

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

**Review Topic:** Highways issues

### Objectives:

To investigate, consider and evaluate:

1. Provision of information – Criteria for: pot holes, speed limits and enforcement in rural areas, residents parking schemes. Contract performance monitoring, highways comments on planning applications, schedules for street cleaning, highways works and tree puning. Roadworks and trees on highways maintenance information.
2. Consulting and influencing – gritting routes and grit bins. Future service aspirations: reactive highway repairs, enforcement on highways, including A boards.
3. Communication cycles – reporting, monitoring and feeding back on requests for service.
4. Anomalies – order of tasks (i.e. grass cutting before gully cleaning), gully cleaning both sides of the same road. Where a section of grass is owned by different organisations negotiate one contractor to do all sections.

### Desired Outcomes:

1. To improve the delivery of the highways service delivered by Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council for the residents of Chorley.
2. To enhance the communication and performance monitoring between Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council.

### Terms of Reference:

1. To investigate, consider and evaluate topics within the objectives identified.
2. To make recommendations where appropriate.
3. To report findings and recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### Equality and diversity implications:

1. Dropped kerbs generally.
2. Excess street furniture in the town centre.
3. Gritting, in the town centre and rural areas.

### Risks:

1. That may initially be a negative impact on the relationship between Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council.
2. That there will be an expectation beyond the capacity to deliver.

### Venue(s):

Town Hall, Chorley

**Timescale:** 4 months

**Start:** July 2009

**Finish:**

## Information Requirements and Sources:

### Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

Streetscene Services Agreement.  
Lancashire Locals constitution.  
Criteria for: pot holes, speed limits in rural areas, residents parking schemes.  
Schedules for street cleaning highways and road works.  
Gritting routes and grit bins.  
Locality Plan.

### Witnesses: (who, why?)

Executive Member (Neighbourhoods) – Councillor Eric Bell.  
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport – County Councillor Keith Young.  
Disability Forum Co-ordinator – Eileen Bee.  
District Partnership Officer – Sarah Palmer.  
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) – Lesley-Ann Fenton.

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

Current Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council responsibilities.  
Other scrutiny inquiries relating to Highways in Lancashire.  
Contract performance monitoring.  
Highways comments on planning applications

### Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

## Officer Support:

### Lead Officer:

Martin Walls (Service Manager - Streetscene Services)

Ruth Rimmington (Democratic & Member Services Officer)

## Likely Budget Requirements:

### Purpose

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### Total

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## Target Body<sup>1</sup> for Findings/Recommendations

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, partner)

<sup>1</sup> All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing