derian House Children’s	A Matter of Choice	13,000	VCFS	Gateway	

¹ Figure will be reduced as only Easter 2009 to be funded.

PF13	Hospice Albany Science College	'Boys Own' and 'Girls Allowed II'	15,050	School	criteria not met 38	Not approved Approved £15,000^{2 3}
					Total Approved	£49,797

² Allocation reduced to max allocation of £15,000

³ Schools Forum allocation of £14,000

APPENDIX C – OTHER 3RD SECTOR EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES**Local Grants**

- Deadline:** Discuss with your local county councillor.
Decisions will be made at the Chorley Lancashire Local meetings
- Grant size:** Each county councillor has an annual allocation £1,250.
Minimum grant size is £100.00
- Purpose:** Small projects which meet a local need
- Contact:** Your local county councillor
The county councillor must complete the application form on behalf of the applicants

Local Gateway Grants

- Deadline:** 12 noon, Monday 29th December, 2008
Decision will be made by the Chorley Lancashire Local Committee on 25th March 2009
- Suitable for voluntary, community and faith sector organisations
- Grant size:** No minimum or maximum grant size is specified
- Purpose:**
- For projects, or core funding of an organisations, which help to deliver one or more of Lancashire County Council's strategic priorities.
- Feeling safe
 - Living a healthy life
 - Getting help when needed
 - Learning and developing
 - Having jobs and a good standard of living
 - Travelling easily and safely
 - Enjoying a high quality environment

There is only £10,650 left in the pot for Chorley.

- Contact:**
www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/grants_groups
 01772 537697
mark.waddington@lancashire.gov.uk

Central Gateway Grants

Deadline: 12 noon, Monday 29th December, 2008
Decisions in February 2009

Grant size: No minimum or maximum grant size is specified

Purpose:

Strategic grants for voluntary, community and faith sector organisations

For projects, or core funding of an organisations, which help to deliver Lancashire County Council's strategic priorities.

Prefer projects, which cover 2 or more districts within Lancashire

- Feeling safe
- Living a healthy life
- Getting help when needed
- Learning and developing
- Having jobs and a good standard of living
- Travelling easily and safely
- Enjoying a high quality environment

Contact:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/grants_groups
01772 530818
misbah.bhatti@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Locals Climate Change Fund

Deadline: 30th January 2009

Grant size: £500.00 to £15,000 (75% of project costs if group has paid staff, 90% in no staff are employed)

Purpose:

To support any community project, which seeks to reduce greenhouse gas, emission or help communities cope with the impact of climate change.

This is open to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, including town and parish councils

Contact:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/climatechange fund
01772 531257
climatechange fund@lancashire.gov.uk

Environment 'Community Design' Support

Deadline: Rolling deadline

Grant size: Up to £1000. A contribution of 25% is required.

Purpose:

To help groups bring their ideas for community based environmental projects to life. This grant will pay for the expertise of a qualified designer to produce professional plans, illustrations and costings. The Environmental projects team can find a landscape architect on behalf of a group.

Contact:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/climatechange fund
01772 531257
climatechange fund@lancashire.gov.uk

Green Partnership Awards

Deadline: Rolling deadline

Grant size: Most grants are in the region of £500.00

Purpose:

To support and community or school based environmental project.

This is open to schools, voluntary, community and faith sector organisations and town and parish councils

Contact:

Environmental projects team at Lancashire County Council
01772 530 650
projectsteam@env.lancscc.gov.uk

Small Sites Reclamation Fund

Deadline: Rolling deadline

Grant size: Grants do not usually exceed £15,000 or 40% of the total project cost

Purpose:

This helps groups to reclaim derelict, underused and neglected land in their local areas.

Types of project:

- School play, environment and science areas
- Conservation and habitat improvement projects
- Community gardens, parks and play areas
- Access projects and footpath improvements
- Site improvement schemes including public art work
- Tree planting projects

Contact:

Environmental projects team at Lancashire County Council
01772 530 650
projectsteam@env.lancscc.gov.uk

Youth Bank (Youth Opportunity Grants, Youth Capital Grants)

Deadline: 18th December 2008 (Youth Capital Grant)
Rolling deadline for Youth Opportunity Grants

Grant size: Youth Opportunity Grants, maximum grant is £5,000 (for groups) or £250 (for individuals)
Youth Capital Grants, no maximum grant stated

Purpose:

This is government funding, administered by Lancashire County Council. Its purpose is to provide young people with places to go. The grant funding is split into revenue and capital grants (Youth Opportunity Grants and Youth Capital Grants)

The project must be aimed at people aged 11-19 (or 25 if participants have disabilities)

Projects are expected to support the every child matters agenda

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve

- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

Contact:

www.lancsyys.org.uk

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CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY TASK GROUP

Some suggested questions for Allan Jones, Chair of the Chorley Partnership Board.

1. How has Chorley gained from having a Local Strategic Partnership and how might it benefit in the future?
2. What would you do to improve the performance of the LSP and how can we get the different parts of the LSP to deliver with greater synergy?
3. Do you think there is the right mix of partners on the LSP Board, Executive and Thematic Groups?
4. Do you think there are any other key bodies who should be involved in the Partnership?
5. In deciding on LSP projects in the future, how do you think partners would react to fewer but higher value projects?
6. The Council has committed a significant level of resources to the LSP, in terms of both officer resources and funding for projects. How can we convince other partners to increase their contributions?
7. What do the private sector members get out of being associated with the LSP and how can we persuade more to get involved?
8. How do we market the Borough for investment outside this area, how can we persuade investors from other parts of Britain and Europe to invest in Chorley?

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