

Section 1 – Context and Purpose

Lancashire Local Chorley is a Joint Committee of the County Council and Chorley Borough Council. The impact of Lancashire Local Chorley needs to be focused, visible and transparent.

As Lancashire Locals bed down across Lancashire, their purpose has crystallised.

Lancashire Locals are the County Council's key vehicle for empowering local County Councillors to:-

1. Determine the design and delivery of local government services through its delegated powers.
2. Influence the shape of our services at a local level by working jointly with District Councillors drawing on the knowledge and expertise of Cabinet / Executive Members and Officers in their respective councils and councillors from relevant Parish and Town Councils.

The Local provides a forum through which the County Council can prioritise its resources to best meet local needs and aspirations. Meetings of the Lancashire Local are generally open to the press and public. Parish and Town Councillors, together with local people interested in specific agenda items, are able to have their say before decisions are taken.

The Lancashire Local has a strong role to play as a County Council problem solving body for Chorley. Local problem solving is a key role for councillors as community advocates, and Lancashire Local Chorley can significantly enhance this role. The County and Borough Councillors on the Lancashire Local have the detailed local knowledge, along with Parish and Town Councillors, that is needed to find realistic solutions to neighbourhood and district community concerns relating to County Council services in Chorley.

The involvement of Borough Council representatives on the Lancashire Local provides the opportunity to identify local solutions and service improvements for Borough Council services also, working alongside County Council services. The Local can thus seek to jointly deliver local government service improvements for the residents, businesses and visitors to Chorley. This means both Councils being proactive in bringing service issues to the Local and seeking to deliver local priorities together.

The Lancashire Local will concentrate on the agreed local priorities and targets in the Chorley Local Strategic Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy [and the Joint County/Borough Locality Plan] – as far as they involve Lancashire County Council services or closer working between the County and the Borough.

Lancashire Local Chorley will formalise its own specific working arrangements alongside the Chorley Local Strategic Partnership to agree how best it can support the Partnership and establish a regular dialogue strengthening that relationship. The role and responsibilities of the Lancashire Local sits at arms length from the Local Strategic Partnership, but supports the Sustainable Community Strategy for Chorley.

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Lancashire Local Chorley will deliver focused, visible, and transparent outcomes for the residents, businesses, and visitors to Chorley, in accordance with local priorities and targets relating to local government services.

Section 2 - Functions

The scope and overall purpose of the Lancashire Local is as set out in Section 1. The general remit of the Lancashire Locals is set out below and the more specific delegated functions are outlined in later sections.

(A) General Remit

The general remit of the Lancashire Local is:-

1. To exercise those functions delegated to it by the County Council and Borough Council.
2. To seek solutions to local concerns relating to County Council services.
3. To express views on policy, strategy or other matters specifically referred to it by the County Council or the Borough Council including where appropriate the co-ordination of consultation with local stakeholders and communities.
4. To monitor the delivery of the Locality Plan where one exists, and explore opportunities for joint working between the County Council and the Borough Council on complementary service delivery where this would bring benefits to local people.
5. To advise the County Council, the Borough Council and other public bodies as appropriate on issues of local interest or concern which are brought to its attention by members, the Borough Councils' Neighbourhoods, Parish and Town Councils other bodies and members of the public.
6. To assist the County Council in its response to Government policy in relation to neighbourhoods.
7. Lancashire Local Chorley has the remit to shape and influence any matter relating to any local County Council service in the district of Chorley, and to discuss any opportunities for a closer alignment of County and Borough services in the district, for example joint working around regeneration and economic development.

When exercising this function, Lancashire Locals are encouraged to select those services for shaping/influencing that are relevant for addressing local issues/priorities specific to the district, as outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy, and other evidence based data/plans such as Parish Plans. These local government priorities will be incorporated into the annual joint locality plan (where one is to be produced) where it is considered to be a priority for the district in that year. The Appendix attached suggests *some* of the services that Lancashire Local Chorley may want to consider where their Local Strategic Partnership priorities identify council services as a local priority. This list is not comprehensive and is intended only as a guide.

(B) Delegated Powers

The services identified below are delegated by the County Council or Chorley Borough Council as indicated, for decision making by the Lancashire Local, in accordance with the relevant legislation.

In discharging the delegated powers, the Lancashire Local must act at all times within the approved policies, budgets and financial regulations of the Council delegating the functions, and in accordance with Standing Orders at Section 3 of this Constitution.

There is set out below a list of the functions that are currently delegated to Lancashire Local Chorley. Additional functions and matters for determination may be delegated to the Local in the future by Lancashire County Council and the Borough Council, which will form part of this Constitution. The Secretary to the Local will maintain a record of all additional delegated functions and will ensure that any such additions are reported to the Local at the next meeting after the delegation takes place.

Highways (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

1. Budget Allocation

To exercise discretion for the provision of highway authority functions (except winter maintenance) within an annual countywide allocation to be apportioned to each Lancashire Local in accordance with road lengths in their area.

2. Street lighting special maintenance schemes.

To determine the priority of street lighting special maintenance schemes within the County Council's allocated budget.

3. Local Safety Schemes

- a) To determine the priority of local safety schemes including walking and cycling proposals where there is more than one such scheme for the District in an approved programme.
- b) To determine specific schemes where objections or representations have been received.

4. Crime reduction street lighting schemes

To determine the priority of crime reduction street lighting schemes where there is more than one such scheme in the District in the approved programme.

5. Retaining Walls Strengthening Programmes

To determine the priority of retaining wall strengthening schemes where there is more than one such scheme in the District, in the approved Strengthening Programme.

6. Gating Orders

To approve the making of Gating Orders under Section 129A of the Highways Act, 1980, pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 (Gating Orders) (England) Regulations, 2006, where objections or adverse comments have been received and after a public inquiry (if any) has been held.

7. Removal of Footways and construction of Cycle Tracks

To decide not to provide a footway under Section 66 of the Highways Act, 1980 but instead to approve the construction of a cycle track with a right of way on foot under Section 65 of the Highways Act, 1980.

8. Pavement Cafes

To approve applications for licences for pavement cafes.

9. Residents parking schemes

To determine specific schemes where objections or representations have been received.

10. Traffic Regulation Orders/Speed Limit Orders

To approve the making of Traffic Regulation Orders and Speed Limit Orders where objections or representations have been received.

11. 20mph Speed Limit Zones

- a) To determine the priority of 20mph zones where there is more than one scheme in the approved programme for the district.
- b) To approve the making of schemes for such zones where objections or representations have been received

12. Road Humps

To determine the establishment of road humps under Section 90A of the Highways Act, 1980 where objections or representations have been received.

13. School Crossing Patrols

To review and determine the continuation of a School Crossing Patrol when the current Patrol Officer leaves the service.

14. Car parking

Out of any monies which are declared by the County Council both to be surplus in the on street parking account and also available generally to the Lancashire Locals for the purpose of highway improvement projects under s.55(4)(ii) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, to determine the priority of such measures within that purpose.

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15. Pedestrian Crossings

- a) To determine the priority for pedestrian crossings where there is more than one in an approved programme for the district.
- b) To approve specific proposals where objections or representations have been received.

16. Bus Shelters

To determine the locations of bus shelters within the County Council's responsibility (e.g. on Quality Bus Routes).

Waste Management (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To determine the location of household waste recycling centres where there are viable alternative site options.

Lancashire Locals Climate Change Fund (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

From funds made available by the County Council to consider for approval projects submitted by community and voluntary groups, or Parish Councils, to support local climate change in accordance with the criteria laid down by the County Council.

Libraries (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To determine, taking into account the results of consultation undertaken by the County Library Service the pattern of library opening hours together with other appropriate local developments within existing resources.

Museums and Heritage (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To determine, taking into account the results of consultation undertaken by the County Museums Service, the pattern of opening hours for the County Museums Service within existing resources.

Lancashire Young People's Service (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

1. Within the national framework and corporate policies, to determine and approve, in consultation with young people, the priorities and deployment of youth resources (except staffing) within available budgets and oversee a District Strategic Plan and annual Delivery Plan for the Lancashire Young People's Service, encompassing :-
 - a) Determination of the annual outcomes expected by the Chorley District Delivery Plan.
 - b) Determination of the resource allocation to each element of the service in Chorley, and the availability of young people's provision within the existing service budget and statutory requirements, to best meet the needs of the

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neighbourhoods, the needs of minority groups and those of vulnerable young people across Chorley.

2. To recommend proposals for the deployment of Playbuilders' Funding for Chorley district, with particular emphasis on the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements by taking into account the priorities of the local Children's Trust Partnership for Chorley.
- 3 To monitor the delivery of the Annual Chorley District Delivery Plan through:-
 - a) A six month review of delivery of the Plan.
 - b) Ongoing local problem-solving with the service.
 - c) Ongoing identification of opportunities for closer working between the Lancashire Young People's Service and complementary Borough Council service activities eg – Leisure, Cultural and Arts Services.
4. To work closely with the Lancashire Young People's Service in order to make effective the committee's problem-solving / opportunity seeking remit.
5. To work with young people in Chorley to establish and monitor a Protocol on engagement with young people, encompassing the allocation of Small/Project Grants and local youth issues generally.

A copy of the Protocol regarding engagement with young people as agreed by the Lancashire Local on the 22nd July 2009 is attached as Annex A to this Constitution.

6. To approve Small/Project Grants to youth organisations in accordance with guidelines issued by the County Council, following consultation with young people. Where the criteria for funding give priority to decisions by young people the outcomes must reflect their conclusions.

Links with Local Children's Trust Partnership (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To formalise its own working arrangements with the Local Children's Trust Partnership, as outlined in Section 1, in order to ensure that the Local Trust Partnership and the Lancashire Local play a clear and complementary role in delivering quality local services across all functions delivered by the Children & Young People's Directorate.

Customer Access (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To approve and monitor the proposals and priorities of the County's Corporate Face to Face Access strategy, in relation to its work in the Chorley District.

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Local Grants Scheme (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To consider for approval recommendations from County Councillors for grants to support local groups in accordance with criteria laid down by the County Council.

Local Gateway Grants (delegated by Lancashire County Council)

To consider for approval applications for Local Gateway funding in accordance with the criteria laid down by the County Council.