

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Public Protection Streetscene and Community (Introduced by the Executive Member for Community)	Executive Cabinet	17 March 2016

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PREFERRED PROJECTS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Members on the delivery of the 24 neighbourhood preferred projects in 2015/16 and seek approval for the new 24 neighbourhood preferred projects to be delivered in 2016/17.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Members are asked to approve the 24 preferred projects and actions identified through the recent round of Neighbourhood Area meetings and for delivery in 2016/17 as listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
3. Delegated responsibility be granted to the Executive Member Community to approve details and costs for each priority as they emerge but within the overall budget allocation for neighbourhood preferred projects.
4. Members are asked to note the successful delivery of neighbourhood preferred projects in 2015/16 as listed in Appendix 2 to this report.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

5. The recent round of Neighbourhood Area meetings in January and February 2016 has determined a total of 24 preferred projects across the eight neighbourhood areas.
6. The table attached as Appendix 1 to this report summarises the preferred projects put forward and agreed by the Neighbourhood Group meetings
7. It is recognised that there is a diverse range preferred projects and that some will require further consultation to fully understand and determine community needs.
8. Funding for the delivery of the preferred projects 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 preferred projects cover a range of issues, however some preferred projects do have similarities across neighbourhoods and some also fall within programmes of work planned for 2016/17. Where this is the case the particular programmes of work will take into account the respective preferred projects and seek to deliver them in those terms.
10. Appendix 2 to this report outlines the neighbourhood preferred projects delivered in 2015/16.

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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<b>Key Decision?</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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<b>Reason</b> 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	<b>4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards</b>

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

### (If the recommendations are accepted)

11. To progress the preferred projects determined by the neighbourhood area representatives for the benefit of the communities within their respective neighbourhood areas during 2016/17.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12. None

## CORPORATE PREFERRED PROJECTS

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 preferred projects or actions for their areas during the round of neighbourhood area meetings in January/February 2016.
15. The 24 neighbourhood area preferred projects 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.
16. Members will appreciate that detailed costs will only become available as the full scope of the neighbourhood preferred project is determined.
17. Therefore a delegation to the Executive Member for Community is sought to approve the costs of individual preferred projects as they emerge and provided they are contained within the existing budget provision.

18. Members will note that there is a range of preferred projects submitted by the neighbourhood areas from discrete work packages involving the installation of infrastructure to more developmental preferred projects involving engagement and support for communities. In addition some of the preferred projects identified are an extension of neighbourhood priority work begun in previous years.
19. It is believed that all the preferred projects are deliverable to a greater or lesser extent during 2016/17, 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 preferred projects will be delivered in a phased approach during 2016/17 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 2016.

<u>Neighbourhood Area</u>	<u>Ward Members</u>	<u>Parish Councils</u>	<u>County Councillors</u>	<u>Others</u>
Chorley Town East	9 of 9	n/a	2 of 2	none
Chorley Town West	6 of 6	n/a	2 of 2	none
Southern Parishes	4 of 5	1 of 4	1 of 1	1
Eastern Parishes	1 of 4	3 of 6	1 of 2	none
Western Parishes	3 of 5	4 of 5	0 of 1	1
Southeast Parishes	4 of 4	2 of 4	1 of 1	1
Clayton and Whittle	7 of 8	1 of 2	0 of 2	none
Euxton Astley and Buckshaw	5 of 6	2 of 2	0 of 2	none
Totals	39 of 47	13 of 23	7 of 13	3

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

#### **DELIVERY OF 2016/17 PREFERRED PROJECTS**

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 preferred projects 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. . As part of the 2016/17 investment packages, £50k has been requested to fund the neighbourhood projects in the coming financial year. In addition there is as an expectation that funding levered from partners and Parish Councils will contribute to the delivery of some of the preferred projects as well as existing 'business and usual' resource.

## 2015/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PREFERRED PROJECTS

25. Appendix 2 to this report tabulates the 24 neighbourhood preferred projects determined by the neighbourhood area meetings in January 2015 and agreed by the Executive Cabinet in March 2015.
26. Delivery of these preferred projects commenced in April 2015 with a lead officer nominated to take each project forward.
27. During the January/February 2016 round of neighbourhood meetings, each neighbourhood group was asked to identify whether they were satisfied their preferred projects had been completed or progressing to their satisfaction. In some cases officers have had to report that the delivery of the project is likely to be unsuccessful.
28. One project relating to the development of a community space at Balshaw Lane ponds and within the Euxton Astley and Buckshaw neighbourhood group has not been commenced due to concerns regarding its viability and potential safe use.
29. A project relating to road safety in Western Parishes has been unable to progress due to lack of resource from partner agencies (LCC)
30. A further project determined by the Chorley Town East group seeking to establish and support a community group for Rangleetts Recreation Ground has not been commenced but has been integrated into the business as usual work plan the Community Team to deliver.
31. Finally a project to support the development of a Multi-Use Games Area in Southern Parishes was halted by the local parish council as they were unable to commit resource to its delivery given other competing priorities.
32. Overall 20 of the original 24 projects will be completed or near completion this financial year
33. The total budget is made up of £50k new investment for 2015/16 and £53k carried forward as slippage from 2014/15. The majority of funds for Neighbourhood Projects are now committed with £56k outlined in Appendix 2, £29k spent on 2014/15's unfinished projects and £14k spent on Neighbourhood Clean ups and smaller projects.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

34. 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

35. A £50k budget for the delivery of neighbourhood projects is included as part of the Council's 2016/17 investment packages and was approved in Special Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

## COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

36. No Comment

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There are no background papers to this report.

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