

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Public Protection Streetscene and Community (Introduced by the Executive Member for Community Services)	Executive Cabinet	26 March 2015

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Members on the delivery of the 24 neighbourhood priorities in 2014/15 and seek approval for the new 24 neighbourhood priorities to be delivered in 2015/16.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Members are asked to approve the 24 priorities and actions identified through the recent round of Neighbourhood Area meetings and for delivery in 2015/16 as listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
3. Delegated responsibility be granted to the Executive Member for Community Services to approve details costs for each priority as they emerge
4. Members are asked to note the successful delivery of neighbourhood priorities in 2014/15 as listed in Appendix 2 to this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

5. The recent round of Neighbourhood Area meetings in January and February 2015 has determined a total of 24 priorities across the eight neighbourhood areas.
6. The table attached as Appendix 1 to this report summarises the priorities and provides an indication of actions, resource and lead service area required for each priority.
7. It is recognised that there is a diverse range priorities and that some will require further consultation to fully understand and determine community needs.
8. Funding for the delivery of the priorities will be through existing budgets, business as usual resources, leveraging in partner resources and approaching Parish Councils to release a proportion of their precept.
9. The priorities cover a range of issues, however some priorities do have similarities across neighbourhoods and some also fall within programmes of work planned for 2015/16. Where this is the case the particular programmes of work will take into account the respective priorities and seek to deliver them in those terms.
10. Appendix 2 to this report outlines the neighbourhood priorities delivered in 2013/14.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

11. To progress the priorities determined by the neighbourhood area representatives for the benefit of the communities within their respective neighbourhood areas during 2014/15.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

13. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	√	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	√

BACKGROUND

14. Neighbourhood Areas were invited to submit three key priorities or actions for their areas during the round of neighbourhood area meetings in January/February 2015.
15. The 24 neighbourhood area priorities have been collated into a table and are attached as Appendix 1 to this report together with an indication of what actions might be required to deliver each priority, which service areas, partners and agencies might be involved in that delivery and an indicative cost. The table also indicates the service area best placed to lead on each priority.
16. Where indicative costs can be identified, this has been done and Members will appreciate that detailed costs will in some cases only become available as the full scope of the neighbourhood priority is determined.
17. Therefore a delegation to the Executive Member for Community is sought to approve the costs of individual priorities as they emerge and provided they are contained within the existing budget provision

18. Members will note that there is a range of priorities submitted by the neighbourhood areas from discrete work packages involving the installation of infrastructure to more developmental priorities involving engagement and support for communities. In addition some of the priorities identified are an extension of neighbourhood priority work begun in previous years.
19. It is believed that all the priorities are deliverable to a greater or lesser extent during 2015/16, although some will require a level of local consultation to establish exactly what the communities needs are. This may delay the ultimate delivery or even change the focus of the priority but it is anticipated that the priorities will be delivered in a phased approach during 2015/16 to ensure the best use of officer time and partner resources.
20. Participation at the neighbourhood meetings has continued to ensure engagement with parish councils, county council members and registered social landlords as well as Ward Councillors. The table below provides a summary of levels of attendance at each of the neighbourhood area meetings in Jan/Feb 2015.

<u>Neighbourhood Area</u>	<u>Ward Members</u>	<u>Parish Councils</u>	<u>County Councillors</u>	<u>Others</u>
Chorley Town East	7 of 9	n/a	2 of 2	CCH
Chorley Town West	4 of 6	n/a	2 of 2	CCH
Southern Parishes	3 of 5	2 of 3	1 of 1	CCH
Eastern Parishes	3 of 4	4 of 6	1 of 2	None
Western Parishes	2 of 5	3 of 5	0 of 1	CCH
Southeast Parishes	3 of 4	2 of 4	1 of 1	None
Clayton and Whittle	6 of 8	1 of 3	0 of 2	Places for People
Euxton Astley and Buckshaw	4 of 6	2 of 2	0 of 2	Places for People
Totals	32 of 47	14 of 23	7 of 13	

21. Officers will continue to work to encourage the widest engagement from these groups to ensure full representation.

DELIVERY OF 2015/16 PRIORITIES

22. Each neighbourhood area meeting has a nominated chairperson for the meetings and each priority has a lead service assigned to it. For a number of priorities the lead service will need to liaise closely with the chairperson of the neighbourhood area in order to properly scope the priority.
23. Each priority will be managed through the Councils internal project management process with a set of objectives and tasks against which the successful delivery of the priority can be measured.
24. There is currently a base budget of £50K in the Neighbourhoods budget to contribute to delivery. In addition a further £50K of neighbourhood funding is available from previous underspend as well as an expectation that funding levered from partners and Parish Councils will contribute to the delivery of some of the priorities as well as existing 'business and usual' resource.
25. Members will note that there are similarities and themes emerging across neighbourhood areas with respect to the 24 priorities as follows:

- 26. Alleygate Provision – three schemes are proposed across 3 neighbourhood areas.
- 27. Planting and Green Space Enhancements – there are 7 priorities identified across 5 neighbourhood areas which involve enhancement of green space.
- 28. Footpaths and walks – figures in 4 priorities across 2 neighbourhood areas.

2014/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

- 29. Appendix 2 to this report tabulates the 24 neighbourhood priorities determined by the neighbourhood area meetings in January 2014 and agreed by the Executive Cabinet in March 2014.
- 30. Delivery of these priorities commenced in April 2014 with a lead officer nominated to take the priority forward.
- 31. Of the original twenty four priorities twenty two have been delivered to the satisfaction of the neighbourhood area meetings held in January/February 2015 or are planned for completion by the 31 March 2015.
- 32. During the January/February round of neighbourhood meetings, each group was asked to identify whether they were satisfied their priorities had been completed to their satisfaction. In all but two of the twenty four priorities this was agreed with some priorities subject to minor additional work or full completion to be undertaken by 31 March 2015.
- 33. One priority relating to identify and secure additional off street parking in the Croston area was unable to be progressed due to a lack of suitable sites. However the Western Parishes group were content that a satisfactory outcome would be to secure the County Council existing provision and seek the landowner’s cooperation to improve it.
- 34. A further priority relating to improvements around the Eaves Green centre and car park site has reached the completion of a scheme design stage and been costed. The Chorley Town West neighbourhood group agreed that this should only be pursued to completion subject to landowner agreement for the work to be carried out.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

- 35. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors’ comments are included:

Finance	√	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	√	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

- 36. The costs will be contained within budget allocations.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

- 37. There are no comments.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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