

Minutes of	Chorley Liaison
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 20 March 2024
Members Present:	Councillor Gordon France (Chair), Councillor Kim Snape (Chorley Rural East Division, Lancashire County Council) (Vice-Chair), Lancashire County Councillors: Julia Berry and Mark Clifford, Chorley Borough Councillors (Chairs of Neighbourhood Area Meetings): Aaron Beaver, Alistair Bradley, Danny Gee and Jenny Whiffen Town and Parish Councillors: Nina Buckley, Ian Horsfield, Alan Cornwell, Caroline Turner, Ken McCrea, Graham Ashworth, Arjun Singh and Terry Dickenson
Officers:	Jennifer Mullin (Director of Communities), Ruth Rimmington (Democratic and Member Services Team Leader), Zoe Whiteside (Head of Spatial Planning) and Emma Price (Planning Policy Officer (Local Plan))
Apologies:	Lancashire County Councillors: Councillor Aidy Riggott Town and Parish Councillors: Katrina Reed, Christine Bailey
Other:	Iain Pilling, United Utilities (UU) Stakeholder Manager for Lancashire, Matt Wilkinson, Better Rivers Lead – Lancashire, and Rob Moore, Head of Wastewater, Lancashire.

28 Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

29 Minutes

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

30 Item requested at the last meeting: United Utilities to update on plans for flood water storage tanks in the Borough

The meeting received a presentation from Iain Pilling, United Utilities (UU) Stakeholder Manager for Lancashire, Matt Wilkinson, Better Rivers Lead – Lancashire, and Rob Moore, Head of Wastewater, Lancashire.

The presentation gave an update on the Better Rivers Programme for Chorley, provided details of the schemes UU would be completing in the next few years and the positive impact they would have on the environment. The presentation could be found

here:

<https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s170597/Chorley%20Liaison%20Committee%20Final.pdf>

Following queries from members it was noted that UU were striving to improve early communication and consultation where possible. Plans were future proofed to take into account the growth in population within Chorley.

Issues in Rivington relating to car parking charges, wooden fences and walls which had been knocked down were discussed. It was acknowledged that greater transparency was needed.

The Chair thanked the representatives from UU for their presentation and attendance at the meeting.

31 Item requested at the last meeting: Central Lancashire Local Plan

The Head of Spatial Planning, Zoe Whiteside gave a presentation on the progress of the Local Plan.

The presentation could be found here:
<https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/documents/s170549/Parish%20Liaison%20PPT%20March%202024.pdf>

Members raised a number of queries and noted that each local authority had a duty to co-operate with neighbouring authorities on potential developments on their borders. The three councils would come to an agreement regarding the housing numbers in due course.

There would be further consultations on the draft Local Plan before it came into force and Zoe set out the timeline for this. It was acknowledged that LCC would project the required number of school places as part of this process and that Chorley officers were inputting into this.

An issue was raised regarding the academisation of schools, but it was advised that the council had no control over this.

The Chair thanked Zoe for her presentation and attendance at the meeting.

32 Questions from Members of the Liaison and the public

There were no questions raised.

33 Items for Future Meetings

An item was suggested relating to anti social behaviour within Chorley and the Parishes.

Chair

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