

EXECUTIVE CABINET

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2014

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - CCTV Provision and Infrastructure Review

2. Councillor John Walker, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group.
3. Under the requirement to undertake scrutiny of crime and disorder matters, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered a report on the current Chorley CCTV service, existing infrastructure and information about CCTV systems in other authorities where systems has been reduced or decommissioned.
4. In undertaking the review of provision, the Task Group has engaged with both partners and customers to ensure that all perspectives have been considered and to ensure the scrutiny is balanced. The system is perceived as being highly valued by the community and an effective tool used in the prevention of crime and disorder.
5. We received the report and accepted it for consideration, with a view to the response to the recommendations being reported to a future meeting.

Health and Wellbeing - Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on Health Impact Assessments

6. I presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
7. We received a report in February 2014 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to a task group inquiry into whether the Council's health impact assessment toolkit is fit for purpose.
8. The work of the task group had been based around the application of the Council's health impact assessment to the draft Play and Open Spaces Strategy. The task group had made seven recommendations.
9. A review of the toolkit has since been undertaken and the assessment criteria, in relation to health and wellbeing, has been amended to reflect the priorities of both the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board and the local Health and Wellbeing Partnership.
10. The assessment is now made against the criteria: Starting Well, Living Well and Aging Well. This considers the impact of the policy/service against these criteria and provides a whole life approach to public health priorities.

11. We recognise that many areas of the Councils business are partnership based. Where new policies or services are being considered the impact assessment should include some reference to this and ensure that partner actions or input are properly considered as part of the assessment. A programme of Member and Officer training and update sessions will be provided.
12. We accepted the recommendations made and endorsed the actions taken by officers.

Central Lancashire Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

13. I presented the report of the report of the Chief Executive.
14. The Central Lancashire authorities have produced a Biodiversity and Nature Conservation SPD. I explained the purposes and objectives of the SPD and set out the broad timetable for consultation and adoption.
15. The National Planning Policy Framework and the local planning policies refer to the concept of ecological networks (links between sites of biodiversity importance). Lancashire County Council have produced ecological network mapping for Lancashire to cover woodland and scrub, grassland, and wetland and heath habitats.
16. The SPD provides information on how to consider planning applications have an impact on ecological networks in the Central Lancashire context.
17. We endorsed the draft Biodiversity and Nature Conservation SPD and approved it for consultation for a six week period between September and October.

Chorley Council Performance Monitoring - First Quarter 2014/15

18. The Executive Member (Resources), Councillor Peter Wilson, presented the report of the Chief Executive.
19. This report sets out performance against the Corporate Strategy, and key performance indicators for 1 April to 30 June 2014. Performance is assessed based on the delivery of key projects, against the measures in the 2013/14 – 2016/17 Corporate Strategy and key service delivery measures.
20. Overall performance of key projects is excellent, with all of the projects either complete, on track or scheduled to start later in the year. Overall performance on the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures is good. 63% of the Corporate Strategy indicators and 70% of the key service measures are performing above target or within the 5% tolerance.
21. The Corporate Strategy measures performing below target are; the percentage of domestic violence detections, the number of long term empty properties in the borough, and the percentage of customers dissatisfied with the way they

have been treated by the Council. Action plans have been developed to outline what action will be taken to improve performance.

22. The key service delivery measures performing below target are the time taken to process all new claims and change events for Housing and Council Tax benefit, the percentage of major planning applications determined within 13 weeks and minor applications within 8 weeks. Action plans are included within the report that outlines what actions are being taken to improve performance.
23. We noted that the number of long term empty properties will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis and if there is a further increase action will be taken to advise owners how they can market their property for sale and or obtain loans from financial institutions, including Credit Unions.
24. We noted the report.

External Communications and Media Protocol

25. The Executive Member (Resources), Councillor Peter Wilson, presented the report of the Chief Executive.
26. The external communications and media protocol sets out the Council's approach to undertaking external communications, in the written press and broadcast media as well as online.
27. The protocol will be used to guide the Council in approaching external communications and to set out who is involved at different stages and in different circumstances.
28. We approved the external communications and media protocol.

Play, Open Spaces and Playing Pitch Strategy

29. The Executive Member (Community Services), Councillor Bev Murray presented the report of Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
30. The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy provides a five year action plan to protect, manage, enhance and secure sites and identify deficiencies and future priorities.
31. Consultation has taken place with a wide range of stakeholders from 11 November 2013 until 14 February 2014. A total of 45 responses have been received from a range of stakeholders including the Football Association, Chorley Allotments Society, Sports Clubs, schools as well as local ward and parish Councillors and residents.
32. Following approval of the proposed actions in response to the consultation the strategy will be revised and formally adopted. The strategy will be implemented from 2014-19 and therefore the year one – five actions will be re-phased (year

one to commence starting 2014-15). The action plan is subject to funding being available and further consultation / planning permission (as required) and this will influence timescales and delivery of the action plan. Therefore, some actions may need to be revised and reprogrammed accordingly.

33. The strategy provides a framework to inform future investment and development of open space across Chorley. However, there will be a need for business cases for individual schemes not currently identified within the strategy; the Council will retain the flexibility to consider such schemes on a case by case basis.
34. Following the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group report, considered earlier on the agenda, an updated IIA has been produced. As well as applying the IAA to the overall strategy it also needs to be applied at a more detailed level e.g. individual play and open space schemes. This will ensure that all of the actions have a clear focus on maximising health and well-being outcomes.
35. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked several questions of the Executive Member for Community Services relating to the allocation of funding, prioritisation of the Osborne Drive play area and the planned future provision of only two new play areas but six new football pitches. He also raised the completion of Integrated Impact Assessments, future allotment provision and partnership working with Cuerden Valley.
36. We approved the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy and the list of actions in response to the consultation.

Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on Select Move

37. The Executive Member (Customer and Advice Services), Councillor Graham Dunn presented the report of the Director of Customer and Advice Services.
38. The Overview and Scrutiny Task Group for Select Move has looked at the scheme and investigated and evidenced if the scheme is meeting customer needs and expectations.
39. This has included exploring the processes around application and allocations, and also the standard of the homes allocated. A variety of methods have been used and stakeholders, partners and also customers were consulted.
40. Overall, the Task Group found that the scheme is fit-for-purpose and that the evidence collected demonstrates that the scheme is meeting the needs of the customers.
41. There are some areas for improvements identified and the Task Group has proposed 15 recommendations, which it is felt will improve the present policies and procedures to better serve the residents of Chorley.

42. Councillor Dunn requested Members raise any select move issues with either himself, the Director of Customer and Advice Services or the Head of Housing.
43. The Council will influence Registered Providers to implement the recommendations made relating to their services.
44. We endorsed the response included within the report.

Ranglett's Recreation Ground Phase One Procurement

45. The Executive Member (Resources), Councillor Peter Wilson presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
46. We granted delegated authority to the Executive Member for Resources to approve the decision to appoint a contractor.

Ranglett's Recreation Ground Phase Two Procurement

47. The Executive Member (Resources), Councillor Peter Wilson presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
48. We granted approval to the proposed procurement approach with an open single stage process using the North West Chest, the evaluation criteria set out and a public vote to allow the appointment of a design and build contractor to deliver Rangletts' Recreation Ground (Phase 2).

Update on Lease for Duxbury Park Golf Course

49. The Executive Member (Community Services), Councillor Bev Murray presented the report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community.
50. We approved the recommendations within the report.

Recommendation

51. That the report be noted.

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