

Executive Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2016

Chorley Council Performance Monitoring Report – Second Quarter 2016/17

2. The report of the Director of Policy and Governance was presented by the Executive Leader and set out the Council's performance against the delivery of the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the second quarter of 2016/17, 1 July to 30 September. Overall performance remained good, with 88% of the projects on track or complete. Only two projects were currently rated as off track. The delivery of the Chorley Skills framework, was rated amber, although actions had already been identified and implemented to improve this target and the progressing of the delivery of Friday Street Health Centre, continued to be rated as red due to external factors outside the Council's control.
3. Performance of the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures also remained good with 83% of the Corporate Strategy indicators and 80% of the key service measures performing about target or within the 5% tolerance. The Corporate Strategy indicators performing below target were the percentage increase in the number of volunteering hours earned and the percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). The latter indicator, usually spiked at this time of the year as it took some time to gather all the relevant placement information about this age group, more so this year with the reduction in LCC staffing available to collate this. However, Members were confident that performance would improve.

Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2016/17 Report 2 (end of September)

4. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Leader and set out the provisional return and capital outturn figures for the Council as compared against budgets and efficiency saving targets set for the 2016/17 financial year. The project revenue outturns currently showed a forecast underspend of £237,000 against budget. The expected net income from Market Walk after the deduction of financing costs was £0.942m, with the latest projection showing a forecast outturn of £1.002m. The Council had set an overall savings target of £150k in 2016/17 from the management of the establishment. Excellent progress had been made in this area and it was reported that the full savings target for 2016/17 had already been achieved.
5. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy proposed that working balances were to reach £4.0m over the three year lifespan of MTFS to 2018/19 due to the financial risks facing the Council. A budgeted contribution into General Balances of £500k was contained within the new investment package for 2016/17. The current forecast to the end of September showed that the General Fund balance could be around £3.422m by the end of the financial year and following approval of the recommendations contained within the report, the forecast balance would be £3.212m and broadly in line to achieve the target of £4.0m by 2018/19.
6. As part of the recommendations, Full Council was being asked to approve a number of additions to the capital programme that included a £200,000 increase in the Chorley Youth

Zone budget to underwrite the shortfall in funding in 2017/18. In response to Members, the Executive Leader explained that this was due to higher than anticipated building costs and not wanting to scale down the scheme, the Council were being asked to underwrite some of the extra funding required to proceed. Once the development had commenced, the developer was confident that the scheme would attract more funding from private investors that would reimburse these costs.

7. The Council was also being requested to approve the use of £100,000 from in-year revenue underspends for investment in the Retail Grant Programme. This scheme had been extremely successful in the town centre and had recently been expanded to receive applications from across the borough. The additional funding would allow those applications that were already underway to be realised, although it was intended to review the scheme in subsequent years, with more of a focus on helping to regenerate empty shops in line with its original mandate. Members commented on the success of the scheme and how it had helped to generate employment opportunities across the borough.

External Events Policy

8. The Cabinet approved a new Events Policy that would process and approve events held on council land that are organised by individuals, groups and organisations external to the Council. The report of the Director of Policy and Governance set out the aim of the policy and explained how it would clearly outline the role of Chorley Council in external events by providing a comprehensive structured framework for use when delivering events across the borough. The new policy would formalise and adopt a process for managing external event requests, to protect the council's assets to ensure they can be used and enjoyed for future generations and to mitigate the risk and liability to the council against health and safety.

Chorley Employment Inclusion Programme

9. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Leader and updated Members of the Chorley Employment Inclusion Project (CEIP) which was being developed as part of the Council's employability service and subject to an application submitted by Chorley Council from the European Social Fund (ESF) for 60% of its cost.
10. Members were being asked to approve a revenue contribution from Chorley Council of £307k (40% of costs) over a three year period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019 to be funded from the uncommitted expenditure in the LCC transition fund in 2016/17 and 2017/18 as per recommendations made in the Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2016/17 report included on this agenda.
11. The report highlighted the success of the exiting Chorley Works project, now managed by the Employment Skills, Business Support service at Chorley Council that supports unemployed residents of Chorley. The new project would build upon this scheme which aims to reduce economic activity by providing disadvantaged target groups resident in Chorley, with access to a programme of support measures to help them to progress towards and/or into employment and be 'Chorley Works' ready.

Proposed Disposal of Land at Northgate Drive Chorley

12. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Leader and sought approval of the sale of land comprising 1.85 acres to Scorpion Automotive on the terms outlined in the report. The disposal would potentially create a development of 32 new low cost homes and allow expansion of the business within their own site.
13. The sale of the land would result in the major redevelopment of a vacant site bringing much needed investment and economic growth to the neighbourhood and in the long term potentially creating further job opportunities for local residents. The company would also create additional resident parking and retain a provision of open space on site.
14. The Ward Councillors had been consulted upon and kept fully informed throughout the process and accepted that the proposals were favourable for the local community. They urged the developer to consider preconstruction consultation with residents ahead of the planning application to ensure a smooth transition.

Insurance Procurement Exercise 2017

15. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Leader and updated members on a joint procurement exercise that had recently been undertaken with South Ribble Council for a renewal of insurance covers in place at both Councils under existing Long Term Agreements that were due to expire on 31 December 2016.
16. A detailed Tender Evaluation document had been provided by the Council's recently appointed, common insurance broker AON Risk Services and the report provided a summary of the evaluation results and recommendations regarding a suitable appointments from 1 January 2017.

GENERAL REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2016

NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans

17. The report of the Director of Policy and Governance was presented by the Executive Leader and provided an update on the recently published Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Lancashire and South Cumbria. It was this item that questions had been submitted against by a representative of the Protect Chorley Hospital from Cuts and Privatisation
18. The STP sets out the collective challenges facing health and social care across Lancashire and South Cumbria in the coming years. As previously reported to Council, the challenges are significant and relate to budgetary constraints against an increasing demand for services. The funding gap will reach £572 million by 2021 unless changes are made to the system.
19. The plan identifies the following key objectives that it aims to respond to:
 - To set out a clear direction of travel for the unified health and care system in Lancashire and South Cumbria as the Five Year Forward View has across England.
 - To achieve fundamental and measurable improvements in health outcomes.
 - To reduce health inequalities across Lancashire and South Cumbria

- To achieve parity of esteem for mental health and physical health across Lancashire and South Cumbria.
 - To ensure greater focus on ill-health prevention, early intervention and self-care where this improves outcomes.
 - To ensure change is supported by a clear evidence base or an evaluation structure where evidence is not available
 - To remove organisational or professional boundaries that get in the way of progress.
 - To make maximum use of new technology when this will improve the quality of care provided.
20. The plan identified a series of priority areas for 2016 to 2021 and much of the focus of the STP appeared to have similar ambitions to the work that the Council recently undertook on future governance models, particularly around improving on prevention, early intervention and improving community resilience.
21. The local Our Health, Our Care programme would be the key vehicle for changes within the local health economy, and Councillors along with the Chief Executive had been invited and had attended engagement events that provided updates on the programme. It is however important to note that the Council has no role in approving the STP and that the plans are part of the NHS planning guidance.
22. The Council had recently reviewed and reiterated its position on public service reform and governance models at its Special Council meeting in November and was clear in its desire to maintain and protect public services and ensuring that they retain a local identity and improve democratic accountability. The Council through its Executive Leader and Public Services Reform Board would continue to press for public service reform that maintains and improves locally accountable public services.
23. Approval was granted that the Chair of Equalities and Wellbeing (in her role as Lead Member for Health and Wellbeing, Equality and Diversity) would provide updates to the Executive Cabinet and Council as the Sustainability and Transformation Plan develops further and that the local Our Health, Our Care programme is published.

Botany Bay Masterplan

24. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Leader and updated Members on the progress of the Council project to develop an Economic Masterplan for the Botany Bay Area. The adopted Chorley Local Plan for 2012-2026 allocated the Botany Bay/Great Knowley Area as a sub-regional employment and mixed use site under policy EP2. Changes with that policy required the site to have a Masterplan, an acceptability of other forms of development to secure the delivery of the wider allocation including retail and housing. This was the second time that this area had been allocated in the Local Plan and if the site did not come forward in this plan period, it would have to be deallocated.
25. The project was listed as a corporate priority and has now been progressed with stakeholders. The report updated Members on the progress that had been made and presented a final draft

for information. The Masterplan was policy and evidence led and reflected the aspirations of those Stakeholders that had signed up to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

26. The Masterplan would be used to support any future planning application as evidence and would show how all the parcels of land within the allocation will contribute to the Local Plan. The costs of the Masterplan would be met from the site's various stakeholders and the carried forward investment budget. Any additional works regarding the improvements to the highway network would be met from the furthering key employment sites budget.
27. Members had concerns that current highways issues would increase if this site was developed and assurances were given that Highways England had already engaged with the Council to identify possible solutions to address these issues. Officers were also asked to consider other issues that included the development of a Public Transport Plan to ease congestion and parking pressures, a park and ride facility, improvements to the Canal to provide a much improved leisure offer for the area and the undertaking of market testing should a retail development application be received as Members had concerns that any such development would affect the growth of the Town Centre.

Elections and Electoral Registration Procurement

28. The Executive Leader presented the report of the Chief Executive that sought approval of the proposed process for appointing a supplier for the printing of elections and electoral registration stationary. The report sought a departure for the Council's contract procedure rules by asking for permission to approach four suppliers directly. A market testing exercise had been undertaken three years previously that had demonstrated best value and a waiver granted each subsequent year to reappoint the successful bidder
29. The quotes would be assessed in terms of both quality and cost for printing both elections and electoral registration printing and delegated authority was granted to the Chief Executive to award the contract in his role as Returning Officer.

Draft decision in response to proposal by BT to remove payphones

30. The report of the Director of Customer and Digital was presented by the Executive Member (public Protection) and presented members with the Council's draft decision in response to the proposal by British Telecom (BT) to remove a number of public call boxes in the borough. The Council had prepared the draft response to BT after a 90 day consultation period was undertaken with the authority and local community and a response was given against each payphone as to whether to agree with its removal, object to the removal or whether the local community wished to adopt the box.
31. As part of the consultation process, BT are giving communities the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box, to make them into an asset that people will benefit from, such as a book store or a defibrillator station. There are 30 payphones in the borough proposed for removal and a list of their location and usage over the past 12 months was appended to the report along with informed responses. Delegated authority was given to the Director of Customer and Digital for the preparation and issuing of the Final Notification to BT and the

Secretary of the State Approval in consultation with the Executive Member with the portfolio for panning.

Appointment of Consultants for Primrose Gardens and authorisation for the purchase of the St John ambulance building

32. The report of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Member (Customer and Advice Services) and provided an update on the commission of professional consultancy services for the Primrose Gardens retirement living (extra care) scheme on Fleet Street and approval to award the contract to Pick Everard.
33. The report also confirmed the outcome of the negotiations regarding the sale of the St John Ambulance building to the Council as part of the land assembly for the development of Primrose Gardens Retirement living scheme.

24–26 Gillibrand Street, Chorley

34. The reports of the Chief Executive was presented by the Executive Member (Resources) and sought approval to the surrender of the existing lease of the above premises and grant a new 25 year lease to the Chorley Surgery Practice on terms provisionally agreed.
35. The surgery was now well established and had plans to improve the facility including the creation of a dispensing pharmacy within the property that would be open to both patients and the general public.

Recommendation

36. To note the report.

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