

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive	Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015

## PERFORMANCE FOCUS: 1. TIME CREDITS; 2. DELIVERY OF THE PLAY, OPEN SPACE AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide contextual information and propose initial questions to initiate discussions regarding performance of the Time Credits Project and also the progress of the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the context and questions be discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny performance panel, with a view to understanding performance.

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	<b>No</b>
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### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 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

- In its terms of reference, the overview and scrutiny performance panel agreed that at each meeting, as well as considering performance reports, the panel have the opportunity to focus in on any specific area of service delivery. For the June meeting the panel identified two topics as areas for further scrutiny; Time Credits and the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy.
- This report provides contextual information relating to both areas in turn and suggests some initial questions to initiate discussions. This will enable the panel and relevant officers and Members to prepare in advance of the meeting.

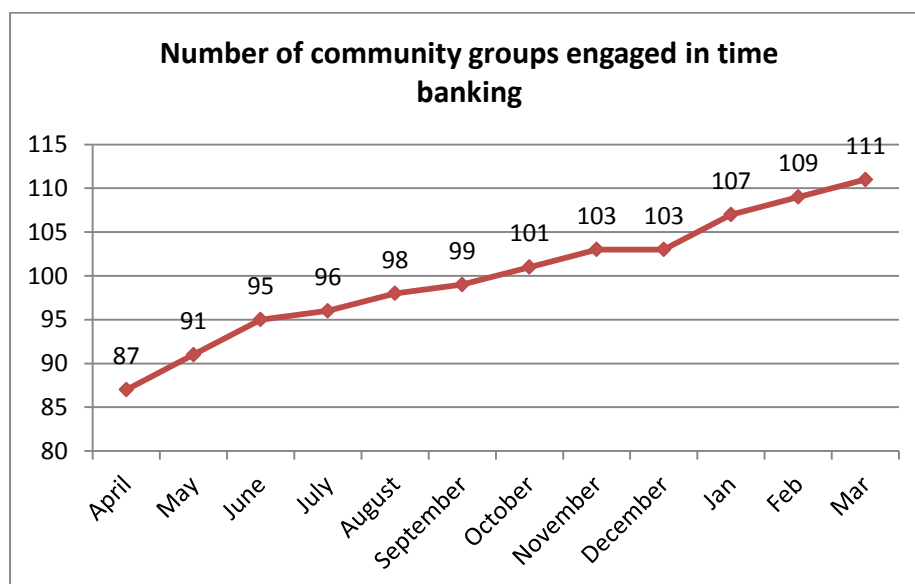
## PERFORMANCE CONTEXT – TIME CREDITS

### Background

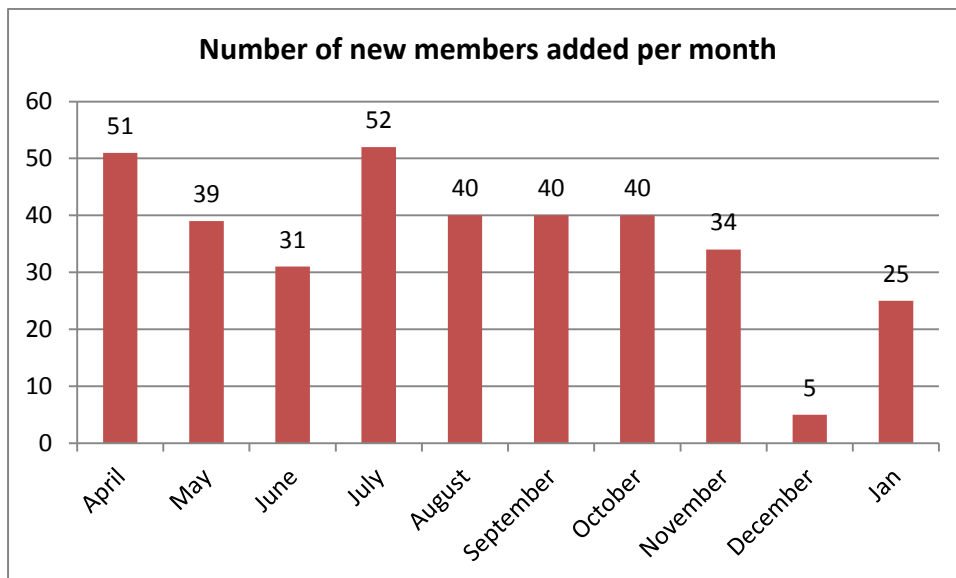
6. Time Credits is a 3 year programme funded by the Council as a positive and proactive means of encouraging and growing volunteering effort which aims to benefit communities by:
  - Recognising and encouraging volunteer effort;
  - Providing community groups and volunteers with opportunities to network with each other; and
  - Enabling otherwise reluctant volunteers to take up new interests; have new experiences and learn new skills.
7. The overall programme should support strengthening links between existing volunteer groups in Chorley as well as encouraging and providing opportunities for new groups to get established. This increased capacity in neighbourhoods will ensure that communities are vibrant and self-supporting, and that individuals experience positive benefits to health and wellbeing through improved social and civic connection.
8. The project is now in its second year and it is therefore a good point to review year 1 performance and reflect on the outcomes achieved to date.

### Performance

9. Performance for the number of community groups engaged in time banking has been consistently good, exceeding the target of 90 groups by almost 20% in 2014/15.



10. The number of new members added to Time Credits in 2014/15 was 357, with the most members recruited in April and July and the least towards the end of the year over the winter period. The total number of time credits members is now 1111.



11. The time credits programme has had a variety of beneficial outcomes for Chorley residents, particularly when compared to the national scheme:

- The amount of time people regularly give through Time Credits programmes in Chorley is notably higher than the national average. Nationally, around two thirds of volunteers (66%) give their time at least once a month. 72% of Chorley Time Credits volunteers give their time at least once a week, compared to 62% across Spice as a whole.
- Time Credits lead to sustainable improvements in quality of life. 57% of Chorley members reported that Time Credits have helped to improve their quality of life within the first year.
- Time Credits have opened up many opportunities for people to get involved in new activities. 38% of respondents from Chorley reported that they now regularly do things they didn't do before. 95 members also reported that they have been incentivised through Time Credits to start a new community group.
- Time Credits help people to adopt healthier lifestyles and to improve physical and mental well-being. In Chorley, a total of 48% of respondents reported feeling healthier as a result.
- Time Credits generate early benefits in organisations. 75% of organisations from report already seeing clear benefits as a result of Time Credits. These benefits include broadening the range of service options that organisations can offer and delivering higher quality services without additional cost.

#### QUESTIONS:

12. To support those involved at the meeting to prepare, and to aid discussion, some initial questions to be addressed are set out below:

- What are the key objectives for year 2 of the Time Credits programme and how do they build on work delivered in year 1?

- How have the Time Credits spend opportunities been improved and how do the activities selected contribute to the overall Time Credits model?
- The Time Credits programme has generated positive outcomes for users although growth in new members has slowed in year 2 compared to year 1 – how can more groups be involved and what have been the barriers to engagement?
- Are there any plans to improve or enhance the Time Credits model, for example, using new technology or providing a mobile platform?

## **PERFORMANCE CONTEXT – PLAY, OPEN SPACES AND PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY**

### Background

13. The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy 2013-2018 was approved and formally adopted by Executive Cabinet in September 2014. The strategy provides a 5 year action plan to protect, manage, enhance and secure sites and identifies deficiencies and future priorities.
14. The first year of delivery is now complete and it is appropriate to review the progress of actions within the strategy including outcomes to date.

### Funding

15. The Council has committed to a programme of investment in parks, playing pitches and open spaces to sustain quality spaces and outdoor facilities for everyone to enjoy. Five of the actions: Astley Park within Year 1; Coronation Recreation Ground and Tatton Recreation Ground within Year 2 and; King George V Play Area and Harpers Lane Recreation Ground within Year 3 of the strategy will be funded through the 3 year recurring £100,000 budget allocated as part of the 2013/14 budget setting process along with some Section 106 monies.
16. A further £50,000 will support the delivery of currently unfunded year one actions (2014-15) as outlined in the strategy action plan and approximately £500,000 S106 has been identified to support the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy over the next 5 years.

### Performance

17. Since Oct 2014 the following actions have started:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Original proposed completion date</b>	<b>Revised completion date</b>	<b>Update</b>
Rangletts Recreation Ground - redevelopment of site to include new play / allotments and access improvements (S106)	2014-15	2015-16	Work started due for completion Sep-15

Astley Park - development of destination play area opposite Pets Corner	2014-15	2015-16	Work completed May-15
Eaves Green - improvements to landscaping, recreation and play provision (S106)	2014-15	2015-16	Work started due for completion Aug-15
Carr Brook - improvements to habitat, recreation and play provision (S106)	2014-15	2015-16	Work started due for completion Sep-15
Jubilee Recreation Ground - improvements to play facilities (S106)	2014-15	2014-15	Work completed Apr-15
Dahlia Close	NA	2014-15	Site improved / equipment painted and rescored as high quality / high value.
Broom Close	NA	2014-15	Site to be improved by painting equipment.
Railway Road - Opposite 26-30 - review site – decommission / improve	2013-14	2014-15	Site to be decommissioned
Coronation Recreation Ground - Improvements to footpaths	2013-14	2014-15	Work complete
Stansted Road play area	NA	2014-15	New play area installed. Complete by Apr-15
Amber Drive off Topaz Way	NA	2015-16	Site to be adopted with improvements funded through S106 following adoption.
Astley Park / Gillibrand - Create one new junior pitches on Astley Park.	2013-14	2014-15	Work complete
All senior football pitches - Protect current playing pitch stock	2013-14	2014-15	Complete
Gillibrand - Create two new senior pitches	2013-14	2015-16	Awaiting adoption of site
Jubilee Recreation Ground	2013-14	2014-15	New 5 v 5 mini pitch created
All football club sites - CBC to work with and support clubs in the management and improvement of facilities and to work towards achieving FA Charter Standard accreditation. To include planning / application stages; development of lease arrangements (where appropriate) and advice regarding funding.	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing

Cricket and bowling club sites - continue to support the development group to improve sites / facilities	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
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**QUESTIONS:**

18. To support those involved at the meeting to prepare, and to aid discussion, some initial questions to be addressed are set out below:

- The development of the Astley Park destination play area is now complete.
  - What were the key challenges in delivering this project and what lessons can be learned to influence future similar projects?
  - How will the success of the new play area be monitored including benefits for local residents and number of new visitors?
  
- For a number of tasks, the timescales for delivery have been revised compared to the date originally identified in the strategy. What has been the main reason for this and can any action be taken to mitigate the same issues in future?
  
- How is the delivery of the Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch strategy being measured and what are the key performance indicators?
  
- There continues to be a high demand for allotments – what work has been undertaken to date to provide additional allotment plots?

**IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

19. 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**

20. No comments

**COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

21. No comments

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There are no background papers to this report.

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