

## **DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE**

<b>Review Topic: Neighbourhood Working</b>	<b>Investigation by: Environment &amp; Community Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>
	<b>Type: Inquiry</b>

<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To identify the area Neighbourhoods.</li> <li>2) To what extent do Directorate plan services on a Neighbourhood basis and develop recommendations for future development of localised services.</li> <li>3) To identify the relevant issues relating to neighbourhood working.</li> <li>4) To compare best practices from other districts and elsewhere.</li> <li>5) To identify relevant areas relating to funding, budgets and capacity.</li> <li>6) The ability to deliver.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Desired Outcomes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To generate services and activities appropriate for neighbourhood delivery.</li> <li>2. Recommendations for selection criteria to identify suitable neighbourhoods.</li> <li>3. To explore the potential options in the Government's White Paper to be published in November 2006.</li> <li>4. To deliver recommendations which implement neighbourhood management and engagement strategy.</li> <li>5. To explore the possibility of a priority pilot neighbourhood action plan and service delivery to be manageable.</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Terms of Reference:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conduct an investigation into improvements in neighbourhood working in Chorley.</li> <li>2. To report the inquiry's findings and recommendations initially to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>3. To explore best practice elsewhere from both inside and outside Chorley.</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Key Issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to the Corporate Strategy a project to prepare on neighbourhood management and engagement strategy.</li> <li>2. Work to build on the recommendations of the Area Forums</li> <li>3. Improve customer feedback and services</li> </ol>	<p><b>Risks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising expectations beyond capacity to deliver.</li> <li>2. Differential services for the Council</li> <li>3. Implications on resources</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Venue(s):</b> Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley</p>	<p><b>Timescale:</b></p> <p><b>Start:</b> July 2006</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> end March 2007</p>
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## Information Requirements and Sources:

### Documents/evidence: *(what/why?)*

Resource Mapping Report  
Safer and Greener Charter for Bolton (Great Lever case study)  
Liverpool 8 Neighbourhood Regeneration  
Eldonian Housing Association  
White Paper from Government when published in November 2006.

### Witnesses: *(who, why?)*

Groundwork representatives  
Other Districts, to be confirmed.  
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (Sharon Kemp)  
Police (Chief Inspector Andrew Murphy)  
North British Housing Managers  
Adactus  
Director of Housing Services (Steve Lomas)  
Parish Councils  
Liz Morey  
Churches and Faith Groups

### Consultation/Research: *(what, why, who?)*

Practical examples of successful projects

### Site Visits: *(where, why, when?)*

Visit to meetings of PAiCE, SWITCH Clayton Brook Together  
Possible other Lancashire Districts  
Housing Associations

### Officer Support:

Lead Officer: John Lechmere  
Democratic Services Officer: Gordon Bankes  
Corporate Policy Officer:  
Director of Policy & Performance (Lesley-Ann  
Fenton after 4.9.06)

### Likely Budget Requirements:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>£</u>
Site Visit Cash	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>200.00</u></b>

### Target Body<sup>1</sup> for Findings/Recommendations

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, PCT)