

Report of	Meeting	Date
Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods)	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	28 September 2009

MONITORING OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS - NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the actions taken following their recommendations of 12 November 2007.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note the progress on the various actions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To report the progress of the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	✓
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances	✓	Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	✓
Involving people in their communities	✓	Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

BACKGROUND

- The Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel undertook an extensive inquiry into Neighbourhood Working. An initial report of the findings and recommendations was accepted by Executive Cabinet on 6 December 2007. A further report outlining these recommendations with details of resources allocated for delivery and an action plan with milestones for implementation was presented by the Chief Executive and accepted by Executive Cabinet on 14 February 2008.

OBJECTIVES

6. To update on progress made against recommendations

<p>The Neighbourhood Working proposals and action plan are agreed and implemented</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Working is subject to the Council's Project Management system with current status set at "green"</p>
<p>The Neighbourhood footprints be agreed as those shown in Appendix to 14 February 2008 Cabinet Report.</p>	<p>Seven Neighbourhood Areas were designated – 5 Parish Neighbourhood Areas and 2 urban/town centre Areas. Southern Parishes Western Parishes North Eastern Parishes Eastern Parishes North Western Parishes Chorley Town West Chorley Town East</p>
<p>A new post of Neighbourhood Co-ordinator is established at a grading established by Job Evaluation</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Co-ordinator has been in post with effect April 2008.</p>
<p>Two additional posts of front-line Neighbourhood Officer are established at a grading established by Job Evaluation</p>	<p>Two additional Neighbourhood Officers have been in post since July 2008. A Neighbourhood Officer has been assigned to each Neighbourhood Area</p>
<p>The existing P/T post of Community Development Assistant in the People Directorate be deleted and replaced by a further full time qualified Community Development Officer at a grading established by Job Evaluation and based in the Neighbourhoods Directorate</p> <p>The existing Community Development post be transferred to the Neighbourhoods Directorate</p>	<p>Two full time Community Development Officers in post and included as part of the restructure of the Neighbourhoods Directorate – implemented November 2008</p>
<p>An implementation budget of £250,000 be established</p>	<p>£100,000 committed to additional staff resources, as above. £150,000 pump priming fund earmarked to support Neighbourhood Action Plan projects in 2009-2010</p>
<p>Areas not covered by Parish Councils currently be encourages to explore this option</p>	<p>The potential for Parish status has been discussed within the town centre Neighbourhood Areas, but as yet there has been little appetite for this proposal.</p>

<p>Chorley Community Safety Partnership gives consideration to the future of the Target Area Partnerships (TAPS) through the refresh of the Community Safety Strategy.</p>	<p>As independent, constituted partnerships, rather than sub groups of Chorley Community Safety Partnership, the three TAPs (PAICE, SWITCH, and Clayton Brook Together) were relatively unaffected by the Safer Chorley and South Ribble pilot merger, and have continued to link to Community Safety by providing a VCF sector representative on the CDRP. Neighbourhood Working has also presented new opportunities for the TAPs, and all three are involved in Action Plan projects. There is also a move to form a fourth TAP in 2009-2010 Mini MATACs have been established and operate specifically within each Neighbourhood Area.</p>
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IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

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

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	✓

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There are no background papers to this report.

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