



LOCALITY PLAN

OUR VISION

Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council want to deliver the best standard of local government to Chorley.
We believe that by working together we can achieve the vision for Chorley.
This locality plan sets out just some of the things that will be achieved in the next 12 months.

In Chorley this year your Councils will...

Our aims	Ensuring that Chorley is the pulse of a thriving central Lancashire economy	Improving life chances for all	Building Stronger Communities with improved access to public services	Developing the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live, work and play
	<p>Improving the town centre through environmental improvements. This will include, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvements on the Flat Iron Market Improvements to Market Street, including tree planting, footpath widening and removing unnecessary street furniture. <p>Develop an action plan to support businesses through the economic downturn.</p> <p>Deliver the redundancy support project, including the 'Back to Work' fund, which provides funding to unemployed people to help them find a job.</p>	<p>Introduce the Active Generation scheme to encourage people aged over 50 to become more physically active.</p> <p>Implement the Play Strategy, including developing the provision of activities at community centres.</p> <p>Work with partners to introduce community gardens across the borough and increase land available for growing produce.</p> <p>Provide Free Swimming for under 16s and over 60 year olds.</p> <p>Complete the new 6 hole golf course at Duxbury Golf Course.</p> <p>With the Children's Trust, introduce street games in the borough to encourage young people to do more physical activity.</p>	<p>With our partners, run a series of Weeks of Action across the borough that improve community safety and the local environment.</p> <p>Continue to develop the information we have about our customers to improve the services we offer to customers.</p> <p>Organise the annual Christmas Lights switch on event in the town centre.</p> <p>Make more of our services available online so they can be easily accessed at any time.</p> <p>Continue to transfer community assets into community management, so that local people can manage their own facilities.</p>	<p>Work with partners to identify and make sites available for the development of affordable housing, and use our planning powers to encourage more affordable housing.</p> <p>Introduce kitchen waste collection to households in Chorley to further improve recycling rates.</p> <p>Relaunch Astley Park, and continue to improve it, building the new Pets Corner and completing the Play Areas.</p> <p>Work with local residents to increase the provision of allotments in the borough, including through community gardening schemes.</p> <p>Install combined heat and power into All Seasons Leisure Centre.</p>
	<p>Work with partners to help all learners to progress to further learning, training and employment.</p> <p>Support economic development through Lancashire County Developments Limited for example the through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business support events to maintain the viability and growth of Chorley companies during the recession "Rosebud" targeted loans of up to £750K for business start-up and growth Social Enterprise Loans of up to £10K Creative Graduate Placement Programme - where creative companies can secure a six month subsidised placement for a graduate "Micro-finance loans" for entrepreneurs looking for finance of up to £5k Small Scale Renewables Programme grants of up to £20K to encourage small and medium sized companies to install renewable technologies <p>Deliver the "Give it a Go £5k Challenge" - a competition for local groups who come up with an idea that would make a significant difference to their local neighbourhood.</p> <p>Launch and maintain the "Find Your Way" website which provides a directory of services to individuals and businesses to support them through the recession.</p>	<p>Provide local grants to support the voluntary community and faith sector. For example the "Central Gateway Grant" and "Local Gateway Grant".</p> <p>Support schools in the provision, development and promotion of extended services to ensure that pupils, their families and the wider community have access to services and activities beyond the school day.</p> <p>Work with education providers to offer Diplomas which will ensure that children and young people can choose a qualification which suits their interests and learning style.</p> <p>Help schools and businesses to develop travel plans to increase levels of walking and cycling.</p> <p>Invest in the region of £1m of capital grant funding to provide the three new children's centre bases at Eccleston Primary School, Adlington Library and Brinscall and Withnell Athletic and Recreation Association.</p> <p>Support schools to achieve 'Healthy School' status.</p> <p>Build a new primary school in Buckshaw Village.</p> <p>Provide information and advice to ensure people can gain access to welfare rights and benefits.</p> <p>Deliver support services for physically disabled people and those with a sensory impairment.</p> <p>Replace Bankside Day Centre for adults with a learning disability with a new purpose-built facility.</p> <p>Facilitate and shape a market that contains sufficient, flexible, sustainable childcare.</p> <p>Work with health partners to commission services to help improve mental health.</p>	<p>Ensure customers can contact our services readily and easily by phone, e-mail / internet and in person.</p> <p>Promote Telly Talk which is based at Chorley Library and connects citizens via a web video to Lancashire County Council's Customer Service Centre.</p> <p>Provide 'Help Direct' which offers practical support, guidance and information to adults who need some basic support to get the most out of life.</p> <p>Promote the new Registrars Office in Chorley which opened in Summer 2009.</p> <p>Continue to develop relationships with Chorley's parish and town councils through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Lancashire Parish Charter our Parish and Town Council web pages which include a range of useful information and signposts to our different services <p>Work with Brindle Parish Council on a pilot project to improve the way the council responds to parish priorities.</p> <p>Prepare, maintain and develop plans for an integrated response to major emergencies.</p> <p>Continue to protect the public by ensuring that businesses trade fairly and within consumer law.</p>	<p>Improve travel by developing pedestrian and cycling schemes.</p> <p>Help to reduce road traffic accidents by delivering local safety programmes, traffic calming schemes and carrying out accident investigation studies. In 2009-2010 this will include measures at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collingwood Road/Tootell Street, Chorley Wigan Road, Charnock Richard Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock Blackburn Road, Wheelton Liptrott Estate, Chorley <p>Repair and maintain Chorley's highways, street lights, traffic signs and road markings. Our budget for 2009-2010 is just under £3.2m and includes £37,600 of improvements which were put forward by the parish and town councils of Chorley and approved by the Lancashire Local, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £11k for a minor improvement scheme at the junction of Wood Lane / Park Hall Road at Heskin £2.7k for the refurbishment of traffic calming measures on the B5256 Sandy Lane at Brindle £7k for filling potholes and carriageway slurry sealing along Hallgate in Astley Village <p>Provide access to the countryside by maintaining footpaths, rights of way and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Agree a programme for improving primary school buildings.</p> <p>Provide grants and funding for practical environmental projects which are put forward by local people.</p> <p>Support bus routes such as Chorley Connect.</p> <p>Help to reduce the risk of local flooding from highway storm drains by targeting additional funds at drains maintenance and local flood mitigation schemes.</p> <p>Work with community groups to develop low carbon projects.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Together we will</p>	<p>Work with partners to deliver a railway station, community centre, medical central, local public transport provision and adopted highways in Buckshaw Village. This will include setting out a timetable for when this will be achieved.</p> <p>Sign up to deliver actions that will help regenerate Chorley Town Centre.</p> <p>Provide support to address the impact of the recession for Chorley businesses as well as people and families in Chorley, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Chorley network of advice and information services to ensure that they deliver timely and appropriate information to help those affected by the recession to maintain control over their lives (Timely Information Pilot) Providing information on local activities aimed at supporting individuals and businesses through the recession on the "Find Your Way" website Supporting local businesses to remain competitive by reducing energy costs with free energy advice through the Lancashire Business Environment Association. Supporting new business start-ups and existing SMEs <p>Work with key partners in the district as members of the Economic Regeneration Sub Group to ensure that Chorley is the pulse of a thriving central Lancashire economy.</p>	<p>Work with NHS Central Lancashire and schools to extend the Teenage Pregnancy Project to reduce teenage pregnancy in Chorley. This will include giving advice to young people about the realities of becoming a young parent.</p> <p>Maintain and develop weekend work with children and young people in local neighbourhoods and with vulnerable children and young people in 'hot spot' areas. This will involve providing more things to do and places to go for children and young people, and opportunities to get involved in diversionary activities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Provide positive diversionary activities for children and young people in a more coordinated way. This will involve looking at how these activities are delivered and commissioned and sharing what we are doing with the Chorley Children's Trust.</p> <p>Help parents, governors and schools to get more involved in the Chorley Children's Trust - a local partnership which makes sure that children and young people are: healthy; safe; achieving; having fun; involved; and economically sound.</p> <p>Support the Firebreak Youth Diversionary Activities Programme which is being run by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>Look at how we can better co-ordinate the grants which we each award to groups and organisations in Chorley.</p> <p>Deliver the Families First project, to support some of the most vulnerable families in Chorley to access the support they need.</p> <p>Listen to the views of children and young people about local services and act on their views. Specifically we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> look at how we can improve the way we involve children and young people run events during local democracy week work with school councils 	<p>Improve access to services in rural areas. This will include looking for opportunities to improve community transport services where public transport is not available.</p> <p>Work with partners to jointly promote and encourage greater uptake of volunteering opportunities.</p> <p>Deliver improved services to vulnerable groups using the "Circle of Need" concept (for example those at risk of becoming homeless and older people).</p> <p>Develop a Chorley Access Strategy and look at opportunities for closer working across all customer access channels (face-to-face, telephone and internet) in one go.</p> <p>Raise the profile of our joint committee - Lancashire Local Chorley - by promoting achievements, so residents know where, when and how it has made a difference.</p> <p>Share knowledge and information about the assets which we hold and look at opportunities for review and rationalisation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join up service provision Share property between our two councils Achieve efficiency and economy in property provision Improve access to services through property provision which better meets service and user requirements Make better use of existing properties 	<p>Tackle community safety issues, improve the local environment and give advice to local residents by organising and taking part in 'Weeks of Action' across the borough.</p> <p>Improve the character and feel of Chorley by working with partners in the seven neighbourhood areas to deliver the Neighbourhood Action Plans.</p> <p>Share information which we hold about neighbourhood areas to help inform future Neighbourhood Action Plans.</p> <p>Work with the Community Safety Partnership to create an environment where people feel and are safe. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing an alleygating programme Better lighting and signage. <p>Deliver a more joined up highways and streetscene service by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing streetscene schedules and highways assets data Agreeing service standards for dealing with streetscene and highways service requests Exploring options for fast tracking service requests between the two Councils Developing a joint schedule of grounds maintenance work <p>Together, we will support Groundwork to deliver schemes across the borough including, improving footpaths along the Goit at Brinscall.</p>