

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Policy and Performance (Introduced by the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	9 November 2006

COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT DIRECTION OF TRAVEL SELF ASSESSMENT 2006

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To present members of the Executive Cabinet with the Direction of Travel Self Assessment for 2006. This document will inform the work of the Audit Commission in producing a Direction of Travel Assessment of the Council in March 2007.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organisation

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	

- The Direction of Travel assessment is the key external assessment of the Council and as such will have a serious impact upon the reputation of the authority. The assessment will act as a key piece of evidence when the Council applies for reassessment under the revised CPA Framework for District Council's. As such a critical document it is important that the Direction of Travel Self Assessment, which will inform and drive the Audit Commission's on site activity, clearly reflects the Council's achievements and ensures that we are recognised for all that we have delivered over the last twelve months and where our key areas of focus will be going forward.

BACKGROUND

- The Audit Commission produces an assessment annually of the Council's progress in delivering key outcomes and the improvements we have made as an organisation. The assessment made by the Audit Commission is informed by a self-assessment showcasing our achievements in the period September 2005 to September 2006 and on site interviews to be undertaken in November 2006.

KEY MESSAGES

6. Clearly there are a great number of positive messages in the self-assessment; the Council continues to take great strides forward in delivering improving outcomes for its customers and communities.
7. The Council is increasingly being recognised as a model of excellence and innovation, and we continue to develop our Community Leadership role. We have received recognition from a number of external agencies and bodies and continue to deliver significant service improvements. All of these positive messages, and many more are detailed in the attached report and will help to ensure that the Audit Commission recognises the good progress we have made.
8. The attached report is also available in a CD ROM format which enables you to link directly to sources of evidence and information to support our self-assessment, to obtain a copy of the CD please contact Sarah Dobson in Policy and Performance on 01257 515325.

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

8. None

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

9. None

RECOMMENDATION(S)

10. That the report is noted.

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DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

There are no background papers to this report.

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