

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

MAXIMISING THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

1. The Executive Cabinet received and considered a report of the Chief Executive which gave a general overview of the provisions contained in the new Local Government White Paper and its implications for Chorley.
2. A copy of the Chief Executive's report is attached for consideration by Councillors at the Council meeting.
3. The report highlights, in particular, the Government's encouragement of two-tier Authorities to explore ways of improving the two-tier system for the benefit of local communities and services, including the submission of a limited number of two-tier pathfinder bids.
4. We accepted the recommendation to pursue a pathfinder bid with the Lancashire County Council and other Lancashire Districts, in line with the Council's new Corporate Strategy project to maximise the opportunities of the Local Government White Paper, and recommend the Council accordingly.

Recommendations

5. The Council is recommended:
 - (1) to enter into a discussion with Lancashire County Council and other Lancashire Authorities with a view to preparing an Improving Two-Tier Pathfinder bid for submission by 25 January 2007;
 - (2) to agree this Council's Director of Policy and Performance chairing of a meeting of officers across Lancashire to prepare the bid;
 - (3) to submit a bid to the North West Improvement Network's Communities of Interest programme for resources to support the development of the bid;
 - (4) to request the Leader of the Council to regularly update the Executive Cabinet and Members of the Council on the progress of the bid and the potential implications for Chorley Borough Council.

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There are no background papers to this report.