

Organisational Plan Projects Overview -2016/17

Involving residents and equality of access for all

Project	Overview	Service area
Develop a new Buckshaw Community Centre	<p>This project will progress the design and build of a new community centre for Buckshaw Village, to be sited on Ordnance Road. Work is expected to commence in early 2016, with completion and opening of the facility by December 2016.</p> <p>Once the centre is complete, it will be the intention to transfer the management of this facility into a community management arrangement, as per the Council's policy.</p>	Property Services
Delivery of Community Action Plans	<p>This project will deliver year 2 of Community Actions Plans, delivering the actions and priorities which are contained within each of the plans, which were developed in year 1 of this project.</p> <p>Year two will see these plans being strengthened, co-ordinated and delivered.</p>	Early Intervention and Support
Explore and deliver the Westway integrated sports offer	<p>This project will explore options to enhance sport and recreational facilities in the Westway area. This will include the assessment of existing provision and potential for further development to support all members of the community and will also look at ways in which to integrate existing provision</p>	Early Intervention and Support
Increase connectivity with rural areas	<p>This project will support the delivery of activity to ensure that rural areas are connected to wider activity across the borough, focusing on digital and physical accessibility (transport). It will also give consideration to future initiatives and developments to ensure that all communities are able to access provision and facilities and therefore will aim to reduce the risk of social isolation.</p>	Customer Transformation
Support for Chorley's VCFS organisations	<p>This project will look to continue the development and support of the third sector organisations in Chorley through strengthening the capacity for coordination and infrastructure development.</p>	Performance and Partnerships
Provide support to food provision schemes	<p>This project makes provision to support schemes which provide assistance to those in the local community who are most vulnerable and in need of food parcels, nutritious meals and related assistance such as food preparation skills.</p>	Performance and Partnerships

Community development and volunteering (SPICE)	This is a new three year project which aims to further support the Chorley Time Credits scheme to be taken forward within the community with the support of the Community Development Team. The scheme provide rewards for people giving up their time in volunteering hours and aims to build stronger communities and provide improved outcomes for individuals, organisations and local communities.	Health and Wellbeing
Delivery of neighbourhood preferred projects	This project will involve the delivery of 24 neighbourhood area preferred projects which have been determined for delivery by the neighbourhood area representatives. The projects have been chosen to benefit local communities within each of the respective areas.	Early Intervention and Support
Digital access and inclusion	This project supports the delivery of community digital hubs across rural communities which deliver sessions with aim of getting more people online, doing more online and benefitting from being online.	Customer Transformation
Supporting communities to access grant funding	This project is now in its second year and aims to assist organisations to attain grant funding through the Chorley 4 Community database which is an external facing portal available through our website.	Performance and Partnerships

A strong local economy

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Deliver the Market Walk extension	The project is a continuation of the work that started in 2014 to investigate the feasibility of developing an extension to the Market Walk mall and aims to improve the retail and leisure offer in the town centre, attracting national retailers and increasing visitors and therefore creating growth and opportunities for the future. This vision is proposed to be delivered through developing seven new retail units and also includes improvements to public realm, development of additional parking spaces to offset those that will be lost due to the development and the temporary relocation of the markets and shop mobility.	Customer Transformation
Develop a Botany Masterplan	The Botany Masterplan identifies one site within a wider piece of work to bring forward key employment sites to promote inward investment and provide a mix of employment opportunities within the borough.	Chief Executive
Public realm improvements –	This project will continue the public realm improvements in line with the town centre masterplan and Market Walk extension. The work sits alongside the desire to improve the connectivity across	Market Walk, Markets and

Improve the look and feel of the town centre	the town centre and also the aim of improving gateways into the town to provide a town centre identity.	Town Centre
Develop Chorley's town and rural tourism economy	This project aims to increase visitors to Chorley and therefore support local business and the local economy. It aims to build on the work which has already been undertaken around bringing more short stay visitors into Chorley through the marketing and promotion of the towns' assets and attractions and through the delivery of an annual programme of events.	Communications and Events
Chorley Business Investment for Growth (BIG) grant delivery	This project provides a reward scheme to support the expansion of existing businesses who have been trading over six months and who are creating/safeguarding jobs. The project aims to assist businesses to survive and grow and is provided by a dedicated Business Advisor.	Employment, skills and business support
Business start-up grants and loans delivery	The project will continue to assist in the creation of new start – up businesses and help those without significant capital available to them to create sustainable businesses, ultimately generating more jobs in Chorley.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Deliver the borough wide retail grants improvement programme	The project aims to encourage the take-up of vacant retail properties in Chorley, by offering grant support towards interior and exterior improvements. Existing Chorley businesses can also apply for funding to improve the visual appearance of their shop exterior.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Deliver the Choose Chorley grants	The Choose Chorley Grant provides an incentive for businesses to consider re-locating to the Borough; this project will continue to deliver the grant scheme and aim to attract inward investors with the aim of creating sustainable local employment opportunities and strengthening local supply chains.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Inward investment (Euxton Lane – digital health)	This project will provide the delivery of inward investment over 2016/17 and will aim to move forward work on the Digital Health Park, Euxton Lane, Chorley.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Extend the External Funding Officer post	External funding is available from a wide range of organisational bodies as well as the EU and UK governments to support locally delivered projects. This role is to link the external funding with suitable projects mainly developed around economic growth, business support and employability.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Deliver the Chorley Works programme	The Chorley Works – Tackling Unemployment Programme supports local people into sustainable jobs, with particular targeting of those most affected by the Welfare Reforms. The programme aims to provide Chorley Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) and Universal Credit (UC)	Employment, Skills and Business Support

	claimants with up to date, meaningful work experience with reputable local public and private sector organisations.	
Deliver the Vulnerable Families Employment Project	The project aims to facilitate access to training and employment for members of 'Troubled Families', therefore improving the lifestyle and overall wellbeing of the families themselves. This project targets our most difficult to reach families and offers incentives and extra support to encourage them to engage with the existing Chorley Works Programme.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Furthering key employment sites	The Chorley Local Plan (adopted July 2015) allocates a number of sites for employment and this project aims to identify potential barriers to the delivery of employment development. This will include identifying and implementing the necessary actions to bring the sites forward for employment development. Once the project is completed, it is expected that sites will deliver employment land supply and associated jobs.	Development and Regeneration
Deliver the Chorley Flower Show	This project will build on the success of the 2015 flower show and see the development and staging of this year's show in Astley Park on 30 th and 31 st July 2016.	Communications and Events
Deliver the Chorley Grand Prix (British Cycling)	This project will support the development and delivery of another successful Chorley Grand Prix event in the Easter of 2017.	Communications and Events
Chorley Council Employment Support Fund with Runshaw College	This fund supports young people and employers to overcome some of the financial barriers to accessing and sustaining apprenticeships.	Employment, Skills and Business Support
Develop a transport plan for Chorley	This project aims to improve public transport within Chorley. It involves planning systems to be put in place to negotiate good public transport systems/ services.	Business Development and Growth
Deliver the Steeley Lane/ Gateway project	The project is designed to develop and deliver a two year programme of local area projects within the town centre/Steeley Lane areas of Chorley.	Market Walk, Markets and Town Centre
School place projections	This project looks at the latest projections for school places in Chorley. This includes an analysis of potential shortfalls and how they may be addressed together with an overview of the existing systems/processes used in delivering school places.	Chief Executive

Clean, safe and healthy communities

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Deliver improvements to the Astley Walled Garden	This project will involve making improvements to the Walled Garden in Astley Park. The improvements will include creating an outdoor green stage and a glass house within the walls of the Walled Garden.	Communications and Events
Deliver improved CCTV provision	This project aims to upgrade the Councils CCTV infrastructure with the view that the upgraded system will provide better quality images and full digital recording availability for images captured and will support Police in crime detection and provision of evidence.	Neighbourhoods
Progress the delivery of Friday Street (Chorley East) Health Centre	This project aims to deliver the Project Boards commitment to delivering a health centre in Friday Street. Work includes supporting the delivery of the centre, primarily by defining the model of service provision and working with partners to coordinate the necessary activity to facilitate the opening of a new health centre. Chorley council has two main roles in the development of the health centre; a facilitator and a contributor of finance.	Chief Executive
Deliver the Extra Care scheme	This project will undertake phase two of the work to deliver an Extra Care Scheme in Chorley. This phase aims to take the project through to completion by march 2018; this will include the Council retaining ownership of the scheme as a Registered Provider in its own right and delivering the landlord function.	Development and Regeneration
Police Community Support Officers	This project supports Police Community Support Officers in Chorley.	Neighbourhoods
Free Swimming	This project will deliver free swimming sessions for those aged 16 yrs and under during the school summer holiday period.	Health and Wellbeing
Replacement of CBC's Control Orders with Public Space Protection Orders	This project will replace all current Chorley Council Control Orders with new Public Space Protection orders in response to new legislation contained in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Part 4 Chapter 2 – Public Space Protection Orders.	Neighbourhoods
Empty homes – enforcement, action and communications	This project seeks to continue the successful work that Chorley has undertaken across previous years to reduce the number of empty residential properties in the Borough.	Regulatory Services
Provide a mediation service for anti-social behaviour case resolution	Investigations into cases of anti-social behaviour (ASB) can often be dealt with and de-escalated using mediation techniques between the parties affected. This project will deliver a scheme to refer parties into mediation where appropriate and will be assessed over the course of the year in terms of success and impact.	Neighbourhoods

North West in Bloom	This project will build on the previous year's successes in the "North West in Bloom" competition, working with the "Chorley In Bloom" Charity group, schools, communities, friends groups and others to prepare for the Judges visits expected in July/August 2016, continuing until the awards ceremony at the end of October 2016.	Waste and Streetscene
16/17 young person's drop in centre	The aim of the project is to provide a drop in service for 16 and 17 year olds at risk of becoming homeless. The service will aim to prevent homelessness within this age group through support and mediation services.	Housing Options and Support
Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy	<p>The Play, Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy sets out how Chorley Council plans to protect, manage, enhance and secure its open spaces over the next five years and beyond. It focuses on sites that need to be improved or sustained to mitigate against negative trends and recommends how any identified deficiencies in provision of open space should be addressed through a five year action plan.</p> <p>This project will continue to deliver the strategy's aims over 2016/17- 2017/18. This will involve delivering some key activities as contained within the strategy including work on sites such as Harpers Lane Rec. ground, Tatton Recreation Ground and Buttermere play area.</p>	Development and Regeneration
Astley 2020	This project will continue the delivery of the Astley 20:20 development plan to improve facilities and develop the offer at Astley Park. This project will complement and support the recent planned developments within the park providing footpath lighting, events infrastructure, and additional car parking and tennis court improvements.	Communications and Events
Provide an accommodation finding service for non- priority households	This project aims to commission a service which assists non- priority households to access mainly private rented properties following referrals from the Chorley Council Housing Team.	Housing Options and Support
Big Wood Works	This project is to provide footpath and access improvements to link through from Yarrow Valley (Big Wood) behind Lancashire College to Ackhurst Lodge in Astley Park.	Development and Regeneration
Yarrow Valley car park	This project is designed to assess the opportunities for redeveloping and resurfacing the car park at Yarrow Valley Country Park with the aim being to identify a financially viable proposal that increases car parking capacity, improves visitor experience and enhances the environment at the park.	Development and Regeneration

An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area

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Reform public services in Chorley	This project is focused on delivering the second year of the Chorley Public Service Reform Partnership Strategy. The focus of year two of the project will be on developing integrated provider partnerships through formalising ways of working together, under a single leadership that integrates provision and ensures value for money.	Performance and Partnerships
Progress delivery of the Chorley Youth Zone	This project will focus on delivering the youth zone, which aims to provide 'world class' facilities for young people in Chorley, enhancing the boroughs youth offer. Specific milestones for this year include beginning the construction phase of the project.	Early Intervention and Support
Implement the Transformation Strategy	This project will implement the Councils Transformation Strategy to ensure that the organisation is best placed to meet future challenges, including effective leadership and governance structures.	Policy and Governance
Deliver the Skills Framework	This project will commence the delivery of a three year action plan to respond to the supply and demand issues, opportunities and challenges identified in the recently commissioned Chorley Skills Framework.	Employment, skills and business support
Employee Health Scheme	This project is a continuation of a Health Cash plan funded by the Council. The Council pays a fixed contribution per employee which then enables employees to claim back the costs of health related treatments.	HR
Events programme delivery	This work aims to build on the success of the 2015 events programmes which have been well received by residents since they were established three years ago. The events are an important way of engaging the community and aim to attract people into Chorley from further afield.	Communications and Events
Additional events in Astley Hall and park	This project aims to deliver a comprehensive events programme for 2016 at Astley Hall. In line with the 2020 vision, the project will provide for additional events to be held at the hall with the aim of attracting visitors, increasing trade and to generate income and provide business growth.	Communications and Events
Disabled and dementia online venue access guides	This project aims to maximise choice and independence for disabled people and those with dementia who are visiting venues within the borough through the development of online access guides which provide detailed information on a range of venues throughout the borough.	Performance and Partnerships

Implement the Single Front Office	This project aims to support the development of a single front office where services are managed and delivered, end to end, at first point of contact, enabling reductions in management and back office costs as well as providing an enhanced service to the customer. This is year two of an ambitious two year root and branch review of services prioritising in both business improvement reviews and business support functions.	Customer Transformation
Deliver (yr3) of the ICT Strategy	This is the final year of a three year programme (2014-17), supported by 26 key actions designed to meet the four main objectives and long term outcomes including; providing a high quality customer experience, having a robust and reliable infrastructure, providing accessible and well managed information and coordinated and appropriately resources support for ICT.	Customer and Digital