

Report of	Meeting	Date
Deputy Chief Exec/Directory of Early Intervention and Support	Chorley Liaison Meeting	18 January 2017

## ADOPTIONS UPDATE

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To provide an update on progress to ensure that the adoption of assets linked to new developments transfer smoothly.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note progress and for Parish/Town Council's to report unadopted areas and assets.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- This report provides an update on progress being made co-ordinating outstanding adoption issues. Parish/Town Councils can support the work by highlighting issues in their Ward.

<b>Confidential report</b> Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

### BACKGROUND

- The Council's Executive Cabinet have approved a number of recommendations to improve the way the adoption of assets happens. The recommendations were developed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following an extensive piece of work involving all stakeholders.

### PROGRESS

- A database of assets to be adopted is now in place. It is important to note that the database is not currently an exhaustive list of outstanding adoption issues. We are prioritising the population of the database, as follows:
  - Adoptions arising from all new planning permissions
  - Adoptions from major developments, for example, Buckshaw and Gillibrand

- c) Assets that are to be adopted by Chorley Council, for example, play areas and playing fields.
  - d) Historic adoption issues that are brought to our attention by resident, councillors, parish councils etc.
  - e) Highways information provided by Lancashire County Council in their quarterly reports.
  - f) Working backwards, a year at a time, through all major planning applications
7. The database will provide us with an overview of outstanding adoption issues. We will then be in a position to make decisions as to the level of resource and effort we put into resolving these outstanding issues. It is important to note that the main issues relate to the adoption of highways; the key partners here are the respective developers, United Utilities and Lancashire County Council. Chorley Council's role in these highway matters has been to facilitate, advocate on behalf of residents and track progress/hold partners to account.

### **ASSISTANCE REQUIRED**

8. The key reason for Chorley Council's involvement, to date, has been to advocate on behalf of residents to ensure that their areas are adopted and customers receive the level of service that adopted assets receive, for example, regular maintenance.
9. If you are aware of any outstanding adoption issues in your area, please bring these to our attention and we will investigate and add these to the database. Please contact Carol Gore via [carol.gore@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:carol.gore@chorley.gov.uk).

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE**

10. An update on adoptions will be provided at the eight neighbourhood meetings. This includes details of which adoptions are on the database and what activity we are aware of in the previous six months, including reports received and added to the database.

### **LIAISON WITH LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, UNITED UTILITIES AND DEVELOPERS.**

11. As mentioned earlier, we receive reports from Lancashire County Council every 3 months. These reports highlight current activity within their work programme. This is used to populate the database.
12. Once this is done, we will then send Lancashire County Council, United Utilities and developers an updated copy of the database showing their outstanding adoptions. We will, of course, encourage them to progress the adoptions as quickly, as possible.

### **IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

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

Finance		Customer Services	✓
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

### **COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER**

14. None.

**COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

15. None.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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