

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

<b>Review Topic: Council's Performance against the key lines of enquiry to be assessed by the Audit Commission during CPA and Direction of Travel.</b>	<b>Investigation by: Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
	<b>Type: Inquiry</b>

<b>Objectives:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To understand the new CPA framework and how the KLOE's will be used to determine the Council's overall category.</li> <li>2. To identify the progress made since the last assessment in 2003.</li> <li>3. To identify where to focus our efforts in preparation for a future inspection in order to maximise achieving excellent status.</li> <li>4. To learn from the experience of other District Councils who received an excellent judgement following CPA.</li> </ol>	<b>Desired Outcomes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To be well prepared and have in place robust evidence of improvement to inform a future CPA inspection.</li> <li>2. To achieve excellent status.</li> </ol>
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<b>Terms of Reference:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conduct an investigation into how the Council is performing against the new CPA framework.</li> <li>2. To look at other District Councils rated excellent (ideally) under the new framework to explore best practice across the key lines of enquiry and their preparation for the inspection.</li> <li>3. To report on the investigation's findings and make recommendations to the Executive Cabinet.</li> </ol>
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<b>Key Issues:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opportunity to learn from other excellent Councils assessed under the new framework will not be possible until the early part of 2007.</li> </ol>	<b>Risks:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Having desired outcomes beyond the capacity to deliver.</li> </ol>
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<b>Venue: Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley</b>	<b>Timescale:</b> <b>Start: October 2006</b> <b>Finish: March 2007</b>
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## Information Requirements and Sources:

### Documents/evidence:

1. CPA Inspection report from 2003.
2. Direction of Travel report 2005 and 2006 (available Dec 2006).
3. CPA – District Council framework from 2006.
4. Key lines of enquiry for Corporate Assessment.
5. Key lines of enquiry for Direction of Travel.
6. District CPA – analysis of service performance information.

### Witnesses:

1. Chorley Borough Council's Relationships Manager (Audit Commission).
2. Officers of Chorley Borough Council.

### Consultation/Research:

Excellent District Council's inspection reports.

### Site Visits:

1. Other Excellent District Councils.

### Officer Support:

Lead Officer:  
Lesley-Ann Fenton (Director of Policy and Performance)

Democratic Services Officer:  
Gordon Banks

Corporate Policy Officer:  
Sarah Dobson

### Likely Budget Requirements:

**Purpose:** Site visit cash      **£200**

**Total**      **£200**

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

Executive Cabinet