

Report of	Meeting	Date
The Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	10 November

JOINT WORKING WITH BLACKPOOL COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To seek the Cabinet's approval for a proposal to work jointly with Blackpool Council on Policy and Performance.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- It is recommended that Executive Cabinet authorise this work to commence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The report puts forward proposals to share our skills and expertise in the field of Policy and Performance management with Blackpool Borough Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- The proposal is in line with the Councils ambition to develop shared services with other Councils, to reduce costs, and to improve service quality.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- None

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

7. The Chief Executive was approached by Blackpool's Executive Director to explore the possibility of joint working on Policy and Performance. Chorley has developed a reputation for having a top quality policy team as a result of the Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance) taking the lead on "Transforming Local Government on Lancashire".

As a result, the Chief Executive prepared a proposal for Blackpool, which has since been accepted (attached).

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

8. 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	

COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

9. The proposal allows existing staff to gain valuable experience within a unitary authority that will benefit both Chorley and their own personal development. It also acknowledges the skills and abilities that currently exist within the Policy and Performance Directorate.

COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT)

10. The sum agreed is presently a one-off payment and will be factored in to the budget monitoring reports. At present it is unclear if any additional costs will be incurred the work, other than staff time. Whilst these are likely to be immaterial, they will affect the net sum receivable.

DONNA HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There are no background papers to this report.

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