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Councillor Steve Holgate
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Dear Steve

3 Tier Liaison Review

Following the 12 month pilot arrangement with LCC to replace the existing Lancashire County Council 3 Tier Forum and Chorley Boriough/Parish Council Liaison Meeting, please find below the results of the review for your consideration.

1. How well has the pilot achieved its key functions?

The first key function of the meeting is to allow elected representatives to have an overview of the strategic functions. Chorley Council have used the Liaison to consult on the budget proposals 2015/15. The Council has given presentations on key services, such as Spice Time Credits and Meals on Wheels.

The second key function is to enable Parish and Town Councils to engage on issues of strategic importance which impact the community. The Council has responded to numerous queries, including local funding options, explanations regarding planning policy, information about Unify Credit Union etc. Members of the Liaison had raised issues with Lancashire County Council in relation to works to be undertaken to railway bridges and the impact of road closures, parking enforcement in rural areas and the diversion of bus routes.

The third key function is to provide a forum for significant issues facing all three tiers of local government to be raised and debated in advance of decisions being made. The item presented by County Councillor John Fillis, in relation to the Transport Asset Management Plan, was a good example of this. The discussion with him relating to the adoptions of estates, services provided by Network Rail and relating to the roadworks on Market Street during the run up to Christmas was also useful.

The Council has supported the Liaison with officers to present agenda items, responded to queries raised at meetings, use of a room and administrative support. The meeting is usually well attended and with between 3 and 5 County Councillors attending, between 8 and 9 Borough Councillors attending and 11 and 16 Parish Councillors attending.



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2. Would you like to see the pilot continue?


The Council would like to see the meeting continue. The Council previously met with the Town and Parish Councils through the Borough Parish Liaison, but there are benefits to having all three tiers of Local Government meeting together.

3. How could the meeting be improved?

The Council would like to see the Liaison do more. The Council is proactive in its approach to suggesting items for the agenda and would like to see additional items from other members of the Liaison, for example, commissioning plans. And for these to be presented by the relevant officer or Councillor. Chorley Council would like to see LCC being more proactive in bringing forward agenda items and supporting these with officers.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. W. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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