

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy (Introduced by the Executive Member for Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2010

## CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2010/11 PERFORMANCE REPORT

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update members on the performance of the Chorley Partnership over the last quarter, covering the period from July to September 2010.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members are asked to note the content of this report

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. The report highlights the Chorley Partnership's performance over the second quarter of 2010/11. This is based on performance against the 2007 Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement Targets. New performance measures are being developed in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010 – 2020 and these will be reported from April 2011. In summary:
  - Overall crime has reduced by 6.5% compared to this period last year and reductions have been seen in most categories of crime during quarter 2.
  - The number of new businesses established is now back on target and performing well with 33 new businesses being established last quarter against a target of 26.
  - Unemployment has risen very slightly from 2.2% at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to 2.3% at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. This means that there are 32 more people now claiming benefits than at the end of the first quarter of 2010/2011.
  - Chorley Partnership has commissioned 9 projects for 2010/11. Seven of these projects are rated green, which indicates that project performance is as planned or ahead of schedule. One of these projects has been given a rating of amber, which is an early warning that there may be a problem. One of these projects has been given a rating of red, which indicates more serious problems such as falling behind schedule or exceeding budgets.
4. The other Local Area Agreement targets are reported in the Chorley Council Performance Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2010/11.

## 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 organization	✓

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

### All Crime


6. Crime overall has reduced by 6.5% compared to the same period of last year. This is broken down into the following categories:

Category	Quarter 2 09/10	Quarter 2 10/11	% Change	Year To Date	Year To Date Change
<b>All Crime</b>	1531	1432	-6.5%	3041	-0.6%
<b>Serious Acquisitive Crime (NI16)</b>	195	146	-25.1%	347	-2.3%
<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	47	45	-4.3%	87	-12.1%
<b>Vehicle Crime</b>	145	95	-34.5%	243	-1.6%
<b>Robbery</b>	3	6	+100.0%	17	+88.9%
<b>All Violent Crime</b>	350	370	+5.4%	747	+4.5%
<b>Serious Violent Crime (NI15)</b>	19	11	-42.1%	32	-13.5%
<b>Assault with Less Serious Injury (NI20)</b>	144	139	-3.5%	306	+4.1%
<b>Criminal Damage (inc arson)</b>	338	278	-17.8%	620	-13.5%
<b>Anti Social Behaviour</b>	2118	1730	-18.3%	3996	-12.5%
<b>Reoffending rate of Prolific Priority Offenders</b>	29.75	25	-16%		
<b>Domestic Violence Murder</b>	0	0	=	0	0

- The main increases in crime have been in the areas of robbery, violent crime and assault with less serious injury.
- In terms of robbery, the year to date increase has been caused by 7 offences that took place in June this year. These offences continue to occur very sporadically.
- Violent Crime overall and Assault with Less Serious Injury are showing increases of 4.5% and 4.1% for the year to date respectively. This is mainly due to the higher

levels than normal of offences recorded during June 2010. Assault with Less Serious Injury is currently showing a +2.0% increase against the LAA target of 300 offences for the first half of the year. This increase is very small (n=6) and it is quite possible that this can be rectified during the next Quarter.

### Other Sustainable Community Strategy Indicators

Indicator Code	Indicator Description	Target	Performance	Symbol
CS 1.1.1	Number of new businesses established	26	33	

### Unemployment Indicators

7. The unemployment benefit claimant count has risen slightly from 2.2% at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter to 2.3% at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. This equates to an increase of 32 more people claiming out of work benefit and the Chorley claimant count remains below the North West average.

Indicator	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sep 10
Claimant Count - Chorley	2.6% (1757 claimants)	2.3% (1648 claimants)	2.2% (1538 claimants)	2.3% (1568 claimants)	2.3% (1611 claimants)	2.3% (1570 claimants)
Claimant Count – Lancashire	3%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Claimant Count – UK	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%

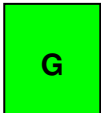
### 8. THE CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP'S PROJECTS FOR 2010/11

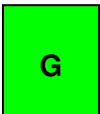
Database of adapted properties	
<b>What is it?</b>	To establish a database of all substantially adapted properties, owned by Registered Social Landlords in Chorley, which can be accessed by landlords and other agencies to enable moves for disabled households to be proactively managed.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Chorley Community Housing
<b>RAG Status</b>	The first stage of this project has been completed, as Chorley Council Strategic Housing and Chorley Community Housing have drafted the database specification, which has been submitted to the ICT service to develop the prototype for testing. The second stage of the project is now underway as the project manager has met with ICT to discuss how the specification will be delivered and timescales for delivery. The development work has now started and the project is due to be delivered well before the March 2010 deadline.

<b>Chorley Community Food Growing Fund</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	To establish a one off community capacity/engagement fund for the promotion of community food growing across the neighbourhood footprint of Chorley. It will enable grants to be made of £500-£750 to community groups, land owners and schools to set up the infrastructure of community food growing sites e.g. fencing, paths, soils, seeds, fruit trees, raised beds, water butts, tools etc, or to run training courses or events. It is linked into a larger community food-growing project.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	NHS Central Lancashire
<b>RAG Status</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;">G</div> <div> <p>The project is on track and continues to be very successful. Five projects were funded between July and September and £2117 worth of funding has been allocated. In addition, LCC have provided funding to employ a member of staff to provide advice and training for staff and pupils as required.</p> <p>Over the next quarter, the project will continue to deliver the Community Food Growing Action Plan and will explore sources of additional funding.</p> </div> </div>

<b>Our Cotswold Community Kitchen</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	To develop a community kitchen in which to hold healthy eating / living / hygiene programmes and teach residents how to cook and eat healthily. Our Cotswold House are developing this alongside a larger project that will establish a community garden and food growing scheme.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Cotswold Supported Housing
<b>RAG Status</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: orange; color: black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;">A</div> <div> <p>This project has now successfully recruited a Life Skills Co-ordinator, who will be responsible for organising the community kitchen sessions. The project is rated as amber as the recruitment process has taken longer than planned, however, now that a offer has been made and accepted, it is hoped that the successful candidate can take up post asap and get the project back on track for the next quarter.</p> </div> </div>

<b>LevelUp</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	This is an arts and mental health programme that will work with vulnerable women in delivering workshops to use the arts to enable women to regain confidence and self esteem.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	NHS Central Lancashire
<b>RAG Status</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;">G</div> <div> <p>This project is on track. Group Sessions and 1:1's have been organised and delivered – approximately one third of the planned sessions have been delivered in this quarter, in line with the project plan. There are 6 groups running, with participants from all cultures across Chorley, including Asian, Polish, White and women who have suffered domestic violence, homelessness, mental health problems, isolation, unstable immigration status and abuse.</p> </div> </div>

<b>Smart Response</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	The 'Smart Response' project is an innovative model of working which encompasses police and partner agency intelligence led targeted work. This work will be delivered by young person's specialist drug and alcohol workers (Young Addaction). It will offer capacity to deliver targeted outreach with young people and families on a regular basis in response to local need.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Chorley Council
<b>RAG Status</b> 	<p>The project is on track as staff have been appointed, priority areas have been selected and referral of children and parents is taking place.</p> <p>Over the last quarter, there has been an increase in face to face appointments, which increases the chances of a referral being made. The project has engaged with 93 young people offering advice, information, harm minimisation and pathways to recovery. The work of the project in schools and with the police has generated some very positive and powerful feedback.</p> <p>Over the next quarter, a project worker will continue to attend parents evenings and will also carry out targeted group work. Key parts of the project such as 'Operation Confidence' and 'Stay Safe' will also continue to be delivered.</p>

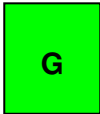
<b>Aspects</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	The Arts Partnership will work with a secondary school, providing up to 30 places for young people who have been excluded or are on limited/restricted timetable. The project will provide opportunities in arts/music as well as a variety of social and interpersonal skills, it will also help with literacy and numeracy and provide accreditation to Silver Arts Award level which is equivalent to GCSE grade A* - C
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Arts Partnership
<b>RAG Status</b> 	<p>The project is on track. 12 young people who have been identified as 'at risk' are currently working on a music project designed to help with achieving GCSE's.</p> <p>Over the next quarter a further music programme will be delivered to a new group of young people and a girls jewellery course will be delivered to young women who are not attending school. These will help attendees to gain arts awards.</p>

### Manage your money better

<b>What is it?</b>	The “Manage Your Money Better” project provides advice and information on money management; budgeting, understanding credit and banking, finding solutions to debt problems (including self-help models), reducing the risk of financial crisis, maximising income/retirement planning through savings, pensions and benefits and housing options. Delivery is community based across Chorley, providing advice and information to individuals and groups. It builds capacity within the statutory and voluntary sectors by providing financial capability training to front line staff.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Chorley and South Ribble CAB
<b>RAG Status</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: green; color: black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;">G</div> <div> <p>The project is on track and over the last quarter several training sessions have been delivered to frontline staff, clients and young parents. In addition, the project leader has continued to support Chorley Partnership’s ‘Fuel Poverty &amp; Old People’ initiative.</p> <p>Feedback from people attending the training has been really positive. For instance, those currently living in supported housing have said that they will feel better able to manage their finances when they move into a tenanted property. Over the next quarter the training sessions will continue to be delivered as demand for the service continues to be high and is making a real difference to how local residents feel about managing their money.</p> </div> </div>

### The Chorley Help Hub

<b>What is it?</b>	To provide flexible, quality, low cost accommodation and office services to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sector in Chorley. To develop a common, shared venue for agencies serving similar client groups, to enable closer working ties and easier access and referrals for clients.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Help the Homeless
<b>RAG Status</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: red; color: black; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-right: 10px;">R</div> <div> <p>The project is currently off track due to ongoing delays with the lease negotiations on the Astley Centre. In addition, it has been discovered that the cost to remove the asbestos will be significantly higher than was originally envisaged. This presents a real problem with the Astley Centre as the new home for the charity.</p> <p>Essentially, until suitable premises are secured, the project is on hold. However, Help the Homeless are continuing to do as much preparatory work as possible. For example, job descriptions have been completed for all the new posts that they plan to appoint to. Extensive work has also been carried out with a team of architects to redesign the Astley Centre’s interior to make it more fit for purpose.</p> <p>Over the next quarter discussions will be taking place, which will be critical in terms of taking the project forward. There will be a range of scenarios that will be explored. In terms of Chorley partnership funding, this will not be released until suitable premises is confirmed.</p> </div> </div>

<b>Street Pastors</b>	
<b>What is it?</b>	The Street Pastors are in partnership with the local Police and Chorley Council, to create peace and stability in the town centre and trouble spots in surrounding areas. The volunteer Pastors engage with people on the streets and in night time venues. They are there to care, listen and offer practical help during weekend evenings. e.g. accompanying people to hospital, ensuring vulnerable people are able to get a taxi home, talking to those in distress etc. This will fund ongoing training for 26 volunteer pastors.
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Ascension Trust
<b>RAG Status</b>  	<p>The project is on track and continues to reap positive results in both Chorley Town Centre and Coppull. The Saturday night trial has proved successful and both Friday and Saturday nights are now in operation. In addition, a new management committee has been established, which is made up of key people from different churches who want to get involved in the project.</p> <p>Feedback from the people that have come into contact with the Street Pastors has been really positive. One young person from Coppull said; 'If I'd have met you guys earlier I don't think I would have been in the mess I'm in'</p> <p>Over the next quarter, the Street Pastors will continue to maintain a presence on the streets of Chorley Town Centre and Coppull. Chorley Street Pastors will also be established as a registered charity. Chorley Council has worked with the project to develop a new range of performance measures, which will be used to monitor the uptake and quality of the service.</p>

## 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	X

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There are no background papers to this report.

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