

| Report of | Meeting | Date |
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| Director (Communities) (Introduced by Executive Member (Early Intervention)) | Executive Cabinet | Thursday, 11 November 2021 |

Neighbourhood Priorities Delivery 2021-22

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| Is this report confidential? | No |
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| Is this decision key? | No |
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Purpose of the Report

1. The information provided in this report aims to provide a summary of the decision-making process which has taken place (September / October 2021) to agree this current year's neighbourhood priorities 2021/22.
2. It presents the proposed neighbourhood priorities that have been agreed within each neighbourhood management group to be approved by Executive Cabinet.

Recommendations to Cabinet

3. It is recommended that the neighbourhood priorities proposed within each neighbourhood management meeting are agreed. (paragraph 19)
4. It is recommended that when scoping out the detail and financial resources required for each priority, financial or in-kind contributions are sought from partners within the neighbourhood including parish councils, County Council, voluntary sector, and other stakeholders.
5. Where a priority is subsequently scoped out as requiring increased financial resources, consideration will be made in consultation with the Executive Member (Early Intervention) for this neighbourhood priority to be carried out at additional cost, phased, or developed further as an individual corporate project.

Reasons for recommendations

6. Neighbourhood working and associated projects is a key priority within the council's corporate strategy and encourages the improvement of environmental, health, and social features within the identified neighbourhoods of Chorley.

- The council is committed to supporting projects and partnership delivery that focuses on the wider determinants of health as these issues impact on the daily lives of our residents, how happy and healthy they feel living in in their community and in turn their individual life choices and outcomes.

Other options considered and rejected

- To not support the continuation and development of neighbourhood priorities across the borough and not make the £50,000 funding available.

Corporate priorities

- The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (please bold all those applicable):

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| Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all | √ | A strong local economy | |
| Clean, safe and healthy communities | √ | An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area | √ |

Background to the report

- In November 2007 Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel undertook an inquiry into Neighbourhood Working. This led to the creation, adoption and implementation of the neighbourhood working model for Chorley which provided the establishment of neighbourhood teams, a funding mechanism to support local initiatives, reinforcement of the role of the ward Councillors in neighbourhoods, and support for relatively deprived and poorly organised neighbourhoods.

- The definition of neighbourhood working created is as follows:

‘Working with our partners to improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing of all our citizens and improve the environment of the neighbourhoods in which they live’

This definition emphasised the need to work on a partnership basis and to address wider issues within our communities such as health but recognises that work and activities that improve the environment and quality of life for our communities is also essential.

- Neighbourhood working delivery is developed from a twice-yearly neighbourhood area meeting whereby neighbourhood area groups submit expressions of Interest/proposals to undertake ‘Neighbourhood Priority Projects’ in their wards/communities.
- The neighbourhood meetings in January and February of each year provide the mechanism for the neighbourhood groups to identify and agree preferred priority projects that are important to the residents of each area and will be delivered within that financial year. (Except this year due to ward boundary changes and have been selected in September / October meetings)

13. Due to the reduced timescales for delivery a range of possible priority project ideas was created which area groups could use to aid selection or alternatively propose other suitable projects that benefit the community. To further aid proposals, a structured proposal application form was used to aid discussions in the meeting and selection of priorities.
14. Neighbourhood Priorities are reviewed at neighbourhood meetings and revised and updated as appropriate with any significant changes being subject to Executive Member approval, i.e. where there is a budgetary impact.
15. Budget provision for neighbourhood priorities is made as part of the annual budget setting process. There is an annual budget of £50k to support neighbourhood priority project delivery as Neighbourhood working was established as a key project within the council's corporate strategy.
16. 2021/22 delivery, the Neighbourhood Priority budget has been allocated to each neighbourhood area group as previous, but each area group can allocate the funds accordingly to projects which they agree to deliver. This will give the group opportunity to fund either one large project or allocate to several different projects. It is recommended that no more than a maximum of four projects are chosen to be delivered.
17. Resulting from the creation of six areas, each Neighbourhood Area group will have a budget of £8,000 to allocate to their chosen priority projects.
18. Delivery of this year's neighbourhood priorities will follow the below timescales:

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| September / October | <p>Nomination and selection: Members of the neighbourhood group nominate priorities in advance or at the meeting.</p> <p>Neighbourhood management groups agree priorities to be delivered and a lead member from the group</p> |
| October/November | <p>Approval: Outlined priorities presented to Exec. Cabinet for Approval</p> |
| November | <p>Scoping: Lead Officer identified for each of the selected neighbourhood priority.</p> <p>Lead officer works with lead member from neighbourhood group to scope the priority – including timescales, costs and funding sources</p> |
| November to March | <p>Delivery of priority projects</p> |
| Jan/February | <p>Update and monitoring: Update on the progress of selected neighbourhood priorities will be provided to the Neighbourhood meetings</p> |

PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

19. The priorities proposed and agreed for each neighbourhood management group are outlined below:

| Neighbourhood Area | Priority Project | |
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| Northern Parishes | Priority 1 | Installation of Bus Shelter on A6 |
| | Priority 2 | Project to provide support for those residents experiencing financial hardship within Clayton Brook and surrounding identified areas |
| | Priority 3 | To provide First Aid Training across the neighbourhood area for community groups and their volunteers |
| | Priority 4 | To purchase a resource of Clean Up equipment (litter pickers, hoops etc) which can be utilised across the neighbourhood area |
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| Chorley Town East | Priority 1 | Clean up initiatives at identified hot spots within Chorley East |
| | Priority 2 | To work with local partner to develop a project to address food poverty and help support residents experiencing financial hardship |
| | Priority 3 | Project to address motorbike nuisance in identified areas |
| | Priority 4 | Subject to costings – Feasibility and potential delivery of refurbishment and improvements to Duxbury Park gates, fencing and surrounding area |
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| | Priority 1 | Install a public access defibrillator at Buckshaw Parkway Station / or surrounding area |
| | Priority 2 | Develop a Community Café / social activity group to tackle loneliness and vulnerability |

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| Chorley North | Priority 3 | To provide three Community skip / clean up days at identified locations within the neighbourhood area |
| | Priority 4 | To improve condition of identified bus Shelters which need restoring within the neighbourhood area |
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| Chorley Town West | Priority 1 | Initiative to reduce speeding particular on Collingwood Road, looking at installation of SPID devices and further work with partners |
| | Priority 2 | To deliver Community Clean up initiatives at identified hot spots within neighbourhood area |
| | Priority 3 | Project to support residents in low income/financial poverty particular in Buttermere and surrounding area |
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| Eastern Parishes | Priority 1 | Provision of public access Defibrillator in Abbey Village |
| | Priority 2 | To deliver a project which aims to educate young people on importance of money management at an early age |
| | Priority 3 | Project to make visual improvements to identified roundabout on A6 |
| | Priority 4 | To deliver Community Clean up initiatives at identified areas within neighbourhood area |
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| Western Parishes | Priority 1 | To carry out research and local consultation across Charnock Richard to better understand access to local services for those living with disabilities |
| | Priority 2 | To increase provision of public access defibrillator in Mawdesley and potentially scope further areas |

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| | Priority 3 | To provide Community skip / clean up days at identified locations within the neighbourhood area |
| | Priority 4 | To improve the provision of litter bins in Heskin and Euxton South and provide equipment to carry out local clean ups in Bretherton |
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Climate change and air quality

20. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

21. Project delivery undertaken will be as inclusive and accessible as feasibly possible to everyone in our community, considering and addressing barriers to participation.

Risk

22. No significant implications in this area

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

23. As detailed above the neighbourhood priorities are supported by a £50k annual revenue budget.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

24. No comments.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report

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