

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Resources)	Executive Cabinet	27 March 2008

ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2008/10

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present the Council's draft Asset Management Strategy and Plan and seek agreement to the draft being circulated for consultation.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Executive Cabinet consent to the draft being circulated for consultation.
3. That the Executive Member for resource be given delegate authority to agree the final document subject to there being no significant changes being required following consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. The draft Strategy and Plan outlines the Council's ambition in relation to the use of its asset base. The Strategy and Plan incorporates both property and land but now own reference to the natural assets (ie parks and open spaces) that the Council aims and manage. The Council's Corporate Strategy has a number of key objectives, targets and measures relating to achieving increased usage of facilities and may require a greater enabling role in terms of the use of its land holdings.
5. The Strategy set out the Council's key aims linked specifically to its Corporate Strategy, together with the specific actions that will deliver these aims. For completion the key operational actions and the relevant targets and measures are outlined.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

6. To ensure the Council's Asset Management Strategy is adopted.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

7. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	✓
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	✓

There are specific links in the Plan to the Council's use of Resources Assessment which is used to judge the Council's performance in managing its resources. In addition there are specific references to the climate change agenda where the Council's Energy Management Plan will be implemented and the desire to do more on sustainable procurement.

BACKGROUND

8. The production of an Asset Management Strategy Plan is required as it forms one of the suite of key corporate plans that form the framework for driving the organisation forward in terms of delivering its corporate priorities.
9. The Plan outlines the Council's approach to the use of its assets which are valuable resources incorporating good practice guidance.

THE STRATEGY

10. The Strategy sets out the Council's vision for its asset resources as follows:

Chorley vision for its asset are that they will be fit for purpose maximised to their full potential and make a significant contribution to its corporate objectives.

The Strategy outlines:

- The Vision
- Key Aims
- Actions to deliver these aims
- The resources allocated to achieving these aims

11. The Strategy demonstrates that fulfilling these aims will be fundamental to the Council achieving a number of corporate objectives in relation to:

- Equality of Access
- Sustainability
- Affordable Housing
- Health and Wellbeing

12. Delivery of the Strategy and its key aim will be monitored by the Council's management team as part of its performance management framework.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

13. 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 ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (POLICY AND PERFORMANCE)

14. The report details specific targets and actions in relation to achieving equality of access. These actions are designed to achieve compliance with the relevant legislative requirements but equally as important will hopefully improve access too and usage of the Council's facilities in general.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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