

DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic: Neighbourhood Working

Investigation by: Environment & Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Type: Inquiry

Objectives:

- 1) Improving service delivery of the Council and its partners.
- 2) Localising consultation and improving satisfaction in neighbourhoods.
- 3) Acting jointly, with partners, to reduce pockets of deprivation and social exclusion.
- 4) Promoting community development and cohesion.
- 5) Maximising community involvement in neighbourhood management from active citizens including young people, voluntary and private organisations.

Desired Outcomes:

1. To generate services and activities appropriate for neighbourhood delivery.
2. Recommendations for selection criteria to identify suitable neighbourhoods.
3. To explore the potential options in the Government's White Paper to be published in November 2006.
4. To deliver recommendations which implement neighbourhood management and engagement strategy.
5. To explore the possibility of a priority pilot neighbourhood action plan and service delivery to be manageable.

Terms of Reference:

1. To conduct an investigation into improvements in neighbourhood working in Chorley.
2. To report the inquiry's findings and recommendations initially to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. To explore best practice elsewhere from both inside and outside Chorley.

Key Issues:

1. In relation to the Corporate Strategy a project to prepare on neighbourhood management and engagement strategy.
2. Work to build on the recommendations of the Area Forums
3. Improve customer feedback and services

Risks:

1. Raising expectations beyond capacity to deliver.
2. Differential services for the Council
3. Implications on resources

Venue(s): Committee Room, Town Hall, Chorley

Timescale:

Start: July 2006

Finish: End March 2007

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)

Likely Budget Requirements:

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

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, PCT)