

# Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Town Centre Vitality

Agenda and Reports for consideration on

# Tuesday, 23rd February 2010

in Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm







Town Hall Market Street Chorley Lancashire PR7 1DP

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Dear Councillor

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - TOWN CENTRE VITALITY - TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2010

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Town Centre Vitality Overview and Scrutiny Task Group to be held in Committee Room No. 1, Town Hall, Chorley on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>23rd February 2010</u> 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 14 January 2010 (Minutes enclosed).

# 4. Arts and Sport & Play Activities (Pages 5 - 30)

During the debate on the cultural offer within the town centre at the Task Group meeting on 8 October 2009, Members requested the production of a report detailing the targets and/or action plans and future aspirations of the Sports and Cultural Services Section of the People and Places Directorate.

In response, a note summarising the principal town centre cultural and sports & play events, together with the Directorate's Business Improvement Plan for 2009/10, is attached for consideration.

Christopher Bryan, the Council's Arts Development Officer will attend the meeting to assist the Task Group.

### 5. Open discussion with witnesses

Following the Task Group's study of the relevant topic areas, it will be appropriate for Members to seek views from the Executive Member (Business), the Disability Forum and representatives of local retailers and businesses before it finalises its report and recommendations.

With the consent of the Chair, Councillor Peter Malpas, Eileen Bee (the Disability Forum Co-ordinator), a few selected town centre retailers, a Market trader and a representative of the Chorley Chamber of Trade have been invited to attend the meeting to participate in an open discussion on the Task Group's review of the vitality and viability of the town centre.

#### 6. Town Centre Visit

The Head of Economic Development and the Town Centre and Markets Manager will report at the meeting on current developments.

# 7. **Date of next meeting**

The final meeting of the Town Centre Task Group to consider the draft report of its findings and recommendations is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 4 March 2010.

Yours sincerely

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- 2. Agenda and reports to Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy), Cath Burns (Head of Economic Development), Peter McAnespie (Policy and Design Team Leader), Conrad Heald (Town Centre Manager) and Tony Uren (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

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