

CHORLEY LIAISON

WEDNESDAY, 18TH JANUARY 2017, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1 **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**

2 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: MARKET WALK EXTENSION UPDATE**

Rebecca Huddleston, Head of Customer Transformation will present an update on the progress of the Market Walk Extension.

3 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: LCC TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

(Pages 5 - 6)

An update on the current position of the LCC transformation is enclosed.

4 **ITEM FROM CHORLEY COUNCIL: ADOPTION OF ESTATES**

Report from the Director of Early Intervention and Support (report to follow).

5 **ITEMS FROM ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

(Pages 7 - 8)

1. To request the Schedule of planned maintenance for both gulley sweeping and street cleaning for the whole of Adlington.
Response enclosed.
2. To request an update on the flooding problems reported by Adlington residents last winter. The Council understood that a solution to this would be discussed at the multi-agency "making Space for Water" meetings but has received no update on the situation.
Response enclosed.
3. To clarify the procedure for submitting objections to HGV operating license applications. The Lancashire Association of Local Councils sends the application information to the Town Council but Town and Parish Councils do not have a statutory right to object directly to the North West Licensing Authority and would like to know who to contact within the borough or county in order to submit objections.
Response enclosed.

6 ITEMS FROM BRETHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

1. The Parish Council wishes to ban the use of roads in Bretherton by large HGVs which are not suitable for rural roads.
Awaiting response
2. In relation to Community Transport, Bretherton has no public transport and we wondered if Chorley could provide any help in relation to community transport schemes which might be in operation in other parts of the Council area or which they have knowledge of.
Awaiting response

7 ITEMS FROM CHARNOCK RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

1. Could Parish Councils be given comparison figures showing the amount of money spent in recent years on Chorley Town Centre as compared to the amount spent by Chorley Council in the Parishes.
A response will be provided at the meeting.
2. Is there any truth in the rumours that money is being moved around or diverted within the Borough Council finances into Town Centre improvements e.g. the use of s106 monies possibly generated from development in the Parishes being used or channelled into the Town Centre? if this is incorrect, could an explanation be provided as to how this misconception may have been reached?
A response will be provided at the meeting.

8 ITEM FROM HESKIN PARISH COUNCIL

1. The parish council have been trying to get Town Lane, Heskin, which has no passing points, made into a 'Quiet Lane'
Response 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 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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

(Pages 9 - 10)

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Electronic agendas sent to Members of the Chorley Liaison Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Alistair Morwood (Chorley Town East), Anthony Gee (Chorley Town West), Eric Bell (Clayton and Whittle), Doreen Dickinson (Western Parishes), Kim Snape (Southeast Parishes), Alan Whittaker (Southern Parishes), Alistair Bradley (Chorley Town) and Matthew Lynch (Euxton, Astley and Buckshaw).

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LCC TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

January 2017

Background

1. Chorley Council has committed over £300K to protecting vital community services otherwise at risk of closure or reduction as a result of Lancashire County Council (LCC) budget cuts. This includes support for a number of bus routes (6/6A, 24A and 109A) serving residents across the borough and three libraries: Coppull, Ecclestone and Adlington. Bus routes will be funded until the end of March 2017 and libraries to April 2018.
2. The funding will allow for a transitional period, during which Chorley Council will work with community stakeholders including Town and Parish Councils, community groups and local residents to consider the options available and develop sustainable solutions for future service provision. A key element of this work will be exploring possible funding models including income generation and consideration of Town and Council Parish precepts.

Update

3. Library Services

A number of actions have been completed to date with regard to library services:

- Chorley Council Community Development Officers from the Health and Wellbeing team are now actively working with local groups to understand the needs of the community and offer assistance with any potential community asset transfer process. The team have met with local stakeholders in both Adlington and Coppull to begin to work towards establishing their relevant constitutions and make sure the groups are established and have all the relevant arrangements in place to support any potential community asset transfer processes in the future. The groups are also beginning to explore and consider future ways in which these community services may be delivered, looking at ways in which they can be made as sustainable and cost effective as possible whilst delivering valuable services for local residents. The team are looking to meet with relevant stakeholders in Ecclestone to begin discussions in this area in the near future.
- Parish and Town Councils were invited to attend a meeting with Cllr Alistair Bradley and Gary Hall on Monday 5th December 2016 to discuss how we may work together to sustain services for our local communities; this included consideration of parish precepts. Following this meeting, rough costing information has been circulated in the form of a number of illustrative models to demonstrate ways in which this funding could be raised/ achieved. Parish and Town Councils have been asked to consider the information provided at their upcoming meetings and provide their initial thoughts and feedback by Friday 27th January 2017.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been drafted to be agreed with LCC. The MoU sets out the operating approach, expectations and supporting governance structures between Chorley Council, Lancashire County Council and local community stakeholders for the duration of the transition period until April 2018. It is

hoped that a meeting to discuss and agree this MoU with Lancashire County Council will take place early January 2017.

4. **Bus Routes**

In terms of bus routes, Chorley Council is continuing to work closely with Lancashire County Council and local bus operators to investigate and understand future options to ensure a cost effective service that meets the needs of local residents. We have received relevant data and information from LCC and Bus Operators to allow us to begin to analyse usage and demand along the routes. This analysis will be used to inform potential options for the future of these routes post April 2017. As part of this work, consideration will also be given to community transport schemes.

ITEMS FROM ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

- 1. To request the Schedule of planned maintenance for both gully sweeping and street cleaning for the whole of Adlington**

Jo Oliver, Waste and Streetscene Manager, Customer and Digital responded

The mini-sweepers currently operate on a 14 week schedule. The mini-sweepers maintain all the side streets and footpaths. The big sweeper is currently on a 3 week schedule. The big sweeper maintains all the larger A Roads. The schedules are suspended during autumn so that the sweepers can be deployed to clear heavy fall.

LCC are responsible for gully clearing, see the attached schedule for information.

- 2. To request an update on the flooding problems reported by Adlington residents last winter. The Council understood that a solution to this would be discussed at the multi-agency “making Space for Water” meetings but has received no update on the situation.**

Doug Cridland, Waste and Contaminated Land Officer for Chorley Council responded

Earlier this year Chorley Council and United Utilities (UU) carried out inspections of drainage assets and culverts at The Common, Adlington . Following this, high-pressure jetting to clear silt and tree roots was completed and camera surveys done. There were no noticeable restrictions on water flow following this work. The council has also replaced and upsized a section of pipe and repaired a collapsed part of the stone culvert. There is also a maintenance programme in place to inspect the drains annually and clear them if necessary. Working in partnership with CBC, UU are due to visit again in December to desilt and inspect the stone culverts in addition to the UU surface water drainage system to ensure that flood risk is minimised. It is worth noting that the inclusion of stone culverts in such a programme of work by UU is not usual practice. UU have also made recent improvements to their surface water drains including rehabilitating some of the surface water sewer. We will closely monitor the outcome of this work to determine the impact this has on the surface water flood risk. The council is continuing to work with UU and LCC to thoroughly understand the surface water flood risk to properties at The Common. Following the further investigations by UU, should this suggest the condition or capacity of the culverts are a direct cause of overloading the upstream UU network and request that the culverts need replacing or upgrading, this will enable the council to consider proposing investment in remedial action to rectify the matter.

LCC has a responsibility to record and investigate flooding incidents in their areas. These are known as Section 19 Investigations. This site has been included in Stage 2 of LCC’s investigations. The results of this Flood Investigation Report have been published and may be of interest. Although no specific actions are proposed by LCC, the position in relation to Lower Adlington can be found on page 13 of the ‘Chorley’ District Flood Report using this link:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/performance-inspections-reviews/environmental/flood-investigation-report.aspx>

Through the Chorley Making Space for Water group, the council has asked LCC to consider completing a detailed drainage study for Lower Adlington to understand the nature and causes of surface water flooding and enable any cost effective improvements to be made.

- 3. To clarify the procedure for submitting objections to HGV operating license applications. The Lancashire Association of Local Councils sends the application information to the Town Council but Town and Parish Councils do not have a**

statutory right to object directly to the North West Licensing Authority and would like to know who to contact within the borough or county in order to submit objections.

Lesley Miller, Chorley Council's Regulatory Services Manager responded

Owners and occupiers of land or buildings within the vicinity of an operating centre who feel that the use or enjoyment of their own land would be "prejudicially" affected by the proposed operating centre can make a representation against the grant of an application and are called "representors". Representations can be made only on environmental grounds and in response to an advertisement placed by an applicant. A Representor must be directly affected by environmental nuisance emanating directly from the operating centre and not as a result of traffic on public highways.

Where a Town or Parish Council, residents group or association wishes to make an objection to an application for an HGV operators licence, unless they are owners and occupiers as above, would need to provide evidence to Chorley Council's Regulatory Services Team that the premises gives rise or are likely to give rise to a statutory environmental nuisance, as it is only on these grounds that Chorley Council's Environmental Health may make an objection.

In such case the environmental health officers would need to consider the evidence on the basis of impact, duration and frequency of any matter that may constitute a nuisance arising from the premises directly. Noise associated with vehicles on the public highway are not matters that can be considered in statutory nuisance legislation and therefore would not be grounds for objection for Chorley Council. In addition, the threshold for a nuisance and therefore the weight of evidence required, goes beyond that of annoyance and disturbance. In order for Chorley Council to make an objection on behalf of a Parish Council or residents group, there would need to be substantive evidence, rather than just a perceived fear, that a nuisance exists or is likely to exist.

Any request to make an objection on behalf of such a body will be considered on its own merits and based on the evidence presented. Chorley Council would not support an objection that was frivolous, vexatious or unsubstantiated in nature. Where insufficient evidence is presented, then the Council would not object to an application and may have to gather additional evidence through the statutory nuisance procedure to raise a complaint to the Traffic Commissioner in the future where further investigation substantiates such a response, such as following the service of a Statutory Nuisance Abatement Notice.

Where objections relate to the planning permission, these will need to be addressed to the Planning Department, but the Traffic Commission applications are considered in isolation to planning permissions for the site, so a licence from the Traffic Commissioner may be issued without planning consent and vice versa.

Guidance on making objections to the Traffic Commissioner are available using the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208422/otc-representations-objections-complaints.pdf



Chorley Liaison agenda management timetable

Date of meeting	Deadline for items to be requested by Members	Agenda Publication Deadline
Wed, 20 July 2016	Fri, 1 July	Wed, 13 July
Wed, 19 October 2016	Fri, 30 September	Wed, 12 October
Wed, 18 January 2017	Fri, 16 December	Wed, 11 January
Wed, 15 March 2017	Fri, 24 February	Wed, 8 March

Please contact Cathryn Filbin on 01257 515123 or email cathryn.filbin@chorley.gov.uk if you would like to request an item on the agenda.

Future agenda items

Public Service Reform Board

Child Protection

Boundary review for Chorley

Youth Zone

BT update

Lancashire County Council – update on services

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