

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy & Performance) (Introduced by the Executive Member for Policy & Performance)	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Executive Cabinet	11th August 2008 14th August 2008

CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2007/8

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present the Chorley Partnership's end of year performance report to Members.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the report be noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

3. The Chorley Partnership has had a successful year, with 5 out of its 6 projects either completed or ongoing into next year. Out of the performance indicators that can be reported on at this point in the year, 71% of targets have been hit or exceeded, with 86% improving on last year.

The Partnership underwent an external peer review by the Improvement & Development Agency (IDeA) in November which recognised the progress being made in Partnership working in Chorley – in particular the willingness of Partners to match-fund the council's contribution to LSP projects.

The thematic groups of the LSP continue to make progress in working towards the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy – for instance the Community Safety Partnership has reported a 14.4% reduction in crime since 2006/7. The Children and Young People's Partnership reported a significant reduction in teenage pregnancy throughout 2006 (the most recent statistics available) – and with the teenage pregnancy action plan now in place for over 12 months we expect this to reduce even more.

Chorley's overall position in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IoMD), which gives an indication of the quality of life, has improved, from 172nd to 188th out of 354 local authorities in the country.

The Annual Report outlines the year in review, as well as looking ahead to the 11 new projects and targets for Chorley within the new Local Area Agreement.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

4. N/A

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

5. N/A

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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

BACKGROUND

7. The Local Strategic Partnership is the overarching strategic partnership for Chorley, made up of the statutory, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors. The partners of the LSP work together to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy for Chorley. This performance report outlines the progress that has been made over 2007/8.

2007/8 IN REVIEW – PROJECTS OF THE LSP

8. THE EXECUTIVE: THE VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS PROJECT

The Vulnerable Households project, run in conjunction with South Ribble, aims to reduce the burden placed on public and voluntary agencies by certain families in our communities. The project has been slow to progress throughout 2007/8 due to difficulties in recruiting for the post of Co-Ordinator of the project. Thankfully this important milestone has now been completed with NCH acting as the co-ordinating agency for the project. In the Annual Report, we have rated this project as a Green rating, as by the end of 2007/8 work was well underway to identify 15 families in Chorley incrementally over 12 months, based on the Common Assessment Framework methodology. However we will be monitoring the progress of the next stage of the project closely to ensure delivery and the best outcomes for Chorley.

9. ECONOMIC REGENERATION THEMATIC GROUP

The Economic Regeneration theme group have delivered a number of initiatives this financial year, including the Pilot Employment Charter, the launch of the Revolution and the design and content of the new Inward Investment Packs, which are due to be printed soon. Exhibition stands have showcased Chorley round the country at various business events. The group has also submitted bids for approx £3.2m ERDF funding for future activity.

10. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEMATIC GROUP

One of the most pressing health inequality issues for Chorley, teenage pregnancy, The Children and Young People's Partnership reported a significant reduction in teenage pregnancy throughout 2006 (the most recent statistics available) – and with the teenage pregnancy action plan now in place for over 12 months we expect this to reduce even more.

The CYP group have also been involved in developing an improved youth offer for the Borough's young people, including the Applejax night and other sessions at All Seasons Leisure Centre.

The Chorley Local Children's Trust has now replaced the Children and Young People's Thematic Group on the LSP.

11. STRONGER AND MORE INVOLVED COMMUNITIES THEMATIC GROUP

The Stronger and More Involved Communities theme group have been involved in identifying and collecting information on voluntary, community and faith sector organisations in Chorley and compiling a database which will form a Chorley Community Network website, enabling the public to access volunteering opportunities and support networks of voluntary, community and faith organisations.

The SMIC is also leading on the development of the national Compact Codes of Practice.

12. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Community Safety Partnership's LSP-sponsored project was MATAc, which was a huge success. MATAc involved a range of community safety partners meeting each month to share information and intelligence on a range of issues affecting community safety, including environmental crime and using sophisticated technology to map 'hotspot' areas to enable resources to be deployed more effectively. MATAc has now been mainstreamed into standard service delivery.

In one year alone, the MATAc process helped reduced crime by 14.4% last year.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD, ENVIRONMENT & STREETSCENE THEMATIC GROUP

The First Steps Environmental Improvement project aims to improve the village centre outside Clayton Brook community centre, and clean up projects at Laburnham Road nature area and pond, in partnership with Groundwork Wigan and West Lancs. Due to funding difficulties this project has been delayed slightly, with only the pond clean up having been completed. However the remainder of the work is now on track to be completed by September 2008.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

14. 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	X

There is 1 attached paper to this report.

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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
Chorley Partnership Annual Performance Report 2007/8	June 2008	***	***