

EXECUTIVE CABINET

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2017, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1 **MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2017 OF EXECUTIVE CABINET**

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- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

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

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- 3 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public who have requested the opportunity to ask a question(s) on an item(s) on the agenda will have three minutes to put their question(s) to the respective Executive Member(s). Each member of the public will be allowed to ask one short supplementary question.

ITEM OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM) (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BRADLEY)

- 4 **PLAY, OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY**

(Pages 11 - 46)

Report of Director (Business, Development and Growth).

- 5 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1,3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

By Virtue of Paragraph 1: Information relating to any individual.

Condition:

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

By Virtue of Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Condition:

Information is not exempt if it is required to be registered under-
The Companies Act 1985

The Friendly Societies Act 1974

The Friendly Societies Act 1992

The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978

The Building Societies Act 1986 (recorded in the public file of any building society, within the meaning of the Act)

The Charities Act 1993

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

By Virtue of Paragraph 4: Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority.

Condition:

Information is exempt to the extent that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

**ITEM OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER
(RESOURCES) (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLOR PETER WILSON)**

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| 6 | APPROVAL FOR THE CONTRACT AWARD PROCEDURE AND EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT. | (Pages 47 - 56) |
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Report of the Director (Customer and Digital)

ITEM OF EXECUTIVE LEADER AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM) (INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BRADLEY)

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| 7 | BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH RESTRUCTURE | (Pages 57 - 70) |
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Report of Director (Business, Growth and Development)

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| 8 | ANY URGENT BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIR | |
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GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

MEETING DATE **Thursday, 16 November 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Alistair Bradley (Chair), Councillor Peter Wilson (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Beverley Murray, Paul Walmsley, Adrian Lowe and Graham Dunn

OFFICERS: Gary Hall (Chief Executive), Chris Sinnott (Director (Early Intervention and Support)), Mark Lester (Director (Business, Economic and Growth)), Rebecca Huddleston (Director (Policy and Governance)), Chris Moister (Head of Legal, Democratic & HR Services), Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Rebecca Aziz-Brook (Performance and Partnerships Officer) and Andrew Daniels (Communications and Events Manager)

APOLOGIES: None.

OTHER MEMBERS: Councillor Tom Gray, Marion Lowe, June Molyneaux, Alistair Morwood, Alan Cullens, Greg Morgan, John Walker and Mick Muncaster

17.EC.103 Welcome

The Executive Leader welcomed Councillors from Wyre Council's Scrutiny Committee who were attending the meeting to observe the Council's use of tablets to facilitate paperless meetings.

17.EC.104 Minutes of meeting Thursday, 5 October 2017 of Executive Cabinet

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Executive Cabinet meeting held on 5 October be confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

17.EC.105 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of any interests.

17.EC.106 Public Questions

There were no questions submitted by any members of the public.

17.EC.107 Executive Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on the Rollout of Superfast Broadband

The report of the Director (Business, Development and Growth) was presented by the Executive Leader and Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Services Reform).

An Overview and Scrutiny task group, chaired by Councillor Kim Snape, looked at the rollout of superfast broadband across the borough and their final report was presented to Executive Cabinet in August 2017. The report contained the Executive Cabinet's response to the recommendations within the report.

Decision: Approval granted that the recommendations in section 8 of the report and completed actions be accepted.

Reasons for recommendation(s):

To provide a response to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group's review of the current rollout and provision of superfast Broadband.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

17.EC.108 Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy Funds

The report of the Director (Business, Development and Growth) was presented by the Executive Leader and Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Service Reform) and sought approval for the allocation of £365,000 capital infrastructure monies to be allocated to the Digital Office Park project for spend in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced to simplify the process of calculating and collecting planning obligations and has to be spent on infrastructure needed to support development within the borough.

The report formalised the implementation of a system for allocating the main CIL monies to infrastructure projects that are on the CIL 123 list and detailed how the CIL expenditure was allocated including the methodology used for assessment and projects funded.

Decision: Approval granted for the allocation of £365,000 capital infrastructure monies to the Digital Office Park project for spend in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Reasons for recommendation(s):

To allocate the CIL Infrastructure Fund in the way it is intended and ensure the methodology of how it is allocated is transparent.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

17.EC.109 Chorley Council Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter Two

The report of the Director (Policy and Governance) was presented by the Executive Member (Resources). The report set out the Council's performance against the

Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the second quarter of 2017/18, 1 July to 30 September 2017.

Overall performance of the key projects was good with eight (57%) of the projects rated as green or complete and four (29%) rated as amber. Two (14%) projects had been closed and a full explanation given. Action plans for all of the projects were contained within the report.

Performance of the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures was also good. 58% of Corporate Strategy measures and 70% of the key service delivery measures were performing on or above target or within the 5% threshold. Action plans were contained for those indicators performing below target that outlined the measures to be put in place to improve performance.

Following a discussion by Members it was explained that although the number of homelessness preventions and reliefs was underperforming against target the Executive were not unduly concerned as the indicator is demand driven.

The target for this measure had been set at a more challenging level for 2017/18 (800) compared to that of 2016/17 (600) in anticipation of increases due to a number of potential changes expected in 2017 that included, the impact of the Homelessness Reduction Bill, Supporting People changes and rollout of Universal Credit full digital. These changes had not yet happened and therefore the anticipated increase has not occurred.

The Housing Option teams would continue to monitor progress closely and the Council continues to provide comprehensive support and advice to those who need it.

During quarter two, a resident survey had been conducted to gather the views of residents about satisfaction with the Council, their local area and community involvement. Overall performance was good with five of the nine indicators performing above target or within the 5% tolerance.

Four of the nine indicators were performing under target, the percentage of people who feel they cannot influence decision making in their local area, satisfaction with street cleanliness, percentage of people who regularly participate in volunteering and percentage of residents who feel that the Corley Council provides value for money. Although performance is on a par better than the average compared to national trends there was an acceptance by the Executive Cabinet that these targets needed to improve.

Decision: The report be noted.

Reasons for recommendation(s):

To facilitate the ongoing analysis and management of the Council's performance in delivering the Corporate Strategy

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None

17.EC.110 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 Report 2 (end of September 2017)

The report of the Chief Finance Officer was presented by the Executive Member (Resources) that set out the provisional revenue and capital outturn figures for the Council as compared against budgets and efficiency saving targets set for the financial year 2017/18.

The projected revenue outturns currently showed a forecast underspend of £392,000 against budget with no action being required at this stage in the year. The latest forecast excluded any variation in projected expenditure on investment items added to the budget in 2017/18.

In the 2017/18 budget the expected net income from Market Walk after deducting finance costs was £0.998m. The latest projection showed a break even position including £40k of revenue expenditure relating to the Market Walk Extension project. It was also reported that the forecast of capital expenditure in 2017/18 is £22.925m.

The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) proposed that working balances are to reach £4.0m over the three year lifespan of the MTFS to 2018/19 due to the financial risks facing the Council. A budgeted contribution into General Balances of £500k is contained within the budget for 2017/18 and the current forecast to the end of September shows that the General Fund balance will be £4.004m by the end of the financial year, being on target to achieve £4m a year early.

A number of requests had been made to be funded from underspends that included the enabling of the Council to meet its requirements under the General Data Protection Regulation, the funding of an electoral review of Chorley Council, and allow the Council the flexibility to continue funding local bus services in 2017/18.

In response to Members questions, further explanation was given to the thought processes behind the request to create a temporary post at senior level with responsibility for delivering the Market Walk extension, Primrose Gardens and Digital Health Park. The Council was now reaching a critical stage in the delivery of a number of asset development activities that will require a significant amount of senior management overview all at the same time. The creation of this post would prevent progress being delayed on a number of other important activities including the development of the Council's employment land and the refreshing of the Council's local plan

Decision:

- 1. The full year forecast position for the 2017/18 revenue budget and capital investment programme was noted.**
- 2. The forecast position on the Council reserves was noted.**
- 3. That Council approve the use of "£25,000 from in-year revenue underspends to enable the Council to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.**
- 4. That Council approve the use of £50,000 from in-year revenue underspends to enable the Council to fund the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's electoral review of Chorley Council.**
- 5. That Council approve the use £120,000 from in-year revenue underspends to allow the Council the flexibility to continue funding local bus services in 2017/18.**

6. That Council approve the use of £30,000 from in-year revenue underspends to fund the revenue implications of recent planning appeals.
7. That Council approve the use of £60,000 from in-year revenue underspends to create a post at a senior level with responsibility to deliver the Market Walk extension, Primrose Gardens and the Digital Health Park.
8. That Council note the capital programme to be delivered in 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Reasons for recommendation(s):

To ensure the Council's budgetary targets are achieved. Ensuring cash targets are met maintains the Council's financial standing,

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None.

17.EC.111 Exclusion of the Public and Press

To exclude the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

17.EC.112 Coronation Recreation Ground and Harpers Lane Recreation Ground Update and Approval For Improvements

The confidential report of the Director (Business, Development and Growth) was presented by the Executive Leader and Executive Member (Economic Development and Public Services Reform) that provided an update on the planned improvements for Coronation and Harpers Recreation Grounds and sought approval to commence the works.

Decision:

1. Approval granted for the proposed planned works and budget for Coronation Recreation Ground.
2. Approval granted for the proposed planned works and budget for Harpers Lane Recreation Ground.
3. Approval granted for the proposed procurement approach for phase one and delegated power granted to the Executive Leader to award the contract.
4. The Section 106 funding used to fund the works outlined in Appendix one of the confidential report be noted.
5. Approval granted for funding be allocated from Council resources to deliver CCTV installation on both recreation grounds, Should external grant funding bids be unsuccessful, the finance will be sought from Chorley Council to complete the full scheme as outlined.

Reasons for recommendation(s):

1. To deliver the commitments to improve Coronation and Harpers Recreation Grounds as included in the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy.
2. To spend the Section 106 developer contributions which have been collected for these improvements.

3. To maintain the assets and ensure they remain in good repair and therefore reduce any health and safety risk to the public and encourage inward investment in the Borough.
4. To promote the use of the space by the community and contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to do any improvements. This is rejected because it could result in the loss of Section 106 developer contributions and increase the risk of those assets falling into serious disrepair which is a reputational health and safety risk.

17.EC.113 Enforcement restructure proposals

The confidential report of the Director (Policy and Governance) was presented by the Executive Member (Public Protection) that proposed the creation of a new enforcement team aimed at strengthening and improving the Councils approach to enforcement by bringing different teams together into one team within the Customer and Digital directorate.

Decision:

1. **Approval of the proposed structure for formal consultation.**
2. **Approval of the request for Early Retirement Voluntary Severance application.**
3. **Delegated authority granted to the Executive Member (Public Protection) to approval the final structure following its consultation, subject to there being no significant changes to what is proposed within the report.**

Reason for recommendation(s):

To strengthen the Council's enforcement service and demonstrate the Council's commitment to delivering a professional, firm and fair service to act as a catalyst for further change.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

A number of alternative options and variations to the proposed structure were considered that included:

- a) Making no changes to the current structure, and instead making changes and improvements to processes and systems to drive change. This was rejected as it would still leave both building control and planning enforcement with temporary reporting arrangements and it is considered that creating a new team will act as a catalyst for process and system changes which may drive forward change and improvements quicker and more consistently; and
- b) Consideration was given to whether the service should fit within the Policy and Governance directorate and specifically form part of the Council's legal team due to the close working of some of the teams with Legal such as Licensing. However as the proposal developed and the remit of the proposed team expanded this option was also rejected.

Chair

Date



Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Business Development and Growth (Introduced by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform)	Executive Cabinet	14 December 2017

UPDATE ON THE PLAY, OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY DELIVERY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update members on delivery of the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy and seek approval for the allocation of existing Section 106 money to schemes, as identified within the strategy and in accordance with the site assessments and policy, in order to continue to deliver the strategy.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. To approve the next phase of projects to enable the continued delivery of the play, open space and playing pitch strategy and associated action plan.
3. To note the allocation of Section 106 monies to the schemes identified in the refreshed strategy action plan
4. To delegate approval of the detailed projects and any associated tender exercise to the executive member subject to consultation with the appropriate ward members.
5. To approve the commission of a new Open Space, Playing Pitches and Recreation Strategy in partnership with South Ribble and Preston Councils linking into the upcoming Local Plan review. This will provide a new strategy from 2020 – 2025 and is estimated to cost £30,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

6. The existing Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy and Action Plan adopted in August 2014 is a five year plan from 2014 – 2019. The development of the strategy was informed by the work undertaken by specialist consultants, Knight, Kavanagh and Page in 2012.
7. The strategy takes into account all open spaces, play areas, allotments and playing pitches in the Borough. The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy sets out how Chorley Council plans to protect, manage, enhance and secure its open spaces over the next five years and beyond. It focuses on sites that need to be improved or sustained to mitigate against negative trends and recommends how any identified deficiencies in provision of open space should be addressed through a five year action plan. See background documents.
8. The fourth year is almost complete and we are now working to deliver year five and to plan for future years. All of the sites identified in the action plan are those which score low for quality or value or those which are located in areas of high usage and subsequently need

investment to improve and modernise facilities and infrastructure. We need to forward plan in advance in order to justify the collection of developer contributions from new developments and also to inform the pooling of section 106 monies. There are restrictions regarding the number of times we can pool money to one scheme and also the timeframe within which s106 money has to be spent. s106 can also take many years to come forward which can impact on proposed timescales for project delivery.

9. This report therefore provides an update on the completed schemes to date and also proposes the next round of schemes, following a 'light touch' assessment and strategy refresh by officers pending the publication of the new Open Space and Sports and Recreation Strategy 2020 – 2025 which is expected to be complete by Spring 2019. Member and public consultation will be carried out by consultants throughout 2018 in order to capture suggestions for sites not already included in the existing strategy and to gather data to inform the new strategy.
10. There are funds in receipt which are ready to be spent on schemes. Other schemes have a portion of the money in receipt and will be delivered once the required S106 is in receipt. An overview is provided in the table below.

Typology	Approx budget required	Pooled S106
Allotments	£96,000	£13,670
Play Areas	£995,000	£557,000
Borough wide playing pitches	£3m	£2.7m
Amenity Green Space	£338,000	£105,000

BACKGROUND

11. The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy 2014-19 was based on the Open Space study undertaken in 2011-12 and covered the three areas of open spaces (amenity / natural and semi-natural greenspace, parks & gardens, allotment, green corridors, cemeteries, churchyards & civic spaces), Playing pitches (football, cricket, rugby, hockey) and play areas.
12. A summary of what has been delivered over the past four years can be found in Appendix 4. These schemes have been delivered using money from S106 allocations, revenue, capital funds and external grants as well as some delivery by private landowners, schools, sports clubs and parish councils. 29 sites have been upgraded and 12 sites have created new provision with an investment of approximately 3 million pounds.
13. In order to secure developer contributions and pooled Section 106 monies for a forward plan of schemes, approval is sought for the high level identification of where money should be spent as identified in the strategy documents A - C. The detailed design as to what a scheme will include, for example, type and scope of play equipment, path material, layout of sports pavilion, will be agreed in consultation with the relevant ward members and site users.
14. In accordance with the procurement framework, appropriate approval will be sought for tenders over a certain value.

EXISTING SCHEMES

15. There are a number of schemes which are currently being delivered as detailed below and these are included in the updated action plan and appendix one and two. A short summary update is included below with further detailed information to follow in subsequent Executive Cabinet reports, with the relevant ward members as well as the Portfolio Holder being regularly updated on progress.

- **Coronation Recreation**

A new play area, MUGA, fitness zone, improvements to the tennis court, kiosk and toilet are proposed following consultation with ward members and stakeholders. These are expected to be complete by August 2018

- **Harpers Recreation Ground**

Improvements include a new play area for ages 2 – 12, artificial grass to the existing MUGA, new pump track, improved paths and infrastructure. . These are expected to be complete by August 2018

- **Astley Park**

A Garden of Reflection, drainage works to the main field, additional car parking and lighting are planned.

- **King George V**

Drainage solutions to the pitches as well as improvements to the play area and also changing facilities are planned.

- **Westway Sports Village**

A comprehensive sports facility is planned with new pitches, changing facilities, cycle and run track and events car parking.

- **Yarrow Valley Access Improvements.**

Improvements to existing footpaths through Yarrow Valley Country Park and establishment of new paths on well used desire lines to improve access, safety and use of the Country Park.

NEW OPEN SPACE PLAY AND RECREATION STRATEGY

16. There is a need to undertake a reassessment of all the provision across the borough to inform the policy for planning obligations as well as create a new action plan, focussing on improving sites based on a strategic assessment of need and quality.
17. This is a very detailed piece of work which involves the assessment of sites across the borough and the development of a strategic approach to investment and new provision, taking account of the needs of the local population.
18. It is proposed that in order to reduce cost as well as reflect the existing partnership we have with Preston and South Ribble as a single housing market area, that we work together to commission the piece of work. It will form part of the evidence base to inform the review of the Local Plan. It is envisaged that this work will cost each authority £30,000 and that draft reports will be produced in late 2018. South Ribble Council will lead the procurement process.

NEW ACTION PLAN WITH SCHEMES

19. The existing strategy document has been refreshed following a 'light touch' reassessment of sites and identifies those areas where investment is required either as a result of existing schemes being scored 'low quality' in accordance with the methodology used by the consultants, or where there is a lack of provision based on population density (using the methodology provided).
20. Appendix one includes all of the schemes carried forward from the existing strategy action plan and due to be complete this financial year.

21. Appendix two identifies those schemes which have been identified as part of the strategy as new or large longer term projects. All of the sites identified in the action plan are those which scored low for quality or value or those which are located in areas of high usage and subsequently need investment to improve and modernise facilities and infrastructure. The Council have and will continue to support other sites not in the action plan if there is an evidence of need and part funding is in place.
22. The Strategy Action Plan has been updated to reflect the new site assessments. See Appended Strategy Documents A – C and Executive Summary and Action Plan for details.

FINANCING PLAY AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

23. In order to ensure that our open spaces, playing pitches and play areas are enhanced and protected, section 106 contributions are requested when a new planning application comes in. Developer contributions are pooled and collected towards schemes identified in the action plan. Section 106 agreements need to include detailed provisions regarding how those contributions are to be spent on the identified scheme which forms a legal agreement.
24. Projects can only be started once all of the required finance is in place, unless agreed phasing can be put in place. Under planning obligation rules post 2010, money from a maximum of five developer agreements can be pooled for any one scheme for a specific purpose.
25. Some projects have no funding yet identified and some only have a few sums of money currently in receipt or requested however it is known that developments are proposed and future sums will be invoiced to pool more monies. It can take some time to collect all the necessary section 106 monies ready to start a scheme and so it is important to manage expectations and communicate where the funding 'pot' is up to. The action plan timescales are not fixed and may be brought forward or rescheduled based upon changes in circumstances such as external funding and development opportunities.
26. In the majority of cases, the section 106 agreement dictates directly where and on what the money must be spent, informed by the Open Space and Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Where the Section 106 does not identify an exact project, ward members will be consulted to agree where the money should be allocated linked to the strategy document. This will only refer to historic planning applications granted before the pooling restrictions came into force.
27. The strategy takes into account all of the provision in the Borough and is not just focused on Council owned land. Priority is given to Council and Parish council owned sites as well as taking account of privately owned sites as identified on a formal methodology which is need based, generally working to improve the lowest scoring sites first and taking account of the provision within settlements. It is this methodology which is used to calculate a developer contribution when a new development is proposed.
28. In cases where capital is provided to a Parish Council or private owners of a site identified for improvement, money will be allocated subject to a signed legal agreement which details how the money must be spent and clawback provisions etc.

GOVERNANCE AND PROCUREMENT

29. The approval of the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy Action Plan 2017-2019 will guide where section 106 monies are pooled to and for what specific need (ie toddler play

provision, playing pitch, bowling green etc). This means that monies will be fixed to specific sites and schemes and only in exceptional circumstances will it be flexible.

30. The detail of exactly what works will be undertaken including the design and specification will be developed in consultation with elected members including ward members and the required approval will be secured to undertake the procurement process, in accordance with the council's procedures.
31. Quarterly updates on the programme will be reported to the Executive Member.

NEXT STEPS

32. The schemes identified in the action plan will be programmed for delivery only as and when all required the monies for a scheme have been collected, or in agreed phases for larger projects.
33. Appendix 3 outlines the projects which are proposed to be delivered beyond 2019 when funding becomes available.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

34. In order to require and collect developer contributions for Play and Open Space, we need to have in place a strategy which sets out where we require investment. We are continually requesting and collecting section 106 contributions and we need to allocate these to schemes ready for delivery and as when the money required is all collected.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

35. If we do not have a forward plan of schemes we would lose the opportunity to request contributions from developers. S106 contributions must be spent within a certain timeframe on the agreed scheme, any monies collected could be at risk if not spent.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

36. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	*	A strong local economy	*
Clean, safe and healthy communities	*	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	*

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

37. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	*	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	*	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

38. The financing for these capital projects will be a mix of Section 106 and Council capital funding already committed to the capital programme.
39. Projects will be added to the capital programme as and when sufficient funding has been received to complete the project. In some circumstances the projects will be phased and as such the total project budget may be added to the capital programme prior to all the s106 funding having been received. However, a phase should not begin until funding for that phase has been received.
40. The £30k Open Space, Playing Pitches and Recreation Strategy will be funded through the LDF reserve.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

41. The use of the commuted sums from the signed Section 106 agreements is acceptable on the basis the proposed use complies with the definition contained in the agreement.

MARK LESTER

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH

Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Play, Open Space & Playing Pitch Strategy 2014-19. Executive Summary	August 2017		Modgov
Play, Open Spaces and Playing Pitch Strategy Appendix A - C	August 2017	Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C	Modgov
Standards of Provision	November 2017	https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s81246/StandardofProvision.docx.pdf	Modgov

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Appendix One.

Schemes Approved and To Be Completed in 2017/2018

Site Name	Location	Project	Total Budget
Astley Park	Chorley	Drainage to main field to improve events infrastructure.	£12,000
Tatton Recreation Ground	Chorley	New toddler play equipment and safety surfacing	£8,500
Great Greens Lane,	Clayton Brook	Improve existing play area. Parish Council	£50,000
Mossie Close, Charnock Richard	Charnock Richard	Installation of new youth facilities and improved play equipment. Parish Council	£48,000
Gough Lane Ball Court	Clayton Brook	Associated surface improvements proposed.	£6,000
Clematis Close	Astley Village	Developer to upgrade play provision. Review site / adoption subject to site being to standard, maintenance sum provided and exec member approval.	N/A
Grafton Street play area	Adlington	Removal of play area due to relocation of new facility on Jubilee Rec. Improvements to amenity open space through Neighbourhood Preferred Project.	c£7,000
The Cherries	Euxton	Review site / adoption	N/A
Lucas Green Redrow Development	Whittle-le-Woods	New play area to be provided by developer	N/A
Yarrow Valley Country Park	Chorley	Footpath surfacing and new footpath creation throughout Yarrow Valley Country Park.	£83,000
Greenside Bowling Green	Euxton	Creation of a new bowling green. Parish Council.	c£100,000
Tarnbeck Drive	Mawdesley	Remove play equipment and retain as amenity open space. Enhance paths.	£1,388.46
Worthy Street Allotments	Chorley	Site enhancement though clean up and landscape works	£300.00
Meadow Street	Wheelton	Partnership with Parish Council. New railings to be installed. Neighbourhood Preferred Project	£6,000
Waterford Close	Heath Charnock	Improvements to amenity open space and play area.	£1,100

Appendix Two

Schemes to Be Approved and To Be Completed in 2018/2019.

Please note that these schemes are to be funded through a mixture of S106 (when in receipt) Capital, landowner's investment or external funding and will be scheduled once the total budget is in receipt.

Site Name	Location	Project	Estimated Budget Required	Monies pooled/ collected To Date
Eccleston Play Areas	Eccleston	Improve site/s with S106. Community Consultation to dictate where and how finance is spent.	£21,000	£21,318
Kem Mill Lane Playing Pitch	Whittle-le-Woods	Drainage scheme to playing pitch and site improvements	£70,000	£73,000
New Tree Planting	Borough Wide	New tree planting schemes where identified and programmed. Streetscene to take project lead.	£6,970	£6,970
Twin Lakes Playing Pitch	Croston	Drainage scheme and site improvements to playing pitch	£48,000	£49,071
Wymott Park Play Area	Ulnes Walton	Improve site. Phase 2	£15,000	£12,255
The Ridings	Whittle-le-Woods	Removal of play area and retain as amenity open space	In house	N/A
Amenity sites within 800m of Sailsbury/ Boro Corn Mill	Chorley	Shrub beds and streetscape around Sailsbury / Cuncliffe St to be improved by streetscene. S106.	£1,950	£1,950
Carr Brook Linear Park	Clayton le Woods	Improvements to amenity open space – natural revetment to river banks to prevent erosion.	c£4,000	£1,100
The Willows	Eaves Green	Provision of a new grass football kick around area, surfaced paths, habitat enhancements and gateway into Yarrow Valley Country Park	£45,817	£45,817
Coronation Recreation Ground	Chorley	Recreation Ground refurbishment. Investment in resurfacing of tennis court, new MUGA. New play provision. Kiosk, toilets, infrastructure.	£444,000	£444,000
Harpers Lane Rec. Ground	Chorley	Recreation Ground refurbishment. New play area, upgrade of MUGA, path resurfacing and improvement	£207,000	£207,000
The Hawthorns	Eccleston	Improvements to habitat and paths	£20,000	£20,827
Abbey Village Play Area	Abbey Village	Phase 2 of play area improvements in partnership with Parish Council	£10,000+	£9,159
Yarrow Meadows	Chorley	Enhancement of Yarrow Meadows to improve for Natural Flood Management, biodiversity and public access.	£80,000	£80,000
King George V Play Area	Adlington	Improvement to play provision following drainage scheme	£75,000+	£57,174
King George V Playing Pitches	Adlington	Playing pitch drainage scheme and changing facilities	c£750,000	£328,000
Westway Playing Pitches	Astley Village	Creation of AGP, new drained grass pitches, changing facilities, running track and car parking	c£860,000	£601,000
Mendip Road Play Area	Clayton-le-Woods	Improve site with S106 and Contour Homes funding.	£11,000	£3,314
Wigan Lane Playing Pitch	Chorley	Drainage scheme to playing pitch and changing facilities /archery facility.	£250,000	£255,262
Astley Park	Chorley	Garden of Reflection Extension to Hallgate car park Lighting to the main drive Events Infrastructure	£100,000 £70,000 £140,000 £57,000	£100,000 £70,000 £140,000 £57,000
Hawkshead Avenue	Euxton	Footpath and landscape improvements	£3,500	£2,599
Tatton Recreation Ground	Chorley	Draw up a masterplan for the site linked into the proposed development of the bus depot site	£5000	£5000

Milestone Meadow, Play Area	Euxton	Review site, consult and improve.	c£44,000	£18,760
Broom Close Play Area	Clayton-le-Woods	Review site and improve play provision.	£2500	£804
Gough Lane/Great Greens Lane Play Area.	Clayton Brook	New youth provision.	c£50,000	£38,383
Millennium Green Play Area	Mawdesley	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council	TBC	£8,448
Greenside Play Area,	Euxton	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council funding	£90,000	£75,000
Wymott Park	Ulmes Walton	Creation of footpaths	£9,000	£2,934
Delph Way Play Area	Whittle-le-Woods	Review site / improve.	£24,000	£19,114
Orchard Drive Play Area	Whittle-le-Woods	Drainage to amenity space, new play equipment and safety surfacing and paths.	£53,000	£44,998
Library Road Skate Ramps.	Clayton-le-Woods	Review site / improve. Parish Council.	£10,000	£0
Carleton Road Great Knowley	Chorley	Provide new toddler play area subject to community consultation and funding.	£20,000+	£0
Bothy Garden	Withnell Fold	Improvements to open space.	£12,000	£11,538
Memorial Garden	Withnell Fold	Improvements to open space.	£17,000	£11,934
Rear of Firbank	Euxton	Improvements to open space.	£10,000	£2,288
Pear Tree Lane (new allotments) Land at Sylvesters Farm	Euxton	Improve landscape provision within site	c£40,000	£12,992
Longfield Avenue	Coppull	Improvements to open space.	c£50,000	£33,842

Appendix Three**New Proposed Schemes / Improvements to existing sites.** To be scheduled 2019 onwards.

Site Name	Location	Project	Estimated Budget Required	Monies collected To Date
Lodge Bank Play Area	Brinscall	Review site – Improvement of toddler provision. Collect S106	£45,000	£146
Harvest Drive Play Area,	Whittle-le-Woods	Review site / improve . Not adopted, still with developer.	£26,300	£0
Middlewood Close Play Area,	Eccleston	Improve site with S106	£10,000	£0
Foxcote Play Area,	Astley Village	Improvements to play area. Collect S106. Review play provision in Astley Village.	£30,000+	£0
Grey Heights View Play Area,	Chorley	Improve site with S106	£12,000	£6,490
Manor Road Play Area,	Clayton	Improve site with S106	£50,000	£0
Higher Meadow Play Area	Clayton	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council	£23,800	£0
Hurst Brook Play Area	Coppull	Review site / improve	£21,000	£0
The Meadows Play Area,	Heskin	Improve play provision. Subject to S106 and funding.	£30,000	£0
Fell View, Play Area Cowling	Chorley	Improve site with S106	£6,000	£0
Astley Park Play Area	Chorley	Improve toddler provision	£50,000	£0
Redwing Drive Play Area Gillibrand	Chorley	Start to collect S106 money towards site upgrade scheduled for 2022	£100,000	£0
Gillett Playing Fields, Limbrick	Chorley	Review Site. New playing pitch strategy to inform future site development.	£560,000	£330,381
Jubilee Playing Fields,	Adlington	Pitch drainage, new changing facilities, improved path a network and increased parking capacity.	£467,000	£401,393
Highfield Primary School,	Chorley	Pitch drainage scheme	£45,000	£868
Astley Park	Chorley	Improvements to playing pitches including pitch drainage and ancillary facilities	£200,000	£0
Lower Burgh Way/Draperfield	Eaves Green, Chorley	Improvements to open space.	£7,525	£0
Near Meadow, Sandy Lane		Improvements to open space.	£9,400	£1,820
Brow Hey,	Clayton Brook	Improvements to open space.	£2,100	£840
Croft Field,	Croston	Improvements to open space.	£14,000	£2,088
Rear of Outterside Avenue,	Adlington	Improvements to open space and paths	£20,000	£9,338
Plock Wood, Lower Burgh Way.	Eaves Green, Chorley	Improvements to woodland management and paths	£36,000	£0
Rear of Larkfield,	Eccleston	Improvements to paths	£24,250	£557
Bank Hall,	Bretherton	Improvements to open space.	£30,000+	£140
Pleasant View,	Withnell	Improvements to open space.	£7,050	£1,433
Clayton Brook Village Centre	Clayton Brook	Improvements to open space.	£6,000+	£1,215
Heather Hill Cottage, Hill Top Lane	Whittle-le-Woods	Improvements to open space.	£5,300	£140
The Cedars,	Eaves Green	Improvements to open space.	£5,450	£0
Orchard Garden,	Charnock Richard	Improvements to open space.	£39,000	£0

Station Road, Croston (new allotments)	Croston	New site for allotments to be created subject to planning permission and funding	£15,000	£390
Tatton Recreation Ground	Chorley	Funding to be sought and site improvements to deliver masterplan.	£800,000	£0
Harrison Road (new allotments)	Adlington	Delivery dependant on planning permission and finance. Adjacent to proposed cemetery extension in Adlington.	£49,600	£135
Fir Tree Close,	Eaves Green	Improvements to amenity open space.	£15,460	£4,780
Sutton Grove,	Great Knowley	Improvements to amenity open space.	£2,000	£282
Adlington Cemetery	Adlington	Plan and seek funding for cemetery extension.		
Euxton, Astley and Buckshaw	Euxton, Astley and Buckshaw	Review of all open space provision through the new assessments and strategy. Identify opportunities for site enhancements and/or new provision.	To be determined	N/A

Appendix Four

Completed /Delivered Schemes from the Action Plan 2014 – 2017. 2014/15.

Site Name	Location	Project
Jubilee Rec	Adlington	New concrete skate park and new youth play area Upgrade of existing ball court
Astley Park	Chorley	Installation of fountain in the lake and path improvements Sensory Garden renovation.
Stansted Road	Chorley	upgrade of existing play area for 2 – 12 ys
Eaves Green	Chorley	New toddler play area at the community centre. New railings and drainage to Cottage Fields open space.
Carr Brook	Clayton and Whittle	Replacement play equipment and open space enhancement
Dahila Close	Clayton	Painting of existing equipment and new signage
The Bowers	Chorley	Painting of existing equipment
Tansley Avenue Allotments	Coppull	New allotment site created and managed by Coppull Parish Council
Coronation Recreation Ground	Chorley	Improvements to the footpaths within the site.
Bishop Rawstorne High School	Croston	New Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) installed
Shannon Close Play Area	Buckshaw Village	New play provision 2 – 12yrs

2015/16

Site Name	Location	Project
Knowley Brow	Chorley	Improvement of the existing play provision
Rangleetts Rec	Chorley	New play area, ball court and concrete skate park for 2 – 12ys. New allotments created. Upgrade of open space
Byron Crescent	Coppull	Parish Council project to upgrade the existing play area.
Astley Park	Chorley	New destination play area installed
Union Street	Whittle	Upgrade of existing play area implemented.
Dunham Drive	Whittle	Removal of the old play area and reinstatement as amenity open space.
Abbey Village	Abbey Village	Upgrade of play area in partnership with Parish Council.
Amber Drive	Chorley	Adoption of site and upgrade of existing play area.
Tatton Rec	Chorley	Improvements to existing zip wire.
Off Clayton Green Road	Clayton	Surfaced path provision to desire line. Creation of Heritage Garden
Parklands High School	Chorley	New AGP installed
Balshaw Lane Play Area	Euxton	Upgrade of existing play facilities.
Spurrier Square Play Area	Chorley	New play provision 2 – 12yrs

2016/17

Site Name	Location	Project
Buttermere Green	Chorley	New toddler play area installed
Wymott Park	Ulnes Walton	Upgrade the toddler play provision in Phase 1.
Waterford Close	Heath Charnock	Landowner upgraded facility.
Langton Close	Eccleston	Play area refurbishment
Tatton Recreation Ground	Chorley	Refurbishment of the tarmac paths around the recreation ground. Installation of new drainage
Barrow Nook Grove	Adlington	New play area installed on housing estate.
Astley Park	Chorley	Reed bed creation and enhancements for wildlife
Adlington Cricket Club	Adlington	Drainage improvements to ground.

2017/18

Site Name	Location	Project
Station Road	Croston	S106 contribution to Parish Council for refurbishment and enhancement of existing play area
Osbourne Drive	Clayton	Play equipment installed to replace existing and increase provision.
Jubilee Recreation Ground	Adlington	New toddler play area installed.
Ken Mill Lane football pitch	Whittle	Verti drainage of pitch
Back Lane Open Space	Clayton	Creation of a heritage orchard and wildflower meadow
Osborne Drive	Clayton	Hedgerow planting to enhance existing
Tansley Avenue Play Area	Coppull	Play Area enhancement and additional play equipment provided.
Gough Lane MUGA	Clayton Brook	New lighting to the ball court installed.
Yarrow Valley Country Park	Coppull	New car park surfacing and creation of additional parking spaces at Birkacre. Improvements to gateway and landscaping



Osborne Drive Play Area Refurbishment



Stanstead Rd Play Area Refurbishment



New toddler play provision at Buttermere Green



New car park at Yarrow Valley Country Park

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Play, Open Space & Playing Pitch Strategy 2014-19

Executive Summary and Action Plan

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1.0 WHERE ARE WE NOW?

1.1 Foreword

Chorley is a district in central Lancashire that occupies a prime strategic location. It is a predominantly rural area, with approximately three quarters of the Borough being open space and countryside. This defines the Borough's character and the protection of open space from future encroachment is important for all residents of Chorley.

Chorley was granted membership of the UK Healthy Cities Network in 2013 and has a wide range of opportunities for people to get active and stay active. Our wealth of open spaces are popular and well used and vary from a doorstep green, to a town park, allotments, nature reserve or large playing field. They play an important role in community life. Much of the open space is owned and maintained by Chorley Council but residents also have permitted use of a range of privately owned spaces, such as school playing fields and private sports grounds.

Residents of Chorley have access to 319 sites classed as open space, covering over 860 hectares and circa 100 playing pitch sites covering approximately 100 hectares. Chorley is identified as a growth area in Lancashire with an estimated 6,000 dwellings to be built by 2026 with a population expected to rise to up to 118,000. New open spaces will be created as part of this development to serve the growing community. We have created an additional 30 sites since 2012 alone.

Chorley Council is committed to a programme of investment in our parks, playing pitches and open spaces to sustain quality spaces and outdoor facilities for everyone to enjoy. We also face significant challenges with ever more pressure to reduce council spending, we need to ensure that the management and maintenance of our parks is efficient and provides value for money. However, we don't do this alone. We welcome input and assistance from many partners, groups and volunteers who, like us, are committed to enhancing and protecting our green spaces.

This strategy is a working document and will be evaluated and adapted through the five years. Working together we will deliver the priorities and improvements that we've identified and we welcome your views and ideas throughout this process.



As part of the Central Lancashire Development Plan consultants are currently in the process of being appointed to review and reassess all sites across Chorley, Preston and South Ribble to write an updated strategy linking into the forthcoming local plan review and evidence base. This work will inform the 2020 – 2025 Open Space, Play Area and Playing Pitch strategy and subsequent Action Plan.

Councillor Alistair Bradley

Executive Member for Economic
Development and Public Service Reform.

1.2 Introduction

The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy sets out how Chorley Council plans to protect, manage, enhance and secure its open spaces over the next five years and beyond. It focuses on sites that need to be improved or sustained to mitigate against negative trends and recommends how any identified deficiencies in provision of open space should be addressed through a five year action plan (Appendix 1).

To support the Executive Summary and the associated action plan, three supplementary documents (Appendices A-C) have been produced covering open space, play areas and playing pitches respectively. These documents provide the full details and analysis that has been undertaken to identify the key priorities and associated actions.

The executive summary will:

- Provide an overview of the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy focusing on the key priorities from each background document together with a combined draft action plan which prioritises both strategic and site based projects over the next five years.
- Using Health Impact Assessment (HIA) methodologies, new projects will be scoped to assess whether the health and wellbeing opportunities available to the Borough are being maximised.
- Outline how the Council, in partnership with the local community and partner agencies, can ensure total inclusion and improve existing provision for health and wellbeing.
- Prioritise future spending on play areas, playing pitches and open spaces through the combined action plan.
- Provide information to inform the Council to make decisions on the distribution of developer contributions, prioritising projects and sites according to a range of core criteria.
- Ensure that any targets identified through the strategy are delivered in a clear, collaborative and inclusive manner.
- Ensure the Borough of Chorley demonstrates equality of accessibility across both the rural and urban areas.

1.3 Background

Playing pitches, play areas and open spaces are increasingly recognised as a vital component of successful, healthy and thriving towns, cities and villages. Research shows that parks and open spaces are some of the most widely used facilities provided by local authorities and it is well documented that there are strong links between health, well-being and open space. Natural open space and green space also demonstrate economic, social, environmental benefits within society.

Urban and semi-rural environments in Chorley offer a diverse range of open space opportunities, along with the close proximity to beautiful countryside, the Leeds Liverpool Canal and 317 miles of

public rights of way. Popular open space visitor attractions include Astley Park, Go Ape treetop adventure at Rivington and Hoghton Tower. The area is also blessed with large swathes of open space including Yarrow Valley Country Park, Cuerden Valley Country Park, and the countryside to the east which forms the West Pennine Moors. These sites along with recreation grounds, sports pitches, play areas and amenity open space provide opportunities to get outside and exercise.

These open spaces also provide visual and aesthetic quality, contact with wild-space and a safe refuge for wildlife and natural habitats. The need to protect and increase the amount of open space globally has been heightened through climate change as we increasingly have to deal with hotter summers and wetter winters.

The health profile of Chorley is mixed compared with the England average. Priorities in Chorley include improving access to and the quality of local health services in emerging new health and wellbeing structures, reducing health inequalities across settings and enabling families to make healthy lifestyle choices (The Chorley Health Profile, 2016)

The following key points summarise the benefits of open space:

- Strategic functions: defining and separating urban areas, better linking town and country and providing for recreational need over a wide area
- Promoting health and well-being – providing opportunities for people of all ages for informal recreation, or to walk, cycle or ride within parks and open spaces or along paths, bridleways and canal banks. Allotments may provide physical exercise or other health benefits
- Urban quality – helping to support regeneration and improving quality of life for communities by providing visually attractive green spaces close to where people live, making areas more attractive to new employers who in turn create new employment opportunities.
- Trees and greenspaces filter air pollution, stabilise ground surfaces, intercept rainfall, flood mitigation, create visual and sound barriers, provide temporary cover for derelict sites, contribute to sheltering, shading and water protection, and decreased local air temperatures, lowering the impact of climate change.
- Havens and habitats for flora and fauna – sites may have potential to be corridors or stepping stones from one habitat to another and may contribute towards achieving objectives set out in local biodiversity action plans
- As a visual amenity, even without public access, people can enjoy having space near to them to provide an outlook, variety in the urban scene or as a positive element in the landscape. Urban greenspaces are major contributors to the quality of the environment and human health and well-being in towns and suburban areas.
- As a community resource – as a place for congregating and for holding community events, religious festivals, fetes and fairs, increases quality of life and heightens social interaction.
- Physical activity in the natural environment not only aids an increased life-span, greater well-being, fewer symptoms of depression, lower rates of smoking and substance misuse but also an increased ability to function better at work and home.
- Health Walk and Green Gym participants cited they stated being 'in the countryside' and 'contact with nature' as key motivating factors to be active.

What is Chorley Council doing to promote open space and healthy lifestyles?

Our pro-active teams are out and about in the community across the Borough helping to deliver, develop and sustain sporting and play activity along with encouraging and supporting residents to adopt a healthy and positive lifestyle.

The Council develop and work with all levels of ability and all ages by using a diverse range of sport and play methods to engage the community as a whole.

The teams work on specific projects and events, working alongside many partners both locally and nationally, to support clubs, groups and organisations to enhance what they offer in the community. Three of our projects Get up and Go, Raising the Bar and Active Generation were recognised by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as outstanding and innovative projects and have been awarded the Inspire Mark. Other projects include Streetgames, Sportivate, Us Girls, Reach up and Go.

Our ranger team lead volunteer groups to carry out practical maintenance activities and provide support to health walk leaders to run Find your Feet who organize regular guided walks through Yarrow Valley Country Park, Astley Park and surrounding villages.

Our leisure centers throughout the Borough are promoted to residents and offer value to our customers, free swimming is available for children in the summer holidays to encourage families to keep fit and active.

To find out more please visit Chorley Council website and also look at the What's Happening magazine which advertises the latest activities.

Open space challenges

Improving the quality of parks and open spaces in Chorley has been, and remains, one of the council's top priorities. However, reduced financial resources have led to increasing pressure to reduce council spending generally and this has brought about a need to reassess the costs of maintaining these spaces and the way they are managed.

Community consultations have highlighted local resident's interest and desire for better quality open spaces with a good range of facilities. In order to provide improvements, funding needs to be found and the cost of future maintenance taken into account.

Also, demands on urban land and an on-going need to provide new homes to accommodate an increasing population in Chorley can mean that there is added pressure on open space, both public and privately owned. The council will ensure that it continues to have robust policies in place to protect the majority of public and private open spaces, such as playing fields and development is targeted on brown field land where possible. Providing it can be demonstrated that it would enhance the overall open space in an area, in some cases the Council may consider development on poorer quality sites in exchange for funding to improve other open space. Balanced against this is the need to ensure that future population growth is reflected in the level of open space provision.

There are no easy solutions to these challenges, but this strategy will set down solid principles to ensure that the right decisions are made to create, manage and protect quality open space for the future.

Current and future needs

Chorley has a population of 109,100 (2012 estimate) who have access to 319 sites classed as open space, covering over 860 hectares and circa 100 playing pitch sites covering approximately 100 hectares. Chorley is identified as a growth area in Lancashire with an estimated 6000 dwellings to be built by 2026 with a population expected to rise to between 114,200-118,000. The council needs to ensure that there is sufficient provision of open space and sports facilities to cater for this increase. New open spaces will be created as part of this development to serve the growing community.

2.0 WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET TO?

2.1 Vision

To secure the future provision, improvement and maintenance of play areas, open space and playing pitches in Chorley, supporting safe, healthy and sustainable communities and serving the needs and aspirations of the residents of Chorley.

Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access good sport, physical activity and recreation facilities promoting their usage and improving the health and wellbeing of all.

2.2 Objectives

- To guide neighbourhood working and action plans for the next five years.
- To publish a combined action plan identifying a programme of works and priority sites for investment up to 2019.
- To create 6 new junior football pitches by 2019 and deliver improvements to pitch sites that are rated as poor or average.
- By 2025 no play areas will have a low play quality and no playing pitch will be rated as poor.
- To increase user satisfaction in our parks and open spaces over the next 5 years, as measured by the open space survey.
- To retain 5 Green Flag sites within our parks and open spaces over the next 5 years.
- To create or refurbish at least 4 children's play areas per year for the next 5 years
- To increase the amount of allotment sites across the Borough focusing on the areas with identified deficiencies by 1.6 hectares before the end of 2019.

- Focus on identified deficiencies - particularly around quality, quantity and accessibility – and improve identified open spaces as per action plans, providing better linkages, improved community safety and standards of provision. .
- To increase community involvement in open space management by supporting at least one new group or individual per year over the next 5 years
- To provide annual reports to highlight achievements and setbacks and where necessary realign targets within action plans.
- To review the playing pitch, play area and open space strategy in year 5 in order to refresh the documents to continue 2020 – 2025.

3.0 APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

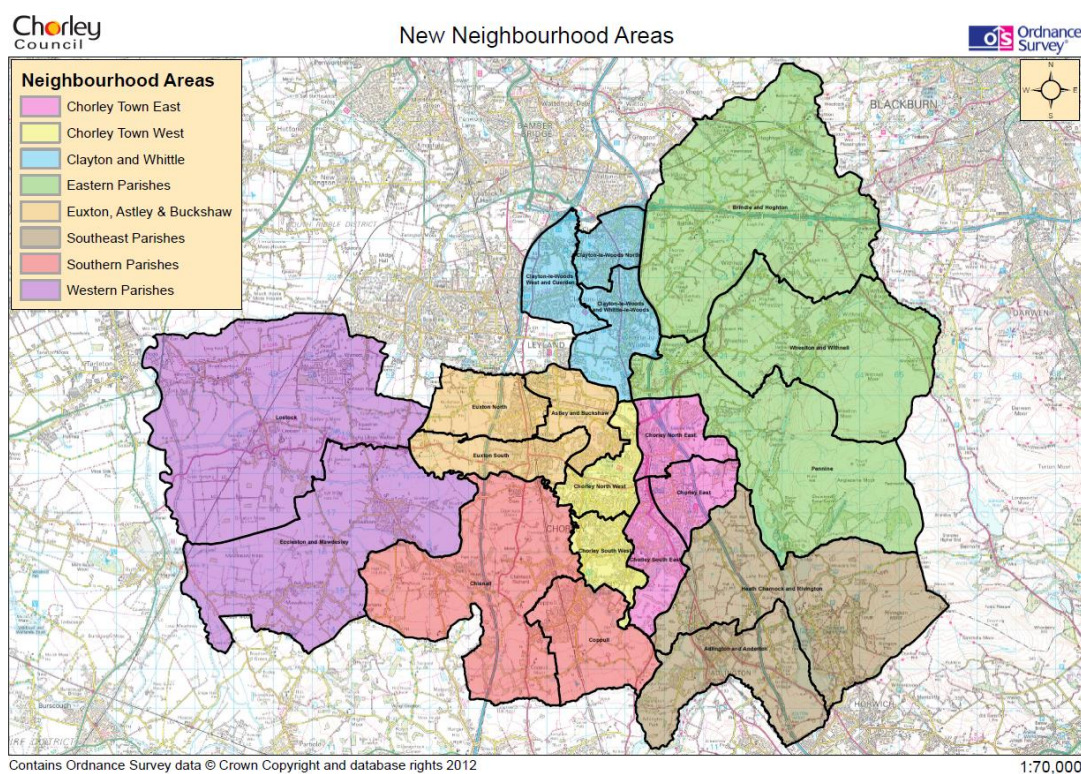
3.1 Policy context

The strategy sets out a vision and framework for the future Chorley's play areas, playing pitches and open spaces. The strategy is also aligned and linked to policies, aims and aspirations contained in national, regional and local documents and plans including:-

National	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) • National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) • NI199 – national indicator for play • Planning & Design for Outdoor Sport & Play (Fields in Trust) • Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy • Community Rugby League Facilities Strategy • Play Strategy for England • National Community Safety Plan • Sport England towards a level playing field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport England Strategy (2011/12 – 21014/15) • Sport England Youth and Community Strategy (2012-17) a sporting habit for life. • The Football Association - National Game Strategy • Grounds to Play – England and Wales Cricket Board Strategic Plan (2010 – 2013) • England Hockey (2012) • Conformity to Disability Discrimination Act
Regional	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Lancashire Core Strategy • Central Lancashire PPG17 Open Space Study (2012) • Strategic Framework for Play in Lancashire – LCC (2010) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lancashire County Football Association (LCFA) • Lancashire Cricket Board (LCB) • Central Lancashire Playing Pitch Strategy (2012)
Local	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chorley Council Local Plan (2012-2026) • Chorley Council Corporate and Strategic Priorities • Chorley Play Partnership • Sustainable Community Strategy for Chorley (2007-15) • Chorley & South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chorley Health Profile 2016 • Chorley Community Safety Partnership • Neighbourhood Plans • Asset Management Strategy

3.2 Neighbourhood Areas

The Chorley borough area is split into eight neighbourhood areas for management and development purposes. The strategy makes reference the neighborhood areas that consist of a number of wards and they are a mix of urban, semi-rural and rural settlements as illustrated below.



3.3 Open space typology and assessment

The open space in Chorley, including play areas, has been assessed under the following open space typologies as detailed in the table below. Sometimes the 'purpose' of a space can be hard to define, as many sites are multi-functional. Therefore a 'primary purpose' is identified in order to help clarify the main functions of the space. Each area of open space is only measured once.

PPG17 Typology	Primary Purpose
Amenity greenspace	Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas.
Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.
Parks and gardens	Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events. Does not include Country Parks due to their more natural characteristics. They are included in natural and semi-natural greenspaces.
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness. Includes urban woodland and Country Parks.
Allotments	Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.
Green corridors	Walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel and opportunities for wildlife migration.
Cemeteries / churchyards	Quiet contemplation and burial of the dead, often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity
Civic spaces	Providing a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events.

Site analysis measures

Each open space has been assessed, scored and mapped on a geographical information system (refer to the appendices 2-4 for more detail). The following criteria have been used:-

Quality – this depends on two things: the needs and expectations of users (people and wildlife) and good design, management, security and maintenance – i.e. ‘fit for purpose’. Green Flag Award criteria were used to calculate the quality of each site and assign a score.

Value - using data calculated from the site visits and desk based research a value score for each site is established. Value is defined in PPG17 in relation to the following three issues:

- Context of the site i.e. its accessibility, scarcity value and historic value.
- Level and type of use.
- The wider benefits it generates for people, biodiversity and the wider environment.

Quantity – this is measured in terms of the amount of provision by hectare per 1,000 population. There are quantity standards set for different types of open space for each local authority area. These are a guideline as to how much open space, sport and play/recreation provision is needed to strategically serve the area. These standards have been calculated taking into account the current provision, current population, any identified deficiencies and the estimated population in 2026 (the end date of the Core Strategy and Chorley Local Plan. This therefore identifies surplus or deficit of provision by typology by neighbourhood area.

The standards are as follows:

Typology	Recommended Standard (ha/1000 population)		
	Preston	South Ribble	Chorley
Amenity greenspace	0.54	1.33	0.73
Provision for children/young people	0.02	0.06	0.08
Parks and gardens	1.81	0.66	1.91
Natural and semi-natural	1.78	1.98	4.64
Allotments	0.17	0.08	0.07
Green corridors	-	-	-
Cemeteries/churchyards	-	-	-
Civic spaces	-	-	-
Playing Pitches	1.01	1.14	1.21

No quantity standards are set for green corridors, churchyards/cemeteries or civic spaces. The open space study states that it is not appropriate to set provision standards for green corridors in terms of quantity because of their linear nature and the demand for cemeteries/churchyards is determined by demand for burial space. Civic spaces are normally provided on an opportunistic and urban design led basis therefore no quantity standard is set.

Accessibility – if a space is not accessible, it will not be well used. It is important to make sure spaces are welcoming and accessible to residents. However, quieter spaces can contribute to the visual amenity and biodiversity value of an area.

The open space study sets accessibility standards for the different typologies of open space in order to identify areas that are not currently served by existing facilities. They are based on distances residents would be willing to travel to access different types of open spaces. The table below identifies the accessibility standards for each typology. It must be noted that accessibility must be looked at on a site by site basis, for example if access to a site means crossing busy roads, railways or water bodies it may be more appropriate to increase the quantity of open space in this locality to avoid unnecessary threats to site users.

Typology	Accessibility Standard
Amenity greenspace	10 minute walk time (800m)
Provision for children/young people	10 minute walk time (800m)
Parks and gardens	12 minute walk time (1000m)
Natural and semi-natural	10 minute walk time (800m)
Allotments	10 minute walk time (800m) / 10 minute drive time
Green corridors	No standard set.
Cemeteries/churchyards	No standard set.
Civic spaces	No standard set.

No accessibility standards are set for green corridors, churchyards / cemeteries or civic spaces. This is because it is difficult to assess green corridors against catchment areas due to their linear nature and usage. Provision of cemeteries / churchyards should be determined by demand for burial space therefore it is not appropriate to set an accessibility standard. The companion guide to PPG17 states that there is no realistic requirement to set catchments for civic spaces as the provision will not be appropriate in every environment and cannot be easily influenced through planning policy.

For play areas the following extra measures have been considered – equipment condition and life expectancy; repair and maintenance costs and inclusive play i.e. does the site have equipment for use by children regardless of their physical or learning abilities?

Quality and Value Assessment

A threshold was applied to the results to identify whether the site is of high or low quality/value (green indicates high quality / value (above 40% and 20% respectively), red indicates low quality /value (below 40% and 20% respectively). The open space study recommends what action to take based on the quality and value ratings of a site as follows:

High quality / High value	Site should be protected.
High quality / Low value	Preferred policy approach should be to enhance its value. If this is not possible the next best policy approach is to consider whether it might be of high value if converted to a different type of open space. If this is also impossible, only then is it acceptable to consider a change of use.
Low quality / High value	Preferred policy approach should be to protect site and enhance its quality. If there is a surplus of sites within that typology, and the site is not needed to remedy a deficiency in another typology, disposal of the site with the lowest value should be considered.
Low quality / Low value	If there is an identified shortfall, the policy approach should be to enhance its quality, provided it is also possible to enhance its value. If there is a surplus of sites within that typology, changing the site to another typology should be considered. If there is no shortfall in other typologies, the open space may be surplus to requirements and a change of use should be considered.

3.4 Playing Field assessment

Quality

Playing pitches were assessed on the length of grass, size of pitch, adequate safety margins, slope of the pitch, evenness of the pitch, evidence of dog fouling, evidence of litter, evidence of unofficial use, evidence of damage to the surface, changing accommodation, goal posts, car parking, line marking and training area. Pitches have been scored as:

- An excellent or good pitch = Good quality
- An average pitch = Adequate quality
- A below average pitch or poor pitch = Poor quality

Capacity

This is based on the quality rating for football and rugby pitches and the number of teams currently playing at the sites. These ratings assist in the identification of sites for improvement/development or rationalisation.

Cricket capacity is measured on a season rather than a weekly basis. A good quality wicket should be able to take 5 matches per season per grass wicket and 60 matches per synthetic wicket. Pitches have been rated as:-

- Red – the pitch is being used over capacity
- Amber – the pitch is played to capacity
- Green – the pitch is being used under capacity

3.5 Link to Open Space & Playing Pitch Supplementary Planning Document

Chorley Council have worked in partnership with Preston Council and South Ribble Council on a Joint Core Strategy to identify potential sites where new housing allocations and development can be accommodated. This has an impact on the demand for and distribution of open spaces across the borough, therefore a Central Lancashire Open Space Study and Playing Pitch Strategy were prepared by consultants Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) in 2012. An assessment of the quantity, quality and accessibility of open space provision was carried out in accordance with the companion guide to Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17) 'Assessing Needs and Opportunities.'

This Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy has used the data from the KKP study to form the basis of the document with updates and changes made where necessary. The strategy sets out a rationale for ensuring that the correct quantity of open space is created and secured through the planning process and that existing public and private open spaces are protected from inappropriate development. The strategy will ensure that the needs of current and future residents are taken into account, that the quality of the spaces is regularly assessed and improved and that the open spaces are well distributed and accessible to as many people as possible.

The strategy document provides an evidence base and rationale to help secure external funding for the improvement and additional provision of open space and facilities within the borough. Every new residential development in the borough contributes towards open space via developer contributions secured through S106 agreements linked to the planning process.

The full strategy is very detailed, providing an assessment of every site in the borough and can be found in appendices A, B and C.

They will be used to inform decisions on whether sites will be protected as open spaces and playing pitches. They will aid and confirm the process for determining provision in relation to new development within the borough. They will also determine whether the development should contribute an on-site or off site sum, determine the location for this and set the level of contribution as per the cost in the table below:

Typology	Cost per m2	Cost per dwelling		
		Preston	South Ribble	Chorley
Amenity greenspace	£8	£104	£255	£140
Provision for children/young people	£70	£34	£101	£134
Parks and Gardens	£32	£1,390	£507	£1,467
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	£5	£214	£238	£557
Allotments	£9	£37	£17	£15
Playing Pitch	£55	£1,335	£1,507	£1,599

Please refer to the Central Lancashire Open Space and Playing Pitch (Supplementary Planning Document) Final Version: July 2013 for more detail.

A renewed open spaces study is being carried out by consultants throughout 2018-19 to inform a new strategy and action plan for Chorley from 2020 – 2025.

4.0 HOW WE GET THERE?

4.1 Working together with partners and the community

There are many voluntary, public and private sector partners already involved in looking after the open spaces across the borough. Some act in an advisory role, others actively manage our spaces, provide key services, perform community liaison or help with funding for specific projects. These partnerships can and do bring significant benefits. Similarly, integrating open space improvements with wider programmes of neighbourhood working often gives better outcomes. We are committed to further developing a partnership, multi-agency approach to the improvement of our open spaces. Open space partners include:

- Parish Councils
- Chorley Community Housing
- Places for People
- Community Payback (Probation Service)
- Friends of Astley Park
- Private landowners / schools
- Various sports groups / clubs
- Chorley Allotment Society
- Cuerden Valley Trust
- Chorley Football Development Group
- Chorley Cricket Development Group
- Bowls forum
- Lower Burgh Meadows Conservation Group
- Chorley In Bloom Group
- Neighbourhood partnerships
- Local community and action groups
- Chorley and District Sport Forum

Across the borough there are numerous community groups who look after the interests of their local green spaces. The council acknowledges the importance of their input, dedication and local involvement, which helps to improve, enliven and enhance our open spaces.

Chorley is very fortunate in having dedicated and committed volunteers and Friends Groups, who hold regular volunteer work days, where they carry out tasks such as weeding, scrub clearance, litter picking and planting, to supplement the council's maintenance regime. They also act as our eyes and ears on the ground and report larger maintenance issues to the council. The council will continue to support and encourage the formation of local Friends Groups and welcomes the input of local community and interest groups.

4.2 Combined five year action plan

The strategy essentially analyses and summarises the findings of the open space study. It identifies where there are deficiencies and where further provision is required. It also identifies where improvements are needed to be made to existing sites.

It is recommended that the majority of sites continue to be protected.

The action plan prioritises the sites which require improvement over a five year period and identifies where the funding will come from and who is leading the project. The majority of deficiencies in open space can be addressed by securing new provision from housing developments either on-site or by way of a financial contribution towards off-site provision.

The action plan also details when broad objectives will be implemented and who will lead on delivery of projects, for example, identifying potential sites by settlement to meet the deficit of allotments in Chorley along with those sites already allocated in the Local Plan.

A five year action plan has been produced that reflects site based and also broader objectives that will be delivered as part of the strategy. The allocation of actions is based upon the priorities identified with high priority actions starting in 2014-15 (year one) and other actions being phased across the five year period up to 2019.

The strategy and action plan is a 'living' document. As sites and circumstances change over time the document will be updated accordingly. It is also important to note that actions are not 'fixed in stone' and may be brought forward or rescheduled based upon changes in circumstances such as external funding and development opportunities.

5.0 HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN WE'VE GOT THERE?

5.1 Monitoring

It is essential that the site assessment data is reviewed and refreshed area by area taking into account of any improvements in pitch and open space quality and increases in capacity. This will keep a tally of the surpluses / deficiencies in the borough. This will ensure that the audit and assessment data will be accurate in order to respond appropriately to the needs of the local community. This will also avoid the need for a complete review of the Strategy in the short term.

As recommendations and deficiencies are addressed it is important to continually update the base line data. The action plans will be implemented on a year by year basis. Progress will be monitored and logged and feedback sought from site users. An annual update report will be produced to highlight the achievements and setbacks encountered. New action points will be set and targets adapted as necessary dependant on what has been achieved

5.2 Review

A review of the overall strategy will take place in year five and this will form the basis of future strategy development.

6.0 NEXT STEPS...

6.1 Consultation

It is essential to involve residents, local groups and organisations in making choices and decisions about the future development and priorities for our open spaces. The strategy informed a consultation and collaboration process between November 2013 and February 2014 to help create an accurate, detailed open space action plan for each neighbourhood / settlement in the borough and to ensure that the vision and objectives of Chorley Council are supported.

Following collation and consideration of consultation feedback, all comments and proposed revisions to be made to the strategy were taken to the Council's Executive Cabinet for approval in August 2014. A final strategy was then adopted.

There may well be some tough decisions and compromises to be made in order to achieve the high quality, safe, clean and sustainable open spaces that we aspire to. However, we will ensure that we keep residents fully informed and involved in the process so that everyone understands the Council's intentions.

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YEAR 1 - 2014/15

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA1	Chorley Town East	Rangletts Recreation Ground	Redevelopment of site to include new play / allotments and access improvements (S106)	CBC	2015-17
	PA2	Chorley Town West	Astley Park	Fountain installation. Sensory Garden renovation and path improvements. Development of destination play area opposite Pets Corner	CBC	2014-16
	PA3	Chorley Town West	Eaves Green	Improvements to landscaping, recreation and play provision (S106)	CBC	2015-16
	PA4	Clayton & Whittle	Carr Brook, Clayton and Whittle	Improvements to habitat, recreation and play provision (S106)	CBC	2015-16
	PA5	South East Parishes	Jubilee Recreation Ground, Adlington	Improvements to play facilities (S106)	CBC	2014-17
	PA6	Clayton & Whittle	Dahlia Close and Broom Close, Clayton	Review site / improve – paint equipment and rescore	CBC	2014-15
	PA7	Chorley Town East	The Bowers, Chorley	Review site / improve – paint equipment	CBC	2014-15
	PA8	Chorley Town West	Railway Road - Opposite 26-30. Chorley	Review site – decommission	CBC	2014-15
	PA9	Chorley Town West	Coronation Recreation Ground, Chorley	Improvements to footpaths	CBC	2014-15
	PA10	Chorley Town West	Stansted Road Play Area, Chorley	Review site / improve. Capital.	CBC	2014-15
	PA11	Chorley Town East	Amber Drive off Topaz Way, Chorley	Chorley Council to adopt – S106 for site improvements. Refurbished play area and woodland management	CBC	2015-16
	PA12	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Shannon Close, Buckshaw Village	New play provision 2 – 12yrs	Developer	2015-16
Playing Pitches	PP1	Junior Football	Astley Park	Create one new junior pitch on Astley Park	CBC	2014-15
	PP2	Senior Football	All senior football pitches	Protect current playing pitch stock	CBC	2014-15
	PP3	Senior Football	Gillibrand	Create two new senior pitches and one junior pitch with associated changing facilities.	CBC	2015-16
	PP4	Football Clubs	All sites	CBC to work with and support clubs in the management and improvement of facilities and to work towards achieving FA Charter Standard accreditation. To include planning / application stages; development of lease arrangements (where appropriate) and advice regarding funding.	CBC / Football clubs	On-going
	PP5	Mini pitch	Jubilee Recreation Ground	Create new mini pitch.	CBC	2014-15
	PP6	Cricket / Bowling Clubs	All sites	Continue to support the development group to improve sites / facilities	CBC / Cricket & Bowling Clubs	On-going
	PP7	AGP pitches – rugby, football & hockey	Bishop Rawstorne High school, Croston	Creation of a new AGP in Chorley to meet current and future demand.	BRHS	2014-15
Open Spaces	OS1	South East Parishes	Open spaces in Adlington	Protect all existing open spaces and improve at least 5 sites scored as low quality annually (subject to S106 being received)	CBC	On-going
	OS2	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Open spaces in Buckshaw			
	OS3	Chorley Town West & East	Open spaces in Chorley Town			
	OS4	Clayton & Whittle	Open spaces in Clayton-le-Woods			
	OS5	Western parishes	Open spaces in Ecclestone			
	OS6	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Open spaces in Euxton			
	OS7	Clayton & Whittle	Open spaces in Whittle-le-Woods			
	OS8	Eastern parishes	Open spaces in Withnell/Brinscall			
	OS9	Other villages*	Open spaces in other Villages			
	OS10	Southern Parishes	Open spaces in Coppull			
	OS11	Clayton & Whittle	Open spaces in Clayton Brook/Green			
	OS12	All areas	All sites	Ensure that the priorities and actions outlined in the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy are considered as part of the neighbourhood working actions and projects.	CBC	On-going
	OS13	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Ransnap Woods and PROW	Improvements to footpaths as part of walk to school initiative in partnership with LCC	Parish Council	2014
	OS14	Southern Parishes	Allotments in Coppull	Creation of a new allotment site in Coppull at St Oswalds Church, Tansley Avenue	CBC.Parish Council	2014-15
	OS15	Borough wide	Allotments	Seek further opportunities to create new allotments giving priority to sites in areas with identified deficiencies.	CBC	On-going

*Other villages - Abbey Village, Bretherton Brindle, Brindle - Gregson Lane, Charnock Richard, Croston, Higher Wheelton, Hoghton, Hoghton Gib Lane, Mawdesley & Wheelton.

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YEAR 2 - 2015/16

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA13	Chorley Town East	Tatton Recreation Ground	Refurbishment of zip wire and new safety surfacing beneath equipment	CBC	2015-16
	PA14	Eastern parishes	Abbey Village Play Area	Improvements to play area. (S106)	CBC	2015-16
	PA15	Eastern Parishes	Knowley Brow Play Area, Chorley	Community consultation and associated upgrade of the site. (S106)	CBC	2015-16
	PA16	Southern Parishes	Byron Crescent, Coppull	Improvements to play area (Parish Council)	Parish Council	2015-16
	PA17	Eastern Parishes	Dunham Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Review site – decommission and return to amenity open space	CBC	2015-16
	PA18	Clayton & Whittle	Union Street, Whittle-le-Woods	Improvements and replacement of equipment (S106)	CBC	2015-16
	PA19	Chorley Town East	Spurrier Square	New play provision	Developer	2015-16
	PA20	Borough wide	All sites	All sites to be assessed for inclusive play (disability) equipment by 2016	CBC	2015-16
Playing Pitches	PP8	Football clubs	All football pitches	Work with clubs to ensure that sites are not played beyond their capacity and encourage play, where possible, to be transferred to alternative venues which are not operating at capacity.	CBC / Football clubs	On-going
	PP9	Junior football	All football pitches	Re-designation of senior pitches for which there is an oversupply to accommodate junior pitches.	CBC	2015-16
	PP10	Junior football	Eaves Green & Rangletts Rec. Ground	Create new junior pitch at Eaves Green and Rangletts Recreation Ground.	CBC	2015-16
	PP11	Senior Football	All senior pitches	Review anticipated surplus of senior pitches and consider addressing current / future deficit of junior and mini pitches. However, also ensure that some senior pitches are retained for strategic reserve.	CBC	2015-16
	PP12	Women's & girls football	Central football sites	Review central venue sites to accommodate anticipated growth in women's / girls football and improvements to the quality and standard of changing rooms to accommodate segregated changing.	CBC	2015-16
	PP13	Junior football	All existing junior sites	Review existing junior pitch stock and identify improvements to the quality and capacity.	CBC	2015-16
	PP14	Junior / mini football	All junior / mini football sites	Work with clubs to achieve FA Charter Standard accreditation. As a target, work to achieve at least 75% (from the current baseline of 20%) of youth and mini teams playing within a Charter Standard club (in line with national targets) by 2015.	CBC	2015-16
	PP16	Cricket	All cricket pitches	Consider increasing the quality of cricket pitches where necessary and support clubs to develop their ancillary facilities to further meet local needs.	CBC / Cricket clubs	On-going
	PP17	Cricket	All cricket clubs	Encourage & support development of junior girls / women's cricket and ensure that any facilities developed support opportunities for women's / girls competitive cricket.	CBC / Cricket clubs	On-going
	PP18	Cricket	All cricket clubs	Support clubs to develop and improve practice facilities and development of cricket informally in parks.	CBC / Cricket clubs	On-going
	PP19	Rugby League	Chorley Rugby League	Work with Chorley Rugby League to support its facility development plan and encourage and support further development of school and college rugby league.	CBC / Chorley RL	On-going
	PP20	Rugby Union	Chorley RFC	Chorley RFC to develop new facilities Encourage and support further development of school rugby union.	CBC / Chorley RFC	2015-16 On-going
	PP21	AGP pitches – rugby, football & hockey	Parklands High School	Creation of a new AGP in Chorley to meet current and future demand.	Parklands	2015-16
	PP22	AGP pitches – rugby, football & hockey	All AGP sites	Work to ensure that plans are in place to maintain AGP quality in the long term and make quality improvements to AGPs to address current issues.	CBC	On-going
	PP23	Bowling	All bowling greens	Consider improving the quality of bowling green's where necessary.	CBC	On-going
	PP24	Bowling	All bowling clubs	Support clubs to develop their ancillary facilities to further meet local needs and ensure that any facilities developed support opportunities for increasing participation of a wider range of age groups.	CBC / Bowling Clubs	On-going
	PP25	Education	Schools	Secure existing community use through implementation of formal community use agreements where they are not currently in existence in order to provide sustainable community access.	CBC / schools	On-going
	PP26	Education	Schools	Ensure appropriate access to changing provision on school sites to support community use of their playing fields and sports grounds/courts.	CBC / schools	On-going
Open Spaces	OS16	Chorley Town West	Allotments - Rangletts Recreation Ground	New allotments created as part of overall site development.	CBC	2015-16
	OS17	Clayton-le-Woods	Land opposite The Pines	Upgrade of amenity greenspace by Clayton Brook Road to incorporate the heritage garden and resurfaced path	CBC	2015-16
	OS18	Clayton & Whittle	Cuerden Valley	Work together with Cuerden Valley Country Park to support its future development.	CBC / CVCP	On-going

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YEAR 3 - 2016/17

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA21	Western Parishes	Langton Close , Eccleston	Play area refurbishment. New safety surfacing and fencing. S106	CBC	2016
	PA22	Western Parishes	Wymott Park, Ulnes Walton	Improve site. New play equipment and safety surfacing. S106	CBC	2016-17
	PA23	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Balshaw Lane, Euxton	Play area upgraded with new equipment	Parish Council	2015/16
	PA24	Chorley Town East	Howarth Road, (Rivington View)	Installation of a new play area by developer as agreed in planning application.	CBC	TBC
	PA25	Whittle&Clayton	Osborne Drive, Clayton	Improve site (S106) New play area	CBC	2017
	PA26	Chorley Town West	Buttermere Green Play Area, Chorley	New toddler play area (S106 and external funding). Installation linked to completion of community centre	CBC	2016
	PA27	Southeast Parishes	Waterford Close Play Area, Heath Charnock	Review site and improve. New safety surfacing and tidy.	Morris Homes	2016-17
	PA28	Southeast Parishes	Barrow Nook Grove, Adlington	Play area on new housing estate	Stuart Milne	2016
Playing Pitches	Delivery of on-going actions					
	PP27	Southeast Parishes	Adlington Cricket Club	Drainage improvement to cricket ground	Club	2016
	PP28	Junior football	Primary school sites	Work to maximise primary school sites to address the shortfall of junior pitches and ensure site security and access to changing facilities is enhanced.	CBC / Schools	On-going
	PP29	All football	School sites	Increase community use at school sites (where there is junior or senior pitches) to accommodate junior teams and latent demand.	CBC / Schools	On-going
	PP30	Mini football	Senior pitch sites	Meet likely future deficiencies in mini pitches by utilising senior pitches in areas of oversupply and marking out more pitches where land is available on existing sites.	CBC	2016-17
	PP31	Mini football	Primary school sites	Encourage greater usage of primary school sites to cater for mini-soccer demand	CBC / Schools	On-going
	PP32	Mini football	All relevant sites	Increase the quality and standard of changing rooms to accommodate segregated changing	CBC	On-going
Open Spaces	Delivery of on-going actions					
	OS19	Chorley Town West / South East Parishes	Chorley & Adlington cemetery	Consider extension to Chorley and Adlington cemeteries to meet the demand for future burial facilities.	CBC	On-going
	OS20	Chorley Town West	Astley Park	Reed bed creation to improve water quality in the River Chor and enhance wildlife habitat. Tennis Court Refurbishment	CBC	2016-17
	OS21	Chorley Town East	Tatton Recreation Ground, Chorley	Path refurbishment, new tarmac surfacing and installation of new drainage.	CBC	2016
	OS22	Clayton & Whittle	Whittle-le-Woods	Consider potential to formalise sites of a different typology in Whittle-le-Woods to address lack of parks provision. For example, Carr Brook Linear Park (green corridor) or Meadow Lane (amenity green space) could be improved to meet the identified deficiency.	CBC	2016-17
	OS23	Chorley Town West	Yarrow Valley Country Park	New car park surfacing and creation of additional parking spaces at Birkacre. Improvements to gateway and landscaping	CBC	2016-17

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YEAR 4 - 2017/18

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA29	Chorley Town East	Tatton Recreation Ground	New toddler play equipment and safety surfacing	CBC	2017-18
	PA30	Western parishes	Tarnbeck Drive, Mawdesley	Remove play equipment and retain as amenity open space	CBC	2017-18
	PA31	Southern Parishes	Tansley Avenue, Coppull	Improve play area. New equipment, fencing and safety surfacing	Parish Council	2017
	PA32	South East Parishes	Jubilee Recreation Ground	New toddler play. S106 and external funding	CBC	2017
	PA33	Clayton & Whittle	Great Greens Lane, Clayton Brook	Improve existing play area.	Parish Council	2017 – 18
	PA34	Clayton & Whittle	Gough Lane, Clayton Brook	Ball court lighting and MUGA tarmac resurfacing	CBC	2017
	PA35	Eastern Parishes	Abbey Village Play Area	Phase 2 of play area improvements	CBC/Parish Council	2018
	PA36	Western parishes	Station Road, Croston	Improvements to play area (S106 & external funding)	Parish Council	2017
	PA37	Clayton & Whittle	The Ridings	Removal of play area and retain as amenity open space	CBC	2017-18
	PA38	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Clematis Close	Developer to upgrade play provision. Review site / adoption subject to site being to standard, maintenance sum provided and exec member approval.	CBC	2017-18
	PA39	South East Parishes	Grafton Street play area	Removal of play area due to relocation of new facility on Jubilee Rec. Improvements to amenity open space through Neighbourhood Preferred Project.	CBC	2017-18
	PA40	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	The Cherries, Euxton	Review site / adoption	CBC	2017-18
	PA41	Clayton & Whittle	Lucas Green Redrow Development	New play area to be provided by developer	Redrow	2017-18
Playing Pitches	Delivery of on-going actions					
	PP33	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Greenside, Euxton	Creation of a new bowling green and playing pitch enhancements	Parish council	2017-18
	PP34	Clayton & Whittle	Kem Mill Lane, Whittle-le-Woods	Verti drainage of pitch	CBC	2017
Open Spaces	Delivery of on-going actions					
	OS24	Chorley Town East	Worthy Street Allotments, Chorley	S106 to be spent on site improvements.	CBC	2017
	OS25	Western parishes	Tarnbeck Drive, Mawdesley	Improvement of amenity open space	CBC	2017-18
	OS26	Eastern Parishes	Meadow Street Amenity Space, Wheelton	Improvements in partnership with Parish Council. Neighbourhood Preferred Project	Parish Council	2017-18
	OS27	South East Parishes	Waterford Close, Heath Charnock	Amenity greenspace and play area improvements. Transfer funds to landowner.	Landowner	2017
	OS28	Clayton & Whittle	Osborne Drive, Clayton	Hedgerow planting to enhance open space and improve safety	CBC	2017
	OS29	Clayton & Whittle	Back Lane, Whittle-le-Woods	Creation of heritage orchard and wildflower meadow with community	CBC	2017
	OS30	Chorley South East	Amenity sites within 800m of Sailsbury/Boro Corn Mill	Shrub beds and streetscape around Sailsbury / Cuncliffe St to be improved by streetscene. S106.	CBC	2017-18
	OS31	Clayton & Whittle	Carr Brook Linear Park, Whittle/Clayton	S106 for Improvements to amenity open space – natural revetment to river banks to prevent erosion.	CBC	2017-19
	OS32	Borough Wide	New Tree Planting	S106 to be transferred to streetscene for new tree planting schemes where identified and programmed	CBC	2017-2019
	OS33	South East Parishes	Grafton Street play area, Adlington	Improvements to amenity open space through Neighbourhood Preferred Project.	CBC	2017-18
	OS34	Chorley Town West	Yarrow Valley Country Park	Footpath surfacing and new footpath creation throughout Yarrow Valley Country Park.	CBC	2017

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YEAR 5 - 2018/19

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA42	Whittle & Clayton	Broom Close, Clayton	Review Site / improve. Dependant on S106.	CBC	2018/19
	PA43	Clayton & Whittle	Mendip Road, Clayton	Improve site with S106 and site owner funding.	Contour	2018/19
	PA44	South East Parishes	King George V Play Area	£50K investment for improving the play provision following drainage scheme	CBC	2018-19
	PA45	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Milestone Meadow, Euxton	Review site / improve with S106	CBC	2017-18
	PA46	Clayton & Whittle	Gough Lane/Great Greens Lane. Clayton Brook	New youth provision. Funded by S106	CBC	2018-19
	PA47	Southern Parishes	Mossie Close, Charnock Richard	Installation of new youth facilities and improved play equipment	Parish Council	2018
	PA48	Southern parishes	Millennium Green, Mawdesley	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council	Parish Council	2018-19
	PA49	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Greenside , Euxton	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council funding	Parish council	2018-19
	PA50	Western Parishes	Wymott Park, Ulnes Walton	Improve site. Phase 2	CBC	2018-19
	PA51	Western Parishes	Eccleston Play Areas	Improve site/s with S106. Community Consultation to dictate where and how finance is spent.	Parish Council	2018-19
	PA52	Clayton & Whittle	Delph Way, Whittle-le-Woods	Review site / improve. Proposed S106	CBC	2018-19
	PA53	Eastern parishes	Orchard Drive Play Area and Amenity Space	Drainage to amenity space, new play equipment and safety surfacing. New surfaced paths.	CBC	2018
	PA54	Clayton & Whittle	Library Road Skate Ramps.	Review site / improve. Funding to be sought.	Parish Council	2018-19
	PA55	Chorley Town East	Carleton Road, Great Knowley	Installation of new toddler play area subject to community consultation and funding.	CBC	2018-19
Playing Pitches	Delivery of on-going actions					
	PP35	Football	King George V Playing Fields, Adlington	S106 to deliver land drainage scheme and new changing facilities.	CBC	2019
	PP36	Football	Westway	S106 for improvement scheme. Drainage, car parking, changing facility and sports facilities	CBC	2018 - 20
	PP37	Football	Whittle-le-Woods Football Club	Pitch drainage scheme. S106 funded	Parish Council/CBC	2018-19
	PP38	Football	Wigan Lane Football Pitch, Chorley	Pitch drainage scheme, archery shelter and ancillary facilities. S106 funded	CBC	2018-19
	PP39	Football	Twin Lakes, Croston	Pitch drainage scheme. S106 funded	Croston FC	2018-19
Open Spaces	Delivery of on-going actions					
	OS35	Chorley Town West	Coronation Recreation Ground	Recreation Ground refurbishment. Investment in resurfacing of tennis court, new MUGA. New play provision. Kiosk, toilets, infrastructure.	CBC	2018-19
	OS36	Chorley Town East	Harpers Lane Rec. Ground	Recreation Ground refurbishment. New play area, upgrade of MUGA, path resurfacing and improvement	CBC	2018-19
	OS37	Chorley Town East	Tatton Recreation Ground	Draw up a masterplan for the site linked into the proposed development of the bus depot site	CBC	2018
	OS38	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Hawkshead Avenue	Footpath and landscape improvements	CBC	2018-19
	OS39	Western Parishes	Wymott Park, Ulnes Walton	Improvements to paths.	CBC	2018-19
	OS40	Eastern parishes	Bothy Garden, Withnell Fold	Improvements to open space.	CBC	2018-19
	OS41	Eastern parishes	Memorial Garden, Withnell Fold	Improvements to open space.	CBC	2018-19
	OS42	Southern parishes	Longfield Avenue Amenity Open Space	Improvements to open space.	CBC	2018-19
	OS43	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Rear of Firbank, Euxton	Improvements to habitat and paths	CBC	2018-19
	OS44	Western Parishes	The Hawthorns, Eccleston	Improve landscape provision within site	Parish Council	2018-19
	OS45	Chorley Town West	Yarrow Valley Country Park	Enhancement of Yarrow Meadows to improve for Natural Flood Management, biodiversity and public access.	CBC	2018 – 20
	OS46	Chorley Town West	The Willows, Eaves Green	Provision of a new grass football kick around area, surfaced paths, habitat enhancements and gateway into Yarrow Valley Country Park	CBC	2018-19
	OS47	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Pear Tree Lane (new allotments) Land at Sylvesters Farm	Delivery dependant on planning permission and finance. Creation of new allotment site within Taylor Wimpy estate.	CBC/Developer	2019-20
	Central Lancashire Open Space Site Assessment and Review linked into the Local Plan Review. Consultants being appointed Winter 2017. Consider options to address lack of open space provision where a deficit it is identified for all typologies.				Consultants	2018/19
	Write a new 5 year plan 2020 – 2025 following on from the review				CBC	2019

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2019/2020 and Beyond.

NOTE: - Due to a lack of secured funding at the time of writing no estimates have been given for project delivery. The sites below all score low quality and S106 money is being pooled towards their improvement

	Ref.	Area / Activity	Site	Action	Who	Completion
Play Areas	PA56	Eastern parishes	Lodge Bank, Brinscall	Review site – Improvement of toddler provision. Collect S106	CBC	
	PA57	Clayton & Whittle	Harvest Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Review site / improve . Not adopted, still with developer.	CBC	
	PA58	Western Parishes	Middlewood Close, Eccleston	Improve site with S106	CBC	
	PA59	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Foxcote Play Area, Astley Village	Improvements to play area. Collect S106. Review play provision in Astley Village.	CBC	
	PA60	Chorley Town East	Grey Heights View, Chorley	Improve site with S106	CBC	
	PA61	Clayton & Whittle	Manor Road Play Area, Clayton	Improve site with S106 External Funding and Parish Council	CBC	
	PA62	Clayton & Whittle	Higher Meadow, Clayton	Improve site with S106 and Parish Council	CBC	
	PA63	Southern parishes	Hurst Brook, Coppull	Review site / improve	CBC	
	PA64	Southern parishes	The Meadows, Heskin	Improve play provision. Subject to S106 and funding.	Parish Council	
	PA65	Chorley Town East	Fell View, Cowling	Improve site	Places for People	
	PA66	Chorley Town West	Astley Park	Improve toddler provision	CBC	
	PA67	Chorley Town West	Redwing Drive, Gillibrand	Start to collect S106 money towards site upgrade scheduled for 2022	CBC	
Playing Pitches	PP40	Football	Gillett Playing Fields, Limbrick	Review Site. Playing Pitch Strategy to direct future investment	CBC	
	PP41	Football	Jubilee Playing Fields, Adlington	Pitch drainage, new changing facilities, improved path a network and increased parking capacity.	CBC	
	PP42	Football	Highfield Primary School, Chorley	Pitch drainage scheme	CBC	
	PP43	Football	Astley Park	Improvements to playing pitches including pitch drainage and ancillary facilities	CBC	
Open Spaces	OS48	Chorley Town West	Lower Burgh Way/Draperfield	Improvements to open space.	CBC	
	OS49	Clayton & Whittle	Near Meadow, Sandy Lane	Improvements to open space.	CBC	
	OS50	Clayton & Whittle	Brow Hey, Clayton Brook	Improvements to open space.	Places for People	
	OS51	Southern Parishes	Croft Field, Croston	Improvements to open space.	Group	
	OS52	Southeast Parishes	Rear of Outterside Avenue, Adlington	Improvements to open space and paths	CBC	
	OS53	Chorley Town West	Plock Wood, LowerBurgh Way	Improvements to woodland management and paths	CBC	
	OS54	Western Parishes	Rear of Larkfield, Eccleston	Improvements to paths	Landowner	
	OS55	Southern Parishes	Bank Hall, Bretherton	Improvements to open space.	Group	
	OS56	Eastern parishes	Plesant View, Withnell	Improvements to open space.	Parish Council	
	OS57	Clayton & Whittle	Clayton Brook Village Centre	Improvements to open space.	CBC	
	OS58	Clayton & Whittle	Heather Hill Cottage, Hill Top Lane	Improvements to open space.	CBC	
	OS59	Chorley Town West	The Cedars, Eaves Green	Improvements to open space.	CBC	
	OS60	Southern Parishes	Orchard Garden, Charnock Richard	Improvements to open space.	Parish Council	
	OS61	Southern parishes	Station Road, Croston (new allotments)	New site for allotments to be created subject to planning permission and funding	Parish Council	
	OS62	Chorley Town East	Tatton Recreation Ground	Funding to be sought to deliver masterplan and site improvements as agreed by all stakeholders.	CBC	

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	OS63	Southeast Parishes	Harrison Road (new allotments)	Delivery dependant on planning permission and finance. Adjacent to proposed cemetery extension in Adlington.	CBC	
	OS64	Chorley Town West	Fir Tree Close, Eaves Green	Improvements to amenity open space.	CBC	
	OS65	Chorley Town West	Sutton Grove, Great Knowley	Improvements to amenity open space.	CBC	
	OS66	Southeast Parishes	Adlington cemetery	Delivery dependant on planning permission and finance. Proposed cemetery extension in Adlington.	CBC	
	OS67	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw	Review of all open space provision through the new assessments and strategy. Identify opportunities for site enhancements and/or new provision.	CBC/Parish Councils	

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