

CHORLEY PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM EXECUTIVE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPERTY STRATEGY CONSULTATION PROPOSALS

PURPOSE

This paper provides an update on the Lancashire County Council (LCC) Property Strategy consultation proposals published on Friday 6th of May, summarising the changes and potential impact for Chorley specifically.

Members of the Executive are asked to:

- Consider the impact of proposed changes for Chorley residents
- Consider the system-wide impact of the proposals in terms of future service provision
- Discuss whether it would be appropriate to submit a collective response to the consultation from the Chorley Public Service Reform Partnership

KEY POINTS

- Lancashire County Council (LCC) have outlined their property proposals, service delivery models (Library and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Intervention) and plans for consultation on this, in a paper to be considered by their Cabinet on Thursday 12th May 2016. Consultation will commence on the 18th of May for 12 weeks during which time expressions of interest can be made for those buildings identified for closure with proposals to take effect from October 2016.
- For Chorley, the proposals outline the retention of 10 buildings as Neighbourhood Centres and the potential loss of 11 buildings which have been identified as no longer being required for service delivery by LCC.
- The spread of proposed main service delivery within each of the potential future Neighbourhood Centres looks to be sufficient. Each locality area previously served by a library or children's centre will retain some level of service offer, except in the case of Adlington library, Highfield Children's Centre, Astley and Buckshaw Children's Centre and Brinscall Millfield Children's Centre.
- Further more detailed information on the service offer is needed to help understand changes in the level of provision, access and opening hours.

Consultation Proposals Summary

LCC's property portfolio (excluding schools) comprises in the order of 500 operational sites. As part of the approved property strategy a total of 222 premises have been identified to form part of the review.

130 premises have been identified as preferred for retention as Neighbourhood Centres that will form the basis for service delivery. These Neighbourhood Centres will provide a base for the provision of services currently delivered through a range of single function building. 106 premises across the county have been identified as no longer being required to deliver LCC's future pattern of service delivery. The premises have been identified



through a process of data analysis, dialogue with members and partners and consideration of the proposals alignment with service delivery strategies.

Provision has been made within the county council capital programme for investing £20m in the future property portfolio to ensure it is fit for purpose to provide high quality services

Buildings proposed to deliver LCC Services (Neighbourhood Centres)

In Chorley, 10 buildings are being proposed as Neighbourhood centres to deliver LCC services, the buildings and their proposed main service delivery are as follows:

Building Name	Proposed Main service Delivery
Children’s Social Care (The Hawthorns)	Children’s Social Care
Chorley Adult Disability Day Services (Bankside)	Adult Disability Day Services
Chorley Library	Library Service, Wellbeing, Prevention and Early help Service (0-19+years) (designated) and Youth Offending Team
Chorley Registration Office	Registration Service
Euxton library	Library Service
Fosterfield Day Centre	Older Peoples Daytime Support Service
Coppull Library	Library Satellite and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-19+years)
Eccleston Library	Library Satellite and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-19+ years)
Clayton Green Library	Library Service and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-19years+)
Duke Street Children’s Centre	Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-11 years) (designated)

Premises no longer required by LCC to deliver future pattern of service delivery

11 buildings in Chorley have been identified as no longer being required and are outlined below:

Building Name
Adlington Library and Children’s Centre (designated)
Astley and Buckshaw Childrens Centre (designated)
Blossomfields Children’s Centre (Eccleston)
Chorley Adult Disability Day Service (Holly trees)
Chorley Youth offending Team (Halliwell Street)
Clayton Brook Children’s Centre (designated)
Coppull Children’s Centre (designated)
Coppull Young People’s Centre



Highfield Children's Centre (designated)
Millfield Children's Centre (Brinscall) (designated)
The Zone in Chorley

Service access and resourcing

The library services offer will be on 5 different levels with opening hours ranging from 18-59 hours per week defined by local need as identified through information received in the opening hours survey carried out in 2014/15. For Chorley, 3 full library services will be retained in Clayton, Euxton and Chorley with two self-service satellite libraries in Coppull and Eccleston. In terms of Wellbeing Prevention and Early Help Services, the total resource in each locality will be defined by a varied scope and scale of provision subject to the needs of the community. The staffing resource allocated to each area is likely to be a combination of fixed and outreach activity but this is yet to be published, expected July 2016. Whilst the asset strategy tells us where services will be based, more information is needed to understand the scale, scope and level of provision.

Buildings subject to service decisions

14 premises have been taken out of the review in the conduct of normal business processes or being subject to service budget options. In Chorley, this applies to the Woodlands Centre.

Expressions of interest in potentially surplus premises

As part of the consultation, communities and groups are being invited to express an interest in taking over surplus properties.

There will be a 'whole transfer' and so groups will be taking on the full costs of running a building, and no financial support will be available from the Council once the transfer is complete.

LCC Next steps

- Subject to approval by Cabinet on 12th May, a public consultation on the proposals will be held over 12 weeks beginning on the 18th May 2016
- Following consultation, a final set of proposals will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting in September 2016
- Implementation of any decisions is planned to commence with effect from 1st October 2016

