

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Transformation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 January 2010

SCRUTINY OF KEY PARTNERSHIPS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To discuss how in the future the Committee would like to scrutinise the performance of key partnerships and change the current arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Committee identify the criteria to be used for future partnership scrutiny.

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

- At the meeting on 9 November 2009 Members received a copy of the performance of Key Partnerships - 2008/09 Year End Progress report as one of the topics raised at the "review of the year" event in March was outsourcing and the effectiveness of subcontractors.

CURRENT REPORT HEADINGS

- The current report sets out
 - The performance of the Council's key partnerships against targets set for the current year;
 - An assessment of key partners financial strength and stability;
 - The outcome of the first round of equality monitoring as part of the key partnerships contract management process.
 - An update to the partnership working framework to more clearly capture the requirement regarding partner's business continuity arrangements.
- In addition to this Executive Cabinet agreed to try to include alternative solutions to monitor and reassess financial strength of key partners using recent, relevant information as opposed to last published financial accounts.

POTENTIAL CHANGES

7. The Committee essentially has a number of choices which include:
- Adding additional issues such as, customer satisfaction and performance indicator information which could be included within this report?
 - Leaving the reporting as it is but then focusing in more details on key partnerships and/or contacts. This is similar to some of the task and finish work done on for instance Chorley Community Housing or the Local Strategic Partnership and the current review of the Highways function.
 - Focusing on particular key aspects of certain partnerships / contracts rather than taking a holistic approach, for instance the missed bins element of the waste contact or the contribution of a partner to a particular key corporate target say Active Nation and their work on encouraging participation.
8. There are clearly a number of ways in which the scrutiny approach could be amended. The starting point however should be for the Committee to determine their key objectives from the scrutiny of partnerships/contacts and then to create a programme of work to deliver those objectives which might include any one of or a combination of the approaches discussed above.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. The report has no consequential implications at this time as the points are for discussion only.

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

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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Key Partnerships - 2008/09 Year End Progress report	25 June 2009	http://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/Published/C00000117/M00002115/A100016926/\$KeyPartnershipsnolib.docA.ps.pdf	www.chorley.gov.uk

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