

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	28 March 2011

UPDATE ON THE CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide an update on the changes being made to the Chorley Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note the report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Following the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy in autumn 2010, the structure of the Chorley Partnership is changing to ensure that it is streamlined and focussed on delivering the partnership's new priorities. The new structure will include a decision making Executive, a wider Network, three Champions and two statutory thematic partnerships.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- To keep Members updated on changes to the Chorley Partnership

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Strong Family Support		Education and Jobs	
Being Healthy		Pride in Quality Homes and Clean Neighbourhoods	
Safe Respectful Communities		Quality Community Services and Spaces	
Vibrant Local Economy		Thriving Town Centre, Local Attractions and Villages	
A Council that is a consistently Top Performing Organisation and Delivers Excellent Value for Money			✓

BACKGROUND

7. The Chorley Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership for Chorley. It brings together the key partner organisations within the borough to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The partnership provides a mechanism for undertaking work and delivering improvements that would not be possible for the Council to deliver alone.
8. Following extensive consultation, with residents, partners and Councillors, a refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy for Chorley was approved by full Council in November 2010. This strategy provides a focus for the member organisations of the partnership. The adoption of a new Sustainable Community Strategy presented the opportunity to restructure the partnership to make it more efficient and focussed on delivering improvements to Chorley.
9. The old structure of the LSP included:
 - Partnership Board; meeting four times a year to monitor progress in delivering the SCS.
 - Executive; the decision making body for the partnership, commissioning projects and receiving updates from the thematic partnerships
 - Thematic Groups; a series of groups based around the priorities of the old SCS.
10. The structure meant that there were over 40 meetings held each year, with the associated costs for each for administration and officer time. As well as focussing the work of the partnership, the new structure will reduce the number of meetings.

CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP: NEW STRUCTURE

11. The revised structure is attached at Appendix A. It comprises:
 - **Chorley Partnership Executive.** The Executive provides leadership and governance, being the accountable body and responsible for delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Executive will be chaired by the Council's Executive Leader, and include the Executive Member for People, Executive Member for Places and the Leader of the Opposition, alongside representatives from partner organisations.
 - **The Chorley Partnership Network.** The Network brings partners together into an information-sharing network, to enable key issues for the borough to be identified and raised at the Executive level. It scrutinises performance of the partnership on an annual basis, though the Annual Conference. Membership will be open to all organisations who commit to support the delivery of the SCS.
 - **Statutory Thematic Partnerships.** Two thematic partnerships will continue to be part of the partnership structure, the Children's Trust and Community Safety Partnership. These are statutorily required and so will continue in their current form. The other thematic partnerships may continue, but will become self supporting.
 - **Champions.** Three champions will represent and provide leadership for the themes of the SCS (You and Your Family, You and Your Community and you and Chorley). These will be senior individuals from one of the partner organisations and co-opted by the Partnership Executive.
12. The new structure will be in place from the beginning of April, with the first Network annual conference taking place on 18 October.
13. To ensure that the voluntary, community and faith sector are properly represented on the partnership, the partnership has commissioned a consortium of VCFS organisations to develop and manage a VCFS forum that is able to organise and support the sector, and to elect two representatives onto the Partnership Executive.

14. The new structure will position the partnership well to effectively deliver the SCS and respond to the challenges of reducing public sector finances. A delivery plan is currently being developed to outline how partners will separately and collectively support the delivery of the SCS over the next financial year. The partnership will continue to identify areas to focus on to deliver improvements in Chorley. One area for focus in 2011/2012 will be on reducing alcohol related harm.

KEEPING ELECTED MEMBERS UPDATED

15. Following the Overview and Scrutiny inquiry into the Chorley Partnership in 2008/2009, a quarterly digest of the activities and meetings of the LSP is provided to all Members through In the Know. In addition, articles are included about projects and other work organised through the LSP, for example the One Stop Health Shop in the town centre.
16. Previously, the minutes of LSP meetings have been published on the website once approved by the relevant group. Thematic groups were encouraged to publish information as soon as possible after their meeting. From April, all the minutes of the Executive and two remaining thematic groups will be published in draft form on the website within 10 working days of the meeting.
17. 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 to this report.

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