

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy (Introduced by the Executive Member for Business)	Executive Cabinet	18 th February 2010

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LDF CORE STRATEGY – MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND APPROVAL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To outline the approach and timetable for engaging Members in the approval of the Central Lancashire LDF Core Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. To agree the approach and timetable set out in paragraph 10.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

3. To ensure Members are engaged in the development of the Core Strategy whilst ensuring that the LDF timetable and Project Plan remains on track.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. None.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5. 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

6. As part of the LDF process, we are now at the stage where a publication version of the Central Lancashire Preferred Core Strategy will shortly need to be approved by the three Central Lancashire Councils; Chorley, Preston and South Ribble.
7. The Preferred Core Strategy builds upon the previous Issue and Options stages of the project which was shared extensively with Members, stakeholders and the public during 2007 and 2008.
8. The Core Strategy sets out the long term vision, policies, objectives and strategies for Central Lancashire. It details how the area will grow, how services will be provided and how the environment and character of the area will be enhanced and protected.
9. During the past few years in order to ensure Member input into the LDF and the associated strategies and documents there has been in place a Chorley Local Development Framework Working Group and an LDF Joint Advisory Committee including Member representatives from all three Local Authorities.

NEXT STEPS

10. In order to produce a Publication version of the Core Strategy in line with the Project Plan the timetable and approach to ensuring Member engagement is outlined below:
 - The draft Core Strategy will be available during week commencing 15th February 2010.
 - A special Chorley LDF Working Group to consider key areas (prior to special JAC Meeting – see below) will take place on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 5.30 – 6.30 pm
 - A special informal JAC Meeting open to all LDF Members will take place on Thursday 25th February 2010, 5.00 pm onwards at the Town Hall, Chorley.
 - A scheduled Chorley LDF Working Group to discuss a revised draft Core Strategy will take place on Thursday 11th March 2010 at 5.30 pm.
 - A scheduled JAC meeting will take place at 5.30 pm on 18th March 2010 to consider revised draft Core Strategy.
 - The final Core Strategy for joint (Chorley, Preston and South Ribble) Executive Cabinet Approval will take place at 5.00 pm on 31st March 2010 at South Ribble Civic Offices.
 - The revised Preferred Core Strategy will be submitted for approval to the full Council meeting on 13 April 2010.

LOOKING AHEAD

11. The Publication Version of the Core Strategy will be aligned with a Site Allocations Document identifying both broad locations and specific sites for development. It is intended to produce an Issues and Options paper for the Site. Allocations document in September 2010 following extensive Member engagement.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

12. 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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