

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director Partnerships, Planning and Policy  (Introduced by the Executive Member for Policy and Performance)	Council	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2010

## CHORLEY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide a summary of the progress made by Chorley Council during 2009/10

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the report be noted

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Chorley Council Annual Report is attached to this report as an appendix. Below is a summary of the key headlines from this years report.

- Headlines from this year's report are:

- Last year we were officially judged to be among the best council's in the country by the Audit Commission
- There have been 74 new business start ups over the last year and 95% of businesses are surviving after 12 months
- Unemployment has reduced significantly over the last year
- The extension of the Get up and Go Scheme and Active Generation Project has proved highly successful
- We have one of the highest rates of alcohol related harm in Lancashire
- Between 2005-2007 and 2006-2008 teenage conceptions across the borough have reduced by 2.2%.
- 32% of people in Chorley feel they can influence decisions in their local area
- 82% of residents in Chorley feel that people from different backgrounds get on well together
- There has been a small increase in Chorley's recycling rate over the last year
- The level of street cleanliness has remained fairly similar to last year, although levels of flyposting have decreased
- Delivery of affordable homes has increased by 174% since last year
- The number of persons in temporary accommodation is at an all time low and there has been a major decrease over the last year
- Crime is down overall by 2% compared to last year
- Customer satisfaction continues to run at over 98%
- In the 2010/2011 budget, we froze the level of Council Tax
- 92% of staff are proud to work for Chorley Council
- Last year we delivered over half a million pounds of efficiency savings

- Sickness Absence has reduced over the last year and now stands at just over 6.5 days

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

5. N/A

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

6. N/A

## CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7. 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

8. This is the fifth Annual Report produced by Chorley Council. Although there is now no statutory responsibility to produce a Best Value Performance Plan, the Council has used this opportunity to present our key successes and plans for the future. The Annual Report is a key mechanism for presenting information to residents, partners and key stakeholders.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. 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 attached to this report

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