

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Leader)	Council	15 July 2008

APPOINTMENT OF A LEAD MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To agree the establishment of a new Lead Member position for Neighbourhoods.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That in recognition of the importance of neighbourhood working to the Council, a new Lead Member position for Neighbourhoods be established; and
- That nominations be invited for the position of Lead Member for Neighbourhoods.

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		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	/

BACKGROUND

- Members are aware that Chorley is currently implementing neighbourhood working as a way of better targeting some local services. Members are key to that role as elected ward representatives who understand the issues within their area. Members will be undertaking ward walks with neighbourhood officers and be involved in the drawing up of Neighbourhood Action Plans.
- In recognition of this and the need to ensure that neighbourhood working is a success within the Borough, it is suggested that a Lead Member position be created for Neighbourhoods, working closely with the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods) to take a lead on this initiative.

7. The role of a Lead Member is contained within the Constitution and is set out below for information:

In relation to a Portfolio of functions and/or matters assigned to them by the Executive Leader, Lead Members where they are appointed, are assigned special responsibilities to the Council for:

1. *Maintaining knowledge and awareness of those functions or matters and of current activities and developments in relation to them;*
2. *Liaising with the corresponding Executive Member and the responsible Chief Officer;*
3. *Communicating and representing to the Executive the views of non-Executive Councillors on all matters relating to the Portfolio;*
4. *Assisting the Executive Member in promoting the efficient and effective delivery of the relevant services and the achievement of all relevant Council policy objectives in compliance with the approved budgets and providing all such other assistance, advice and support as the Executive Member may from time to time require;*
5. *Responding to and assisting the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or an overview and scrutiny task group as required;*
6. *In the absence of the Executive Member, deputising for him or her at meetings of the Council and responding to questions; and*
7. *In the absence of the Executive Member, or when otherwise requested by the Executive Member, representing the Executive Member and leading for the Council politically and publicly in external dealings and relationships, including with the media.*

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	/

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There are no background papers to this report.

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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Council's Constitution			Town Hall/website