

11 September 2013

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy to be held in on Thursday, 18th July 2013 commencing at 6.30 pm.

AGENDA

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

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

If you have a pecuniary 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. **Play and Open Spaces Strategy (Pages 5 - 12)**

The Committee will look at the emerging Play and Open Spaces Strategy and examine whether the health and wellbeing benefits are being maximised. The tool that is used to assess the impact of new policies, strategies and areas of service is the Council's approved Integrated Impact Assessment; this includes an element that looks at the health impact.

To provide context officers will provide an update on progress with the Play and Open Spaces Strategy and its scope. Information will also be provided about the Integrated Impact Assessment and its use; a copy of the template is enclosed.

The Committee will assess whether the Strategy will have a positive impact and Members may wish to consider the following mini tasks:

1. Have all play areas, open spaces and sports pitches been included within the Strategy?
2. How well does the Integrated Impact Assessment lend itself to maximising the benefits of the new Strategy, as opposed to identifying and mitigating any negative impact?

The Committee will look at some specific case studies.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list or scope for the task, rather to provide some direction for the initial meeting.

Yours sincerely



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Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy Councillor Julia Berry (Chair), Mark Perks (Vice Chair) and Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Steve Holgate, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Marion Lowe, Mick Muncaster, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell and Kim Snape for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Jamie Dixon (Head of Streetscene & Leisure Contracts), Lindsey Blackstock (Parks and Open Spaces Officer) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

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. 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.

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Name of the service, policy, strategy or project being assessed	
What does the service, policy, strategy or project do?	
Who is it intended to benefit and how?	
Officer responsible for completing the assessment	
Date of Assessment	
Date of Review	

Introduction

What is an Integrated Impact Assessment?

The integrated impact assessment is a tool to ensure that any policy, project or service is assessed to consider any positive or negative impacts for Chorley residents with regards to equalities, health or sustainability. It is important that this is done in a timely manner and ideally it should precede the start of the project, policy or strategy concerned.

Why do we need to do Impact Assessments?

Chorley Council is committed as a community leader, service provider and employer that we will work to ensure that everybody is afforded equality of opportunity and good life chances. The Impact Assessment is a tool we use to ensure that we fulfil these commitments, and thus meet our legal duties.

Quick Steps for Completion

1. There are four sections;
 - Equality – This section considers the impact on our 7 equality strands, which are; race, age, gender, sexuality, faith, disability and rurality. When completing this section, reference should be made to the Council's [Equality Scheme](#)
 - Sustainability – the impact on environmental and sustainability issues. Reference should be to the [Climate Change Strategy](#)
 - Health – the impact on potential health impacts. Reference should be made to the Health Inequalities Strategy
 - Reputation – the impact on the Council's reputation and our ability to deliver our key priorities. Reference should be made to the Council's [Corporate Strategy](#) and Chorley Partnership's [Sustainable Community Strategy](#)

Each section has a number of questions which should be given a rating, and evidence given for why the rating has been selected.

Code Description

P	Positive beneficial impact
N	Negative undesirable impact
U	Uncertainty over impact
NI	No specific impact/neutral impact

2. Actions – Once a rating is given, actions should be identified to mitigate any negative impacts or maximise any positive impacts of the policy/project/strategy that is being assessed.
3. Once the toolkit has been completed, changes should be made to the policy/project/service to respond to any actions identified.

If you require further information, please contact Sarah James, the Performance, Partnerships and Equalities Manager, sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk on 5348

Equality Impact Assessment	Yes	No	Evidence		Further action required	
1. Have consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that this particular activity will create problems which are specific to them?						
What potential impact does this activity make to:						
	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
1. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different ages (Age)						
2. Equality of opportunity amongst with or without a physical or mental disability (Disability)						
3. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different gender backgrounds (Gender Reassignment)						
4. Equality of opportunity amongst customers who are pregnant or parents (Pregnancy and Maternity)						
5. Equality of opportunity amongst customer groups of different racial backgrounds (Race)						
6. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different religions (Religion or Belief)						
7. Equality of opportunity amongst customers that live in different parts of Chorley (Rurality)						
8. Equality of opportunity amongst male and female customers (Sex)						
9. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different sexual orientations (Sexual Orientation)						

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
1. The effective protection of Chorley’s environment. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting waste generation & encouraging recycling • Limiting factors that contribute to climate change • Protection of and improving access to the natural environment 						
2. Prudent usage of natural resources. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limiting use of non sustainable energy, water, minerals and materials • Reducing the need to travel and encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon modes of travel 						
3. Social progress amongst all of Chorley’s communities. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for education and information • Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing • Reduced fear of crime and community safety • Access to cultural and leisure facilities • Encouraging engagement and supporting volunteering 						

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
<p>4. A vibrant local economy in Chorley. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting better quality jobs and developing the skills of local residents Supporting local business by procuring goods and services locally Strengthening links with public, private and third sector partners 						

Health Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
<p>1. Encouraging healthy lifestyles across Chorley's population. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diet and nutrition Exercise and physical activity Substance use: tobacco, alcohol and drugs Risk taking behaviour Education and learning, or skills 						
<p>2. Promoting a positive social environment for all of Chorley's residents. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social status Employment (paid or unpaid) Social/family support Stress/Mental Health Income 						

Health Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
3. Promoting a positive physical environment across Chorley. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living conditions • Working conditions • Accidental injuries or public safety • Transmission of infectious disease 						

Reputational Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						
1. Chorley Council's reputation. Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proving to local residents that we provide value for money • Informing and engaging with local residents • Building trust and confidence in Chorley Council • Improving customer satisfaction with council services • Chorley Council's role as a community leader 						
2. Our ability to deliver the Corporate Strategy. Issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A council that consults and engages with residents ▪ An ambitious council that continually strives to improve 						
3. Our ability to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy. Issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Family Support • Education and Jobs • Being Healthy • Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Communities • Safe Respectful Communities • Quality Community Services and Spaces • Vibrant Local Economy • Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages • Sustainable Places and Transport 						

Integrated Impact Assessment Action Plan

If any further actions were identified through the Integrated Impact Assessment then these should be listed in the table below. These should be added to the relevant business/service plan to ensure that any actions are carried out.

Actions needed following Integrated Impact Assessment	Start Date	End Date	Lead Officer

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