

CHORLEY LIAISON

WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2020, 6.30 PM

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AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1 **WELCOME BY THE CHAIR**

2 **MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2020 OF
CHORLEY LIAISON**

(Pages 3 - 6)

3 **AIR QUALITY UPDATE**

(Pages 7 - 10)

To receive and consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive.

4 **ITEM REQUESTED BY ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL: FLOODING
ISSUES**

Flooding has occurred in Lower Adlington around Crawford Avenue. What can be done to support residents to prevent/mitigate against further flooding?

Officers from the council will attend to give an update.

5 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP - SUSTAINABLE
PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

(Pages 11 - 14)

The council currently has an overview and scrutiny task group looking into sustainable public transport.

The plan for the inquiry is enclosed and written views are requested from Town and Parish Councils by 3 December to matthew.pawlyszyn@chorley.gov.uk

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

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

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

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

Meeting contact Ruth Rimmington on 01257 515118 or email ruth.rimmington@chorley.gov.uk

7 **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

(Pages 15 - 16)

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

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

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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MINUTES OF CHORLEY LIAISON

MEETING DATE Wednesday, 15 January 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Gordon France (Eastern Parishes) (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair), Lancashire County Councillors: Keith Iddon (Chorley Rural West Division, Lancashire County Council) and Aidy Riggott (Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley Division, Lancashire County Council), Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Aaron Beaver (Chorley Town West), Alan Whittaker (Southern Parishes) and Martin Boardman (Western Parishes) Town and Parish Councillors: Ian Horsfield (Anderton Parish Councillor), Tim Blackburn (Anderton Parish Council), Laura Lennox (Astley Village Parish Councillor), Karen Wait (Bretherton Parish Council), Alan Cornwell (Charnock Richard Parish Council), Katrina Reed (Euxton Parish Councillor), Graham Ashworth (Heath Charnock Parish Councillor), Christine Bailey (Clerk to Heath Charnock Parish Council), Marel Urry (Hoghton Parish Councillor), Terry Dickenson (Wheulton Parish Councillor / Chorley Sports Forum), Colin Evans (Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council), Eric Bell (Clayton-le-Woods and Whittle-le-Woods Ward and Whittle Parish Council) and Steven Perry (Withnell Parish Councillor)

OFFICERS: Chris Moister (Director of Governance), Angela Barrago (Service Lead - Communities), Alison Marland (Principal Planning Officer), Johndaniel Jaques (Central Lancashire Planning Policy Officer) and Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader)

APOLOGIES: Lancashire County Councillors: Steve Holgate (Chorley Central Division, Lancashire County Council / Coppull Parish Council) and Julia Berry (Chorley South Division, Lancashire County Council) Chorley Borough Councillors: Alistair Bradley (Chorley Town) Town and Parish Councillors:

20.1 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair, Councillor Gordon France, welcomed everyone to the meeting.



20.2 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 16 October 2019 of Chorley Liaison

Decision: That the minutes of meeting held on 16 October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

The Chair gave an update on Japanese Knotweed. 11 people have now been trained to treat knotweed and have gained city and guilds qualifications. They can also treat any other invasive weeds such as Hogweed, balsam etc.

The knotweed and hogweed sites are all in the process of being mapped on GIS. There is a national database that people can log sightings of knotweed on - all records of INNS should also be uploaded to the national database: <https://ywt-data.org/inns-mapper/>

There are no further people from across the Borough who are waiting for the training. The Council could carry out a further stem injection qualification should any of the people already trained are interested.

The first River Douglas Catchment Invasive Non Native Species (INNS) Advisory Group met in November and another meeting is planned at the end of Jan. There were lots of actions from the meeting and a funding bid has been put in. This steering group will be the main catalyst for taking forward co-ordinated action on knotweed and other invasives within the river catchment.

Knotweed is being treated when it starts to grow again in April/May.

The Chair explained that the item relating to the Youth Zone outreach project has been deferred to the next meeting.

20.3 Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options consultation

The Chair welcomed Alison Marland (Principal Planning Officer) and Johndaniel Jaques (Central Lancashire Planning Policy Officer) who gave a presentation on the Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options consultation. The presentation can be found here: <https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s109045/Parish%20Liaison%20Hour%200-%20Issues%20and%20Options%20Consultation%2015%20Jan%202020.pdf>

Members of the Liaison noted the complexity of the plan as a whole and that a drop in session has been held in each Ward within Chorley. The spell checker function was highlighted as broken. Officers undertook to incorporate feedback into the next stage of the plan. A database of email addresses is being collated and the consultations are being signposted on social media and via meetings such as this.

A query was raised in relation to Q66 "Do you agree that Chorley should not have a policy for safeguarded land in the new Local Plan?" (Issues and Options Consultation Document November 2019 – para 8.24 (page 51) and Appendix 1 (page 72 (Summary of Questions for the Issues and Options Consultation Survey)): <https://centrallocalplan.citizenspace.com/central->



[team/issuesandoptions/supporting_documents/smaller%20%20Main%20IO%20Consultation%20Paper%20FINAL%2011119.pdf](https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s109041/Info%20from%20CC%20Keith%20Iddon%20Jan%202020.pdf)

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance.

Update

Safeguarded land

The following information has been provided since the meeting - 'Safeguarded land' is land between the urban area (settlements) and the Green Belt that has been identified to meet longer-term development needs stretching well beyond the local plan period. It is land which should be genuinely capable of sustainable development when needed. Safeguarded land is treated in a similar way to Green Belt, except that its protection is not necessarily guaranteed beyond the plan period.

The Council is not proposing to allocate safeguarded land in the new Local Plan. This means that the Council does not propose to identify land to keep free from development at the present time for the purpose of meeting possible longer-term development needs in the future. The designation of safeguarded land can only be determined by a Local Plan review.

Citizen space web pages

Officers have also reviewed the web pages since the meeting. Unfortunately, it is not possible to move the link to access the online survey to the top of the web page. However, in light of the comments made at the meeting, officers have reviewed the content and reduced the amount of text so that it is easy to find the link. We have done the same on the page where people can give us their comments.

20.4 Item requested by Heath Charnock Parish Council

County Councillor Keith Iddon confirmed that the Ironman event will follow the route used in 2019. This news was supported by the meeting.

Councillor Iddon also advised that the decision relating to the 40mph limit in Bretherton will be taken by LCC Cabinet. Some signs highlighting the concerns of residents regarding the speed of motorists will be provided.

Councillor Iddon undertook to provide information about some statistics around the use of 20mph speed limits.

Update

The information can be found here:
<https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s109041/Info%20from%20CC%20Keith%20Iddon%20Jan%202020.pdf>

20.5 Item requested by Eccleston Parish Council

Discussions are ongoing regarding the possibility of including a CCTV feed from around the Community Hub to assist with anti-social behavior.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.



20.6 Item requested by Heapey Parish Council

The Chair advised that Lancashire County Council have a programme for the installation of electric vehicle charging points. Further information can be found here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/roads-parking-and-travel/installation-of-electric-vehicle-charge-points/>

There are a number of charge points in car parks within the Town Centre. Information can be found here: <https://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Parking.aspx>

A future agenda item was requested on this topic.

20.7 Item requested by Heapey Parish Council

A verbal update on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group was given. The report will be presented to the Executive Cabinet in March, but it was noted that the recommendations proposed should be treated as the beginning of a process of change rather than an end.

Update

The report can be found here: <https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=76193>

20.8 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

Councillor Alan Whittaker, Heskin, queried the change in policy in sending paper copies of major planning applications to Parish Councils. It was noted that support has been offered via the council's Digital Inclusion Officer and that many of the Parishes access this information electronically.

20.9 Items for Future Meetings

Future agenda items were requested in relation to the Police, Climate Change (Task Group report) and electric car charging points.

Chair

Date



Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Chief Executive	Chorley Liaison	18.11.2020

AIR QUALITY UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To update members on work of the council in monitoring Air Quality

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note the contents of the report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- This report provides a summary of the approaches the council is looking to implement as part of its efforts to improve air quality across the Borough. To deliver improvements, the council is looking to develop an Air Quality Strategy.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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

BACKGROUND

- Chorley Council declared a climate emergency on the 19th November 2019, as part of this declaration, the council committed to being carbon neutral by 2030, 20 years ahead of the UK target of 2050.
- To enable this target to be met a number of behavioural changes will be required by our residents, as well as considering changes which can be made in relation to how we run our council and how we can support local business to become greener. These actions will have a direct effect on many areas, including air quality.
- With increasing development taking place across the borough, concerns have also been raised by residents and members on the quality of the air we breathe and increased pollution due to more traffic on our roads. The current crisis has opened our eyes as to

how we can change how we live and work and present us with an opportunity to encourage a change in behaviour now.

National Policy

8. The Environment Bill, which is currently at its second stage of reading in the House of Commons, sets out a number of priority areas for environmental targets relating to air quality. When enacted the Bill will introduce mandatory targets in relation to pollutant levels, including Particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5). The WHO has set recommended targets in relation to this but the UK government is yet to decide on the levels it will set.
9. The Environment Bill will introduce a National Air Quality Strategy and all Local Authorities will need to adhere to this when exercising any function which could affect the quality of air.

Air Quality in Chorley

10. The council currently monitor air quality across a number of different sites in Chorley. A report on this known as the 'Air Quality Status Report (ASR)', is produced annually, this is a requirement of the existing legislative framework set out in the Environment Act 1995. The principle pollutants of concern within Chorley are those mainly associated with traffic, these being Nitrogen Dioxide, and Particulate Matter. The Council monitors Nitrogen Dioxide emissions via a network of passive diffusion tubes against National Air Quality Objectives. Currently there are no Air Quality Management Areas declared within the borough as the Air Quality Objectives are being met.
11. The current national targets are set out below.
 - **PM2.5** 20ug/m³ ambient air concentration (annual) by 2020 – this has been achieved – commitments to reduce this further by 2020 and 2030
 - **Ammonia** – reduce emissions (from 2005 baseline) by 8 % by 2020 and 16% by 2030
 - **NOx** – aim to reduce NOx (from 2005 baseline) by 55% by 2020 and 73% by 2030. Currently the UK is not meeting the NO₂ objective
 - **Sulphur Dioxide** – Currently UK meet the legal daily & hourly SO₂ in ambient air. Aim to reduce emissions (from 2005 baseline) by 59% by 2020 and 88% by 2030
 - **Non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs)**- We must reduce emissions of NMVOCs (from 2005 baseline) by 32% by 2020 and 39% by 2030.
12. CO₂ emissions for 2018 in Lancashire show that Chorley has the highest percentage of CO₂ emissions from transport than anywhere else in the County (with motorways being the main source of this pollution), but has much lower levels from sources such as industry which are high in neighbouring areas of South Ribble and West Lancs, and since 2005 year on year reductions in CO₂ emissions have been seen. Levels of Oxides of Nitrogen are also attributed to transport., Levels of PM^{2.5} may also be linked to this, although only 50% of particulate matter is generated within borough, the remaining is from transboundary
13. Although not required locally, the Council has declared an intention to prepare an Air Quality Strategy. The aim of this document is to identify where the key areas for intervention are which could help to improve air quality locally and raise awareness to residents of their role in improving air quality.

Air Quality Strategy

14. Air Quality has been identified as a Corporate Priority for the Council and in order to deliver change in this area, a capital budget has been allocated for improving air quality. This will allow for increased monitoring across the borough and enable production and delivery of an Air Quality Strategy (AQS).
15. The AQS is proposing a wider programme of monitoring, looking at a broader range of pollutants than currently monitored which in turn will give us better data on the state of air quality across the Borough and identify what actions need to be taken to improve air quality overall.
16. The strategy also proposes the development of a detailed communications strategy to identify how we can effectively engage with residents and businesses, raising awareness and better educating people how to reduce air pollution and in what way small actions can have a big impact.
17. The strategy will also ask the Council to lead by example and look at implementing measures affecting the way we operate our business that can have a direct impact on air quality, such as moving council fleet vehicles to electric and promoting use of sustainable travel by employees as well as looking at how we can make our buildings more energy efficient.
The Strategy will also look at ways to promote more sustainable development and incorporate air quality requirements into policy development for the council through the new Local Plan, as well as working with partners to identify how to ensure infrastructure requirements promote sustainable travel.
18. Once finalised, the AQS will be presented to members for consideration and approval.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

19. 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	

20. Report for information only. Funding has already been set aside to deliver the green agenda of the council and improving air quality will come under this provision.

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

21. No comment

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

22. No comments

Chris Sinnott
Deputy Chief Executive

Report Author	Ext	Date
Carolyn Williams	5305	18.11.2020

Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic:

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – Sustainable Public Transport

Objectives:

To use the period of the task group to investigate:

- The difficulty the council has enforcing on public transport particularly bus and train
- To examine all public transport routes and any changes required due to demographic needs
- To tackle social isolation (public transport) in all areas of the borough
- The opportunities for sustainable funding for buses
- To engage with different stakeholders to understand what steps they are taking to provide sustainable public transport and understand how the council can help them.

Desired Outcomes:

- An understanding of our current position – the obstacles and the opportunities
- To encourage more people to use public transport
- Understanding of what others are doing and recognise areas of best practice.
- Identification of what the council can influence, how the council can set an example and the resources we might need to achieve that.
- To utilise this information for the Local Plan and progressing Chorley's Transport Strategy
- Recommendations to Executive Cabinet on how the council can develop its sustainable public transport agenda

Terms of Reference:

1. To review existing sustainable public transport activity and recognise the work that is already being done.
2. To investigate areas of best practice and examples from other councils and if/how these could be implemented at Chorley and in partnership with Lancashire County Council.
3. To identify what the council can influence and understand the resources that will be needed to address this.
4. To develop recommendations and priorities to Executive Cabinet on how the council can develop its sustainable public transport agenda and make a real and tangible difference.

Equality and diversity implications:

Rurality

Identify how our geography may effect influencing changes

Risks:

- Managing expectations – members and the public.
- Whether stakeholders will want to engage
- Not Looking beyond Covid 19
- Scope creep – the task group must focus on achievable goals.

Venue(s): Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley

Chair: Cllr Kim Snape

Timescale:

Start: September 2020

Finish: March 2021

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

Background information on how Councils can run their own buses and gain a greater understanding of enforcing on Local Transport, including ticketing and single use payment over different areas.

Background information on bus routes, why routes have been axed and what does it take to change and/or reinstate them e.g bus service 119 to service Chorley hospital, other villages and Chorley town centre; improvements to the Bolton to Adlington bus route to extend the route in Adlington to enable more people to use it.

Local Government Association webinars on Climate Change and Transport

Update on taxi roadmap

Position Statement/Presentation

Information on what other Councils are doing

Questions to consider; (what/why?)

What are the Green initiatives/alternatives for buses to reduce pollution and make them more sustainable?

What sustainable funding sources are available for buses?

What does it take to improve bus services and make them more attractive for public use, including fares and service?

What scope is there for the Council to lobby for improvements in timetabling for train stops e.g. Adlington railway station?

What community transport initiatives are there in the borough and how can they be improved?

What public transport initiatives are there to reduce loneliness and isolation.

What scope is there to provide electrical points for bikes on existing electrical chargers?

What car share opportunities exist and other opportunities?

What public funding is going into rural areas where there are large housing sites?

Witnesses: (who, why?)

Lancashire County Council highway and transport officers

Lindsay Hoyle MP

County Cllr Keith Iddon

Chris Sinnott – Deputy Chief Executive

Stagecoach

Community Transport/Dial-A-Ride

Community Development Team

Northern Rail

Licensing ref: taxis

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Interviews (with stakeholders and other authorities)

Consultation with Parish Councils 'In the Know'

Engage with different resident groups – understanding of loneliness and isolation in the borough

Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

To be determined as review progresses

Officer Support:

Lead Officer: Alison Marland (Principal Planning Officer)

Democratic and Member Services Officer: Matthew Pawlysyn

Likely Budget Requirements:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>£ tbc</u>
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Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations	Executive Cabinet
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¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing



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Chorley Liaison agenda management timetable

Date of meeting	Deadline for items to be requested by Members	Agenda Publication Deadline
Wed, 17 March 2021	Fri, 5 March	Wed, 10 March

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