

CHORLEY LIAISON MEETING

LCC TRANSFORMATION UPDATE



Meeting date: 19th October 2016

Background

1. Lancashire County Council (LCC) has published budget information which suggests a significant shortfall by 2020/21 and they are therefore aiming to make savings by re-modelling the future pattern of their services. Their transformation programme has and will involve many changes to service delivery and their property portfolio across the county as a whole.
2. A brief summary of the changes which have already occurred/ are currently being consulted on/ are due for decision is provided below:
 - a) **Changes to library services** - have recently been consulted on as part of the wider property strategy, the outcomes of this consultation have been published by LCC and have informed LCC's recent Cabinet decision regarding the future pattern of their services.
 - b) **Bus services** - Outcomes of the bus service subsidy review became effective as of April 2016. Chorley Council has mitigated the impact of these changes by subsidising three bus routes in Chorley (24A/109A and 6/6A).
 - c) **LCC Assets / Property consultation** – LCC's cabinet has made the decision to create a network of Neighbourhood Centres across the county and deliver services in a different way by co-locating them in the same building to help towards the savings which need to be made.
 - d) **Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service** – has recently been consulted on as part of the wider property strategy and a final service offer has been established. The service will be delivered from the proposed portfolio of Neighbourhood Centres across the county.
 - e) **Supporting People** – LCC are proposing to cease funding of non- statutory SP services. A transitional period has been put in place to Sept 2017 to better understand need, with a wider view to separating pathways for single people and families and allocation of the early help fund and LCC PEHF underspend.
3. Chorley Council set aside a sum of £500k to mitigate the impact of LCC's transformation work on Chorley residents. The money is intended as short term financing in order to give time and space to find sustainable solutions to issues arising from reductions.
4. This paper will give an update on two aspects of the LCC transformation work, with regards to Chorley:
 - Bus subsidies
 - Assets

Bus Subsidies

5. Following LCC's bus subsidy review (the outcomes of which became effective in April 2016) Chorley Council has been working closely with LCC to ensure that much needed bus routes in Chorley continue to be subsidised.
6. Chorley Council initially worked with LCC to ensure the continuation of three services in Chorley (6/6A, 24A and 109A) for an initial six month period from April- October 2016.
7. The decision has been taken for Chorley Council to continue to fund these routes for a further six month period, until the end of March 2017. This extension period has been agreed on the basis that it will allow for further exploration into more sustainable options for the future of these services.

Chorley Assets

8. LCC's Cabinet have made the decision to create a network of Neighbourhood Centres across the county. The buildings which LCC has deemed as no longer required for future service delivery have been open to a process of application for local organisations and community groups to take on ownership of these assets.
9. Chorley Council submitted a detailed application form for the following assets in Chorley:
 - Adlington Library and Children's Centre
 - Highfield Children's Centre
 - Coppull Children's Centre
10. The business cases submitted for each of the assets were initially assessed and recommendations presented to LCC's Cabinet on the 6th October. The table at **Appendix A** of this report outlines the outcomes of this assessment for Chorley and the proposed future Neighbourhood Centres across the borough.
11. In relation to the assets Chorley Council expressed an interest in, LCC's recommendations are outlined below:

Asset	LCC recommendation to Cabinet
Adlington Library and Children's Centre	LCC recommending submission is acceptable subject to negotiation and clarification on some issues.
Highfield Children's Centre	Building is being retained by LCC.
Coppull Children's Centre	Submission does not meet the requirements (note. Coppull Primary School to potentially retain the centre for school/nursery use although not yet confirmed by LCC).

12. Chorley Council have been working in partnership with Friends of Adlington Library to secure the future of Adlington Library and Children's Centre. An agreement has just been reached (subject to call in) with Lancashire County Council for Chorley Council to fund the continuation of services at the library and children's centre for an 18 month period, until 31st March 2018.
13. The decision means that all libraries in Chorley will be staying open with Coppull and Eccleston proposed to operate as Satellite libraries, something that Chorley Council is also looking at funding to retain previous levels of service.
14. The agreement will allow for a transition period, during which we will have the opportunity to work with Friends of Adlington Library, Town and Parish Councils, community groups and local residents to develop a sustainable model for a community library into the future, a key element of this work will be to identify a sustainable source of funding.

Future considerations

15. Although Chorley Council has come to an agreement with LCC to fund the continuation of both Adlington Library and Children's Centre and specified bus routes; this is for a specified time period only.
16. The continuation of both of the Library and Children's Centre services and specified bus routes has been agreed on the basis that this will allow a transition period for both, during which the sustainability of and potential models for future delivery will be assessed.
17. Chorley Council will be corresponding with both Town and Parish Councils in the near future to discuss options for future service delivery in the hope that we can work together to find a sustainable source of funding for these much needed local services.

Appendix A - Chorley Assets Latest Position

LCC Service planning area	Asset	Current Provision	Proposed provision and service offer	Library	Library Satellite	WPEH (0-19+)	WPEH (0-11)	WPEH 12-19 years	YOT	Adult disability services	Children's Social Care	Registration Service	Older peoples daytime support
	Chorley Central	Chorley day services (Bankside)	Adult Disability Day Services	Neighbourhood Centre							X		
Chorley library		Library	Neighbourhood Centre	X				X	X				
Coppull library		Library	Neighbourhood Centre		X	X							
The Hawthorns (Children's Social Care)		Children's Social Care delivery	Neighbourhood Centre								X		
Fosterfield day centre		Older peoples daytime support service	Neighbourhood Centre										X
Duke Street Children's Centre		WPEH stat children's centre	Neighbourhood Centre				X						
Chorley registrars		Registration Service	Neighbourhood Centre									X	
Highfield Children's Centre		WPEH stat children's centre	Neighbourhood centre				X						
Chorley YOT		Youth Offending Team	Business cases considered unacceptable by LCC	Business cases were submitted by ABL Health Ltd and T.Higgins.									
Astley and Buckshaw Children's Centre		WPEH stat children's centre	No business case submitted										
Chorley district day service (Holly Tree)	Adult disability day services	Business case considered acceptable by	Chorley District Scout Headquarters - offer to provide scout headquarters and facilities made available to other community groups to benefit wider community.										

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	Chorley youth zone	Young people's provision	Business case considered acceptable by LCC	Chorley amateur boxing club – offer to maintain to existing amateur boxing club from the building, grow the client base and diversify into other combat sports.									
	Coppull young people's centre	Young people's provision	No business case submitted										
	Coppull Children's Centre	WPEH stat children's centre	Business Case considered unacceptable by LCC	Chorley Council submitted detailed application form - considered unacceptable by LCC. CBC's was only detailed application form submitted. Correspondence with primary school suggests they wish to retain the asset for school use.									
	Woodlands centre		TBC										
Chorley East	Clayton Green library	Library	Neighbourhood Centre	X		X							
	Adlington library and Children's centre	WPEH stat children's centre	Business case considered acceptable by LCC Agreement reached between LCC and Chorley Council for Chorley to fund the continuation	Chorley Council - LCC outlined in Cabinet papers that the proposals within our submission are being recommended as acceptable subject to negotiation and clarification on some issues. Chorley Council has come to agreement with LCC to fund the continuation of current services at the library and children's centre until March 2018.									

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			of services until March 2018.										
	Brinscall Millfields Children's centre	WPEH stat children's centre	No business cases submitted										
	Clayton Brook Children's Centre	WPEH stat Children's Centre	Business case requiring further information but will continue to be given active consideration for asset transfer by LCC	Business case from Clayton Brook Community House – offer aimed at helping deliver early action and intervention but LCC state further clarification needed.									
Chorley West	Euxton library	Library	Neighbourhood Centre	X									
	Eccleston library	Library	Neighbourhood Centre		X	X							
	Eccleston young people's centre	Young people's provision	No business cases submitted										
	Blossomfield Childrens Centre (Eccleston)	WPEH stat children's centre	No business cases submitted										