

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy	Overview and Scrutiny	31 August 2010

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide an update on progress against the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry report on the Local Strategic Partnership

RECOMMENDATION

- That the progress be noted.

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 request of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a scrutiny inquiry into the Chorley Local Strategic Partnership (Chorley Partnership) was undertaken between October 2008 and April 2009. The purpose of the inquiry was to understand how the LSP works with the Council and the extra value it provides linked to three objectives;
 - To ensure the wider engagement of the Council, local councillors and local people in the work of the local strategic partnership and its thematic groups;
 - To maximise the capacity of the Local Strategic Partnership through the projects it delivers; and
 - To investigate how the Local Strategic Partnership will tackle one of the big issues of the Borough, the high rate of alcohol harm related hospital admissions rates and its impact on anti social behaviour
- The report containing a number of recommendations was presented to Executive Cabinet in August 2009. A further report including responses to the recommendations was presented to Executive Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny in October 2009. This report provides an update on the progress of those recommendations, a year after the inquiry report.

6. Outlined below are the current position to each of the nine recommendations.

1. In order to continue to improve Members knowledge and understanding of the work of the Partnership, future information regarding LSP activity will be included in the Members e.bulletin 'intheknow'
2. That links be provided in the 'intheknow' to the 'Ambition' County newsletter and the Chorley Partnership website.

Following this recommendation, information regarding LSP activity is placed within 'intheknow'. This includes work of the partnership, such as the recent Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation (2nd July 2010 edition), or the quarterly digest of all LSP Meetings. It also includes important information from LSP Partners, for example, the 13th August 2010 edition featured news items from Chorley Community Housing, Lancashire Constabulary and NHS Central Lancashire. Links are placed to other websites and newsletters for more information. Face to face sessions have also recently been organised for Members to get involved in the Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation, a major piece of work for the LSP (20th July and 9th and 11th August 2010).

3. Thematic groups be encouraged to publish all agendas and minutes on the Chorley partnership website within 10 working days of their meetings to promote a consistent approach.

Work has been ongoing to encourage all thematic groups to provide minutes of meetings within 10 days to ensure a consistent approach. The Policy team operate the Chorley Partnership website and therefore spend time working with the thematic groups to get the minutes onto the website. There will be an opportunity to formalise this timescale and arrangement in the autumn when the constitution of the LSP is updated. In addition, following distribution of the 'Quarterly update of thematic meetings' to Members, this document is uploaded onto the website. Also, for the first time this year, an annual 'Calendar of Meetings 2010' has been produced, which contains details of all LSP meetings from January – December 2010. This is also available on the website.

4. To suggest that the Chorley Partnership concentrate on fewer projects, covering more than one of the thematic groups to achieve a greater impact on the five strategic objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy

This is a transition year for the partnership as they work to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy. The strategic objectives are having a major overhaul to ensure that they are relevant and effective in focusing the Partnership on priorities. However, for this year, we have been allocating projects under the five strategic objectives and have worked to reduce the number of projects to five, which means that we have also placed resources into a larger programme of work to tackle Alcohol Intervention (details of which are under recommendation six, seven and eight).

5. In order to increase spend available, there is a need to attract money from other funding sources and also look at how other funding sources outside the Local Strategic Partnership e.g. funding from Lancashire Locals, could be better coordinated to maximise impact

Since this recommendation was proposed last year, the Lancashire Locals have been abolished as part of changes to the locality working with Lancashire County Council. Therefore this specific suggestion has not been possible. However, the Partnership have joined some of their resources with Chorley Council and NHS Central Lancashire to fund Core Grants for the voluntary community and faith sector. This enabled a greater range of projects and core services to be funded jointly. Also, we continually look for opportunities to attract money from other funding sources and in the past year have made applications to grant streams from the Energy and Climate Change Department and North West Together We Can.

6. That in recognition of the seriousness of this issue one of the Chorley Partnerships projects be to help address the major issue of alcohol related harm, possibility using all or a large part of the funding available to achieve a high impact in the Borough.
7. That if Chorley Partnership decide to invest in a project relating to Chorley's alcohol harm related statistics, they be invited to come and talk to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee about their proposals
8. That the Chorley Partnership give consideration to a Young Persons Intervention Programme in Chorley

Over the past year, a steering group of partners has been working together to develop an Alcohol Intervention Programme to tackle the major issue of alcohol related harm. A large piece of research was done to look at the extent of the problem, and the numbers and nature of the admissions to hospital. Following this, a programme containing four major projects has been developed and begun. This includes;

- ***Smart Response – A Young Persons Intervention Programme which does targeted outreach work with young people and their families based in local intelligence and need, and is delivered by special drug and alcohol workers. This began in April 2010 and will run for one year.***
- ***Healthy Shotz – A Young Persons Alcohol Awareness Programme to be delivered in schools to develop their awareness of the risks associated with alcohol consumption. To be delivered from September to February with 600 Year 9 pupils.***
- ***Workplace Training – Training for front line staff in LSP agencies, including Chorley Council, to enable them to provide intervention and advice to customers who are suffering from alcohol related harm. 60 places to be undertaken in three sessions from October to November.***
- ***Free Health Checks – Working with the Healthy Lifestyles team to deliver free health checks for residents from the Chorley Smile Trailer in sessions in the town centre and out in some rural locations. Sessions are planned from August to November .***

9. That in conjunction with Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership, the Executive Cabinet be asked to investigate the introduction of an Alcohol Designation Order for Astley park; all parks and re creation ground and the Town Centre and that local Councillors be involved in the consultation process

Following this recommendation, work has been undertaken by the Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership to introduce a second

Alcohol Designation Order. This began in June 2010 and covers the town centre, specifically an area from Hollinshead Street in the north to George Street to the south and Devonshire Road to the railway lines. It also covers the whole of Astley Park.

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	√

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Background Papers			
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Final report of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on the Local Strategic Partnership 2009	August 2009	***	***