

CHORLEY LIAISON

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH 2016, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1 **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2016 OF
CHORLEY LIAISON**

(Pages 5 - 10)

3 **ITEM FROM THE WORK PROGRAMME: PLAY AREAS**

(Pages 11 - 76)

Lindsey Blackstock, Parks and Open Spaces Officer, will attend to present the item.

Lindsey would appreciate input about aspirations for your play areas, match funding, timeframes and consultation. She would like to hear about possible new sites where there are deficits of play areas and potential external funding pots. It would be helpful if you could contact Lindsey in advance on lindsey.blackstock@chorley.gov.uk

A copy of the play area improvement strategy is enclosed for your information.

4 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: WEST PENNINE MOORS SSSI
(SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST)**

(Pages 77 - 78)

Lindsey Blackstock, Parks and Open Spaces Officer, will attend to present the item.

It has been proposed to designate the West Pennine Moors, including part of Chorley as a SSSI for many years. This has stalled due to restructures within Natural England. 30 sites had been selected as possible SSSIs across the country but only 3 have been selected to take this status forward, one of which is West Pennine Moors.

The next steps are for Natural England staff to take forward this notification from April, the gathered evidence goes to Sectary of State and once at this stage, the land is protected, there is then a 4 month consultation period where people can raise objections. Subject to no fundamental objections, the land will be designated. This would mean a slight change in procedure for planning and building control. A formal announcement is due to be released shortly.

5 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The recent Christmas floods have highlighted the value of good emergency planning and a coordinated local response. In particular at times of emergency, normal resources can be stretched and are inevitably targeted and prioritised to areas of greatest need.

Simon Clark (Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods) and Paul Bond (Environment Agency) will provide a verbal update on the support that can be provided to local communities. In particular they will discuss how to set up local emergency response volunteer groups and what the Council and EA can provide in a flood response situation.

6 **ITEM THE WORK PROGRAMME: EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY**

(Pages 79 - 82)

Simon Clark, Head of Health Environment and Neighbourhoods, will give a brief presentation on the work being undertaken by the Council in relation to empty properties.

A breakdown of empty properties by ward is enclosed for information.

7 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: COMMUNITY ASSETS**

(Pages 83 - 84)

Jamie Carson, Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community will present this item.

8 **ITEMS REQUESTED BY ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

(Pages 85 - 86)

The requests are enclosed.

9 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE LIAISON AND THE PUBLIC**

In order to allow members of the Liaison and members of the public to raise issues of local concern, a period of 20 minutes has been set aside.

A member of the public may speak for no more than 3 minutes. Members of the public are not required to give notice of the issue they intend to raise, although it is expected in the case of service issues that the appropriate mechanisms for resolving the issue have been explored.

Where a question is raised which cannot be answered at the meeting, a record will be kept by officers supporting the meeting and it will be responded to via the appropriate mechanism.

10 **UPDATE ON EVENTS**

Jamie Carson, Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community, will give an update on the events that the Council is organising over the next few months.

- Chorley Grand Prix: 26 March
- What's Your Story, Chorley? 23 April
- Picnic in the Park: 26 June
- Chorley Flower Show: 30 July

11 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

(Pages 87 - 88)

A schedule setting out deadlines for items to be requested on the agenda for the Chorley Liaison is enclosed.

The dates of future meetings are:

- Wednesday, 20 July 2016 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday, 19 October 2016 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday, 18 January 2017 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday, 15 March 2017 at 6.30pm

12 **ANY URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIR**

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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