

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic:

Neighbourhood Working in Chorley

Objectives:

The development of a neighbourhood working footprint that will encourage sustainable engagement with neighbourhoods across Chorley

Desired Outcomes:

1. To encourage residents to have the confidence to engage with and deliver projects in their neighbourhoods.
2. To create a sense of pride for residents across Chorley
3. To strengthen existing partnerships and to establish new ones.
4. To implement Neighbourhood Action Plans across the borough
5. To develop the role of the Ward Councillor in neighbourhood working

Terms of Reference:

1. To understand the current arrangements for Neighbourhood Working in Chorley
2. To consult with existing stakeholders including Parish Councils, County Councillors and representatives from Housing Associations to understand the strength of engagement.
3. To converse with established community groups on the delivery of successful projects in their neighbourhoods and how to get residents involved.
4. To understand how the Council's Civic Pride campaign and programme of campaigns links into Neighbourhood Working.
5. To investigate areas of best practice amongst our neighbouring authorities to ascertain if there is anything that we can do better.

Equality and diversity implications:

None

Risks:

That the review extends beyond its remit.

Venue(s): Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley

Timescale: 4 months

Start: 18 September 2014

Finish: 18 December 2014

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

- Report of Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhoods on current Neighbourhood Working arrangements.
- Draft Neighbourhood Action Plans
- Evidence of projects delivered by other organisations

Witnesses: (who, why?)

- Communications Manager (Chorley Council) and Head of Policy (Public Service Reform)Chorley Council)), how Civic Pride campaigns link in to Neighbourhood Working.
- Community Involvement Co-ordinatorr (South Ribble Council) to investigate areas of best practice
- Community Groups to converse with on the delivery of projects in their communities and learn from their successes.

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Consultation with current stakeholders including Parish Councils, Lancashire County Councillors and Housing Associations to understand level of engagement.

Officer Support:

Lead Officer: Simon Clark – Head of Health, Environment and Neighbourhood

Democratic & Member Services Officer: Dianne Scambler

Likely Budget Requirements:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>£</u>
Total	_____

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations

Executive Cabinet on 22 January 2015

¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing