

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	22 March 2010

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING MONITORING REPORT

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide a progress report on our first year's Neighbourhood Working, including the 2009-2010 Neighbourhood Action Plans.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the progress report be noted.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Our first full year of Neighbourhood Working, 2009-2010, has included the delivery of projects within seven Neighbourhood Action Plans (NAPs) including the allocation of an overall pump priming budget of £150,000.

This report includes, as an Appendix, feedback on delivery against the 2009-2010 NAPs, budget position at the end of the financial year and outline proposals for 2010-2011, to be considered by Executive Cabinet in March 2010.

### 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

- During 2006-7, the Environment and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel undertook an extensive inquiry into Neighbourhood Working. The Executive Cabinet accepted the inquiry's initial findings and recommendations on 6 December 2007, and also, in February 2008, a further report outlining details of resources allocated for delivery and an overall action plan with timescales for implementation.

The challenge was to produce a 2009-2010 action plan for each of the 7 Neighbourhood Areas, and to provide a rationale for the allocation of £150,000 pump priming budget remaining after the recommended appointment of additional staff to support neighbourhood working.

Monitoring reports were presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 September 2009 and Executive Cabinet on 12 November 2009. A further report will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny on for 22 March 2010.  
 Progress reports and recommendations were also received favourably by the Chorley Partnership Board in January and November 2009.

## OBJECTIVES

6. To update on progress made against 12 November 2007 recommendations

The Neighbourhood Working proposals and action plan are agreed and implemented	Neighbourhood Working is subject to the Council's Project management system with current status set at "green".
The Neighbourhood footprints to be agreed as shown in Appendix to 14 February 2008 Cabinet report	Seven Neighbourhood Areas designated:  Chorley Town West Chorley Town East North Eastern Parishes North Western Parishes Southern Parishes Western Parishes Eastern Parishes
New post of Neighbourhood Co-ordinator created	Post established with effect from April 2008.
Two additional Neighbourhood Officer posts created	Posts established with effect from July 2008, and a Neighbourhood Officer assigned to each of the seven Neighbourhood Areas.
Existing P/T Community Development Assistant post deleted and replaced by an additional F/T Community Development Officer post	Posts established and implemented from November 2008
Implementation budget of £250,000 established	£100,000 committed to additional staff resources, as above. £150,000 pump priming budget established to support Neighbourhood Action Plans and other area-based projects. Details of end of year budget status included as an Appendix to this report.
Areas not covered by Parish Councils be encouraged to explore this option	The Town Centre Neighbourhood Areas have not expressed an interest in Parish Council status as yet.

<p>Chorley Community Safety Partnership to consider the future of the Target Area Partnerships (TAPs) through the refresh of the Community Safety Strategy.</p>	<p>As independent, constituted partnerships, rather than sub groups of the CDRP, the three existing TAPs (PAICE, SWITCH and Clayton Brook Together) were relatively unaffected as organisations, by the Safer Chorley and South Ribble pilot merger, and have continued to link to Community Safety by providing VCF sector representation. Neighbourhood Working has also presented new opportunities for the TAPs, and all three have had significant involvement in their Neighbourhood Action Plans. As a result, a fourth TAP has been formed in Chorley North West during 2009-2010. We are working to further develop links through MATAC and the mini MATACS, and also through other thematic groups of Chorley Partnership.</p>
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**IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

7. 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	✓

There are no background papers to this report.

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