



# Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Town Centre Vitality

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

## Thursday, 8th October 2009

In Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm



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Dear Councillor

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - TOWN CENTRE VITALITY - THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2009**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Town Centre Vitality to be held in Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 8th October 2009 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 of last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Town Centre Overview and Scrutiny Task Group held on 24 September 2009 (Minutes enclosed).

4. **Improvement of the Cultural Offer within the Town Centre**

The principal purpose of the meeting will be to consider issues around the improvement of the cultural offer within the town centre as part of a number of environment topics to be assessed.

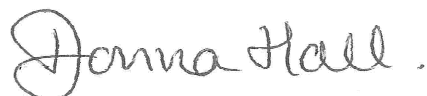
The Task Group may wish to consider, amongst other factors, the development of a cultural strategy for the town, particularly in the light of the nomination of Chorley as the City of Culture; issues surrounding the evening culture of the town centre, increased frequency of events and activities (eg food/arts festivals; wide-ranging programme of events to attract all age groups).

Christopher Bryan (Arts Development Officer) and Lee Boyer (Sports, Play and Physical Activity Manager) will attend the meeting, along with other Officers, to advise the Group of present policies and practices and future proposals. There will be an opportunity to question the Officers and determine preliminary recommendations for assessment at a later stage.

5. **Dates of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Task Group is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 5 November 2009. The topic area will be agreed with the Chair.

Yours sincerely



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2. Agenda and reports to Jane Meek (Corporate Director (Business), Cath Burns (Head of Economic Development), Peter McAnespie (Planning Policy and Urban Design Team Leader), Conrad Heald (Town Centre Manager), Lee Boyer (Sports, Play and Physical Activities Manager), Christopher Bryan (Arts Development Officer) and Tony Uren (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

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