

Executive Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

General Report of the Meeting Held on 21 January 2021

Chorley Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy Action Plan 2020-2036

2. I presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which seeks to grant approval to consult on the draft Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy (OSSR) Action Plan and where there are no significant amendments or additions, to grant adoption of the plan through Executive Member decision.
3. In order to support the preparation for the new Central Lancashire Local Plan, consultants Knight, Kavanagh and Page Ltd were commissioned by the three councils of Preston, South Ribble and Chorley to produce evidence detailing the need for open space, sports and recreation provision. The evidence will be used to inform future investment decisions including where developer contributions are required and how they should be used to meet future demand in the Borough through to 2036.
4. The consultants worked with many stakeholders including sports clubs, teams, parish councils, ward members, national governing bodies, and organisations to produce robust, accurate data which has been distilled into a Chorley Action Plan spanning from 2020-2036. It is proposed to reconsult with these key stakeholders and Members were encouraged to assist with this where links to the groups existed.
5. We welcomed the report, in particular how it supported the green agenda through natural greenspaces, wildlife corridors, and woodland management. We granted approval to consult on the Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategy Action Plan and also to delegate to the Executive Member for Economic Development and Public Service Reform, formal adoption of the final version of the action plan subject to no significant alternations being made.

Draft Budget 2021 and Summary Position over the Medium Term

6. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the report of the Deputy Director of Finance which sets out the budget position for 2021/22 including the forecast for the following 2 years to 2023/24 and also presents the relevant proposals in respect of the use of forecast resources identified in 2021/22 and the budget consultation.
7. We noted the proposed Council Tax increase of 1.99% in 2022/23 and 2022/23. This would be revisited every year and would be dependent upon the outcome of the Government announcements regarding the Fair Funding Review and review of the business rates system. It was also noted that investment of approximately £1m would be continued to deliver corporate strategy priorities, alongside capital investments of over £56m in corporate priority projects and strategies to reduce the budget deficit in the medium term.
8. We supported the proposed increase in Council Tax and discussed the support available to those who may struggle to pay their council tax because of the challenging circumstances they find themselves in. It was suggested that communications be released highlighting why the council propose the increase. We also addressed whether parking charges would need to

increase in the future and considered the impact this would have on the Town Centre. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Approval for the Contract Award Procedure and Evaluation Criteria for ICT Hardware and Software

9. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources) presented the confidential report of the Director of Customer and Digital which informs members of the proposed shared procurement for ICT hardware, software and support to seek agreement to the sharing of costs and assessment criteria. We approved the recommendations within the report.

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Clean Air Strategy

10. I presented the report of the Director of Communities which seeks approval to consult upon the proposed draft clean air strategy and secure approval to publish via an Executive Member Decision. Upon establishment of a resource to deliver the strategy and completion of the options appraisal for a new method of collecting data on air quality, a Member Learning Session on air quality will be delivered.
11. Chorley Council declared a climate emergency on the 19th November 2019 with the overarching goal of “rendering the borough carbon neutral by the year 2030”, 20 years ahead of the UK target of 2050. To enable this target to be met a Clean Air Strategy for Chorley has been drafted. The Strategy sets out a clear picture of the current state of air quality and monitoring practices in Chorley, our legal obligations as a council in monitoring air quality and the legislation which governs this.
12. We welcomed the Air Quality Strategy and recognised the importance of engagement via the consultation. Therefore, it was proposed that maximum communications be delivered on this to ensure the consultation be circulated as widely as possible. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2020/21

13. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Chief Finance Officer which sets out the provisional revenue and capital outturn figures for the Council as compared against budgets and efficiency savings targets set for the financial year 2020/21.
14. In summary, the projected revenue outturn currently shows a forecast underspend of £13k compared to the budget for 2020/21 and the forecast of capital expenditure in 2020/21 is £14.587m. The Council’s budget for 2020/21 includes a savings target of £150k from management of the staffing establishment. We noted that the full savings of £150k have been achieved.
15. The Council’s Medium-Term Financial Strategy reported that working balances are currently maintained at £4.0m due to the financial risks facing the Council and the forecast level of general fund balances at 31 March 2021 will be £4.013m. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Quarter Three Performance Report 2020/21

16. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which sets out the performance against the delivery of the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the third quarter of 2020/21, 1 October to 31 December 2020.
17. Overall, the performance of key projects is excellent with 85% of the projects rated as green and 15% currently rated as amber; there are two action plans for the amber projects. Those projects that are not yet complete will either be carried over for delivery through the 2020/21 Corporate Strategy as planned, are due to be completed in quarter four, or will continue to be delivered through business as usual activity.
18. Performance of the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures is good with 67% of Corporate Strategy measures and 83% of key service delivery measures performing on or above target, or within the 5% threshold. Given the current challenges and environment the council is operating in, performance against agreed measures remains positive. Those indicators performing below target have action plans outlined with measures to improve performance. We noted the report.

King George's Playing Fields Pavilion – Proposed Contract Award Procedure

19. I presented the report of the Director of Planning and Development which seeks approval for the procurement approach and evaluation criteria for the appointment of a contractor to deliver a new sports pavilion and associated infrastructure at St George V Playing Fields in Adlington.
20. We supported the proposals in the report and requested that the green agenda be considered as part of the tender process. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Astley Park Lighting – Proposed Contract Award Procedure

21. I presented the report of the Director of Planning and Development which seeks approval for the procurement approach and evaluation criteria for the appointment of a contractor to deliver Astley Park Lighting.
22. We supported the proposals in the report and hoped the work would increase the popularity of the park further by making it more accessible. We approved the recommendations within the report.

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Overview and Scrutiny Task Group Sustainable Public Transport Report

23. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor John Walker, presented the report which identifies 22 recommendations. Councillor Kim Snape, Chair of the Task Group, thanked members and officers involved with the inquiry, which had engaged with numerous stakeholder groups to increase the scope of the review. The task group were keen to see the continuation of the council's development of the green agenda in line with the recommendations.

24. We noted the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group and accepted for consideration, with the Executive Cabinet's recommended response to the recommendations being reported to a future meeting.

Chorley Council Transformation Strategy

25. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive which outlines the Transformation Strategy 2021 – 2024. The refresh of the 2016 Transformation Strategy realigns the strategy and programme with the current context and future priorities. The purpose of the Transformation Strategy is to be the framework through which overarching change programmes for the Council will be effectively co-ordinated and managed.
26. The key themes of this strategy are around how the Council is reshaping the workforce, workplace and ways of working to achieve sustainability, making the best use of technology to deliver efficiency and inform service delivery with the aim of being in the best position to take advantage of commercial investments and income generation opportunities to support the financial base. We approved the refreshed Transformation Strategy for 2021 – 2024.

Shared Services: Events Team Review

27. Councillor Peter Wilson, Executive Member (Resources), presented the confidential report of the Deputy Chief Executive which outlines the proposals to create a shared events team from 1 April 2021. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Commissioning Procurement 2021-2023

28. Councillor Bev Murray, Executive Member (Early Intervention), presented the confidential report of the Director of Communities which seeks agreement on the approach and procurement process for the 2021 – 2023 Commissioning. We recognised how the commissioning work had continued well during Covid-19 and supported the proposals in the report. We approved the recommendations within the report.

The following Executive Member Decisions were taken using the Special Urgency Procedure since September 2020:

Executive Member (Resources)

Covid-19 Additional Restrictions Grant Application
Acquiring Affordable Homes – Property No 1
Acquiring Affordable Homes – Property No 2
Acquiring Affordable Homes – Property No 3
Acquiring Affordable Homes – Property No 4
Acquiring Affordable Homes – Property No 5
COVID-19 Additional Restrictions Grant Application – Round 2
Approval For The Contract Procedure And Award For The Procurement Of A Remote Desktop Solution

Executive Member (Customer, Advice and Streetscene Services)

ICT Service Review – 11 March 2021

Recommendations

29. To note the report

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