

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	1 October 2009

REFRESH OF THE LOCALITY PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Members on the progress made in delivering the Locality Plan 2008, and present the Locality Plan 2009 and action plan for consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the proposed Joint Locality Plan is adopted, with the changes made by the Lancashire Locals Committee.
3. To delegate to the Executive Member for Policy and Performance the decision to approve any amendments made by Lancashire County Council's Cabinet.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. The Locality Plan 2009 sets out how Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council will work together over the next 12 months to deliver services and projects to Chorley. It aims to improve joint working between the two Councils and illustrate the different roles each Council has. It includes actions that will be undertaken in the 12 months between October 2009 and October 2010.
5. A more detailed action plan, with milestones, has been developed to aid monitoring of the actions that are to be undertaken jointly.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

6. The development and publication of a joint locality plan is a key driver in improving two-tier working between Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council. It supports the Corporate Strategy long term outcome 6.2, 'An Excellent Community Leader'.
7. The joint nature of the plan means that some minor changes may be made after approval by Executive Cabinet. Delegating responsibility to the Executive Member for Policy and Performance will ensure the plan is published in an efficient and timely manner.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9. 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 organisation	✓

BACKGROUND

10. The Locality Plan aims to be a clear statement of priorities for the residents of Chorley from Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council. In addition, through its development and negotiation, the Locality Plan will further strengthen the relationship between the two Councils and identify areas for closer and joint working.
11. The final, one page, version of the plan is a public document that is illustrative of the planned projects over a twelve month period. The first locality plan was approved in January 2008, and has now been refreshed. This report gives an update on the progress made in the implementation of the projects included and the projects that have been included in the plan for 2009. In addition, it includes an action plan which establishes timescales for selected priority areas for joint working.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

12. Officers from both Councils have worked together to develop the plan, and the areas for further development have been based on the results of consultation with local residents. The one page version of the plan does not include all the details of each project but instead aims to be illustrative and clear, mainly including projects that will be tangible to members of the public. The Locality Plan can be found at Appendix 1 of this report.
13. While the implementation of the majority of actions in the plan will be monitored through the Councils' respective business planning and project management tools, to encourage further joint working between the two Councils, some priority areas and actions have been selected for a greater level of development. These priority areas were selected based on the results of consultation, where residents said that they would like to see improvements.
14. The action plan with milestones can be found at Appendix 2 of this report. The actions and milestones have been developed by the relevant service managers from each council, with the aim that the actions should bring real benefits in the delivery of services, but that they are also realistic. Some of the actions in the 'together we will' section of the Locality Plan have not got milestones. This is because, while the actions are illustrative of joint working, they are measured through the Councils' respective regular monitoring arrangements. This should avoid duplicating reporting unnecessarily.

PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCALITY PLAN 2008

15. There were 58 projects identified in the 2008 Locality Plan, to be undertaken either by Chorley Council, Lancashire County Council or jointly by both Councils. The projects and work to be undertaken were managed by the lead Council. For Chorley, this meant using the project management toolkit for the Corporate Strategy and capital projects and business plan monitoring statements for other work.

16. Successes seen in the delivery of the Locality Plan 2008 have included:
- Working together to secure the provision of railway station for Buckshaw Village.
 - Working together to develop the arrangements for, and establishment of, a Children's Trust in Chorley to improve the local services available for children and young people.
 - Improved access to Yarrow Valley Park, enabling wheelchair access from the car park to the weir.
 - The development of proposals for a green technology centre at the Regional investment site at the strategic Regional Site in Buckshaw.
 - Working together with key partners to respond to some of the most vulnerable households in Chorley through the Families First project.
 - Joint working to increase access to young peoples sexual health services and successful projects to reduce teenage pregnancy rates in Chorley.
 - The development for Children's Trust arrangements in Chorley.
 - Working together to provide more opportunities for children and young people, through youth evenings at All Seasons Leisure Centre, where approximately 80 young people have been attending on a Saturday night.
 - The development of a joint climate change strategy for Chorley.
 - Improvements in the Big Wood Copperworks Wood as part of Reclamation and Management of Derelict Land (ReMADE) project.
 - The development of an affordable housing framework for Chorley.
 - Partnership working through successful Weeks of Action in areas across Chorley.

MONITORING OF THE LOCALITY PLAN 2009

17. The implementation of the Locality Plan will be monitored through the Councils' business planning processes. For Chorley, this means the plan will be monitored through business plan monitoring statements and the quarterly performance report. Where specific actions are being undertaken as part of the action plan in Appendix 2, its monitoring is indicated in the action plan.

SUGGESTED CHANGES BY LANCASHIRE LOCALS

18. The Locality Plan was considered by the Lancashire Locals committee on the 16th September. During that meeting, some changes were suggested. These are outlined below.
19. Change (in 'together we will')
- "Explore possible ways in which to develop closer working between Chorley Council and the Young People's Service. This will deliver a more sustainable and coordinated approach to working with children and young people."
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- Explore possible ways in which to develop closer working between Chorley Council and the Young People's Service. *This may include looking at the joint pooling of resources.* This will deliver a more sustainable and coordinated approach to working with children and young people.
20. Another change has also been suggested by Lancashire County Council:
- Supporting local businesses to remain competitive by reducing energy costs with capital grants and free energy advice through the Lancashire Business Environment Association"
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IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

21. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate 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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