

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 th June 2006.

CHORLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ALCOHOL STRATEGY

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To present to Overview and Scrutiny as a Partner of Chorley Community Safety Partnership, the Chorley and South Ribble Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy (attached).

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Part of the Council's 'Places' priority.

RISK ISSUES

- The issue raised and recommendations made in this report involve risk considerations in the following categories:

Strategy	√	Information	
Reputation		Regulatory/Legal	
Financial	√	Operational	√
People		Other	

- Strategy – The Alcohol Strategy stems from a priority within the Community Safety Strategy, under Substance Misuse.

Financial – Actions within the Strategy could have financial implications for the Council, but at the moment there are more immediate implications for the Community Safety Partnership.

Operational – Without action set-out within the Strategy, increases in alcohol misuse will have a negative impact on Council services i.e. more demand on the CCTV and Neighbourhood Warden Service.

BACKGROUND

- Chorley Community Safety Strategy runs from 1st April 2005-31st March 2008. Within the Strategy there are five priorities. These are Safe and Secure Homes, Safe and Secure Streets, Substance Misuse, Target Areas and Partnership Development.

Under the priority Substance Misuse, drugs and alcohol misuse are highlighted as the areas of concern.

The Partnership recognised that there are many services that provide support around drug misuse, but there are not the same support networks or services available for alcohol misuse.

There are also a number of separate issues surrounding agencies working in the alcohol field. These include education, prevention, treatment, crime and disorder and working with the industry. Each of these areas needs to be worked on, to ensure that any work that is successful is long-term and sustainable.

A separate Alcohol Group was set-up to pull together a strategy and look at ways of implementing the strategy.

CURRENT POSITION

6. The Chorley and South Ribble Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy is attached.
7. The document sets out the background to the problem, the issues that need to be faced and the action plan that needs to be implemented by a number of agencies.
8. Chorley and South Ribble PCT will take the lead with regards to the treatment and education sections. Chorley Community Safety Partnership, through the MAPS Team will take the lead with crime and disorder and working with the industry. Funding has been allocated for a secondment to take place where a Police Officer will implement the action plan within the area.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

9. There are no Human Resource implications at this time.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

10. There are no financial implications at this time.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

11. That the committee supports the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy within Chorley and supports its introduction through the work of the MAPS Team..

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12. There are no alternative options proposed.

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Chorley and South Ribble Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2006, attached.

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