


De-designation Action Plan

| Area for improvement | Action | Lead Officer | Target Date | Progress | Status |
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| <p>Out of date development plan – lack of sufficient supply of housing land</p> | <p>Progress the emerging Central Lancashire Local Plan to adoption</p> | <p><u>Director Property & Planning</u> <u>Cabinet/Council</u></p> | <p><u>Present to Jan 2025</u> <u>Feb – March 2025</u> <u>June 2025</u> <u>Dec 2025 – June 2026</u> <u>December 2026</u></p> | <p>Chorley Council is working with Preston and South Ribble Councils to produce a Central Lancashire Local Plan (CLLP). Once adopted, this will replace the existing joint Core Strategy and Chorley Local Plan.</p> <p>Despite delays against the original programme, progress continues to be made in developing a new local plan.</p> <p>This has recently included site assessment work.</p> <p>An updated Local Development Scheme has been approved by each of the three councils for agreement in April 2024. This sets a new delivery timeline for the local plan and enable it to be brought back on-track.</p> <p>Prepare Pre-submission version</p> <p>Regulation 19 consultation</p> <p>Submission stage (Regulation 22)</p> <p>Examination in Public</p> <p>Adoption</p> |  |

| INCREASE OFFICER AND MEMBER AWARENESS OF PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS AND PERFORMANCE STATS | | | | | |
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| Identifying trends in Council's decisions on Major applications and rectifying any issues | Ensure that a spreadsheet is maintained which records the Council's quality of decision making on Major applications on a quarterly and 2 yearly basis and reported to Officers and Planning Committee Members, along with recommended actions, on a quarterly basis. | <u>Head of P&E</u> | <u>By September 2024</u> | | |
| Identifying trends in appeal decisions on Major applications and rectifying any issues | Ensure that planning appeal decisions are monitored on a monthly basis by Senior Officers within the Planning Service and any trends are highlighted to Officers and Planning Committee Members, along with recommended actions, on a quarterly basis. | <u>Head of P&E</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> | <u>In hand</u> | |
| Lack of awareness of current performance in decision making against government targets | Quarterly reporting to the Planning Committee, using the DLUHC performance statistics to monitor against national government targets | <u>Head of P&E</u> <u>Planning Cttee</u> | <u>By September 2024</u> | | |
| ENCOURAGING EARLY ENGAGEMENT IN PLANNING MATTERS | | | | | |
| Lack of Member involvement early in a Major proposal's development | Review Council's pre-application service to increase opportunity for Member involvement in Major proposals. | <u>Head of P&E</u> | <u>By end of 2024</u> | | |
| Lack of Member training that specifically focusses on housing need | Provide supplementary Member training in addition to compulsory training | <u>Head of P&E</u> <u>Planning Cttee</u> | <u>By end of 2024</u> | New Planning Committee members joined in May 2024 and have received some training. Training is an ongoing requirement, and PAS session is being arranged. | |
| Lack of Member contact throughout determination of applications | Arrange for a Member briefing session prior to the committee date for Major applications to give an opportunity for Members to ask questions and issues to be noted and relayed to the applicant | <u>Head of P&E</u> | <u>By September 2024</u> | | |

| ONGOING REVIEW OF THE ACTION PLAN | | | | | |
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| Improve performance of Major decision making | <p>Head of Planning and Enforcement to review progress against all actions in the Action Plan on a monthly basis.</p> <p>Formal report setting out progress against the actions in the Action Plan, presented to the Planning Committee on a quarterly basis, alongside continuation of regular performance reviews to Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet.</p> <p>Formal reviews to commence upon approval of the Action Plan.</p> | <p><u>Head of P&E</u></p> <p><u>Planning Cttee</u></p> <p><u>Cabinet (review of Action plan)</u></p> | <p><u>Until Council is de-designated</u></p> | | |
| Seek clarity on the statistical process | Seek confirmation from DLUHC that the prison appeal will not count towards the statistics | <u>Head of P&E</u> | | Confirmation received from Planning Advisory Service in June 2024 that a called-in decision will not count towards the Council's statistics. | |

Status Key

Green – Complete and ongoing

Orange – Partially implemented

Red – Not yet implemented