

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2007

## DIRECTION OF TRAVEL SELF ASSESSEMENT 2007

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To present members of the Executive Cabinet with the Direction of Travel Self Assessment for 2007. This document will inform the work of the Audit Commission in producing a Direction of Travel Assessment of the Council in the Annual Audit and Inspection letter published in March 2008.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That Members note the report and Direction of Travel Self Assessment.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- To facilitate the ongoing management of the Council's performance.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- N/A

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the central Lancashire sub region		Improved access to public services	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chance		Develop the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving People in their Communities		Ensure Chorley is a performing Organisation	✓

## BACKGROUND

- The Audit Commission produces an assessment annually of the Council's progress in delivering key outcomes and the improvements we have made as an organisation. The assessment made by the Audit Commission is informed by a self-assessment showcasing our achievements in the period September 2006 to September 2007 and on site interviews to be undertaken in November 2007. The Audit Commission will complete their assessment and include the direction of travel statement in the Annual Audit and Inspection Report, which is normally available in March.

## KEY MESSAGES

- The Council has continued to improve over the last twelve months, delivering better services and outcomes to its residents. These achievements have been reflected in the Self Assessment.
- There have been strong achievements demonstrated across all our priorities of Prosperity, People, Place and Performance. These achievements have been recognised by a number of external bodies through awards, positive reports and commendations. The refresh and strengthening of the Local Strategic Partnership is a positive step that has also been included. The key achievements have been included in the attached report and should help ensure that the Audit Commission recognises the strong progress that Chorley continues to make.
- An electronic version of the report, with links through to supporting evidence has been made available to the Audit Commission via a cd-rom. If you wish to have a copy of the CD, please contact Chris Sinnott in Policy and Performance on [chris.sinnott@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:chris.sinnott@chorley.gov.uk) or 01257 515337.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

- This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	✓

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There are no background papers to this report.

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