

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy & Performance)  Introduced by the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance	Executive Cabinet	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2008

## THE CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To outline the improvements made to the Chorley Partnership (the Local Strategic Partnership for Chorley) since last quarter, to keep Cabinet informed about the current work being co-ordinated by the LSP and future plans for the LSP.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the report be noted.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The 1st Quarter has seen a lot of activity for the Chorley Partnership
  - The LAA has now been signed off, and the Chorley Partnership's performance management arrangements have been amended to take this into account
  - 11 new cross-cutting projects have been selected, with a total value of £362,401 after match funding from partners
  - The Chorley Local Children's Trust has had its inaugural meeting
  - A new Chair of the Chorley Partnership has been selected, Allan Jones
  - The Annual Report was published, detailing where the LSP has added value over the last 12 months
  - The Community Cohesion Strategy has been launched

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To keep Members informed about the progress of and work being carried out by the Chorley Partnership, and to update Members on the LSP's role in the 2008 LAA negotiations.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- N/A

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES



5. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the central Lancashire sub region	X	Improved access to public services	X
Improving equality of opportunity and life chance	X	Develop the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	X
Involving People in their Communities	X	Ensure Chorley is a performing Organisation	X

## PROGRESS TO DATE

### 6. The Local Area Agreement 2008-11

The LAA for Lancashire has now been signed off between the Lancashire Partnership and GONW. Chorley Council, through the Chorley Partnership, have also signed up to the LAA as a main delivery partner at a local level.

There are 34 targets in the LAA that have a reward grant attached to them. There are also 16 additional compulsory education and early years targets imposed by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, as well as 10 further targets which aren't eligible for any reward grant but were still deemed important enough to be classed as significant issues for Lancashire and so were included in the final agreement.

Each of the district LSPs have disaggregated targets for most of the indicators in the LAA. The Council, on behalf of the Chorley Partnership, will monitor progress against Chorley's LAA targets and report to the LSP Board and the council's Executive Cabinet every 6 months.

There are still outstanding issues with some of the LAA indicators. 6 indicators do not have baselines or targets agreed. These are county-wide targets, and LCC are currently carrying out work, including surveys, to identify these baselines. There is also an issue for Chorley, and other districts, with NI195, around street cleanliness. The baseline quoted is not the baseline that we believe should be used to reflect Chorley's high performance in this area. The baseline that has been used is a combination of the authority's LEQSE score, BVPI 199 outturn and BVPI 89 satisfaction score - which we do not believe is the correct methodology to use. We, and the other Districts, are therefore in discussion with County and GONW to renegotiate the baseline and targets.

### 7. 11 new projects

The Chorley Partnership has now selected 11 new projects for 2008/9 that will achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

The projects are listed in **Appendix A**.

Chorley Council has pump primed the LSP with £90,000. Other partners, such as central Lancashire Primary Care Trust, the Police, and private sector partners such as Helio Slough, for example, have also contributed match funding. Therefore the total value of projects being delivered through the LSP now amounts to £362,401.

The projects will be monitored through the council's project management framework, with PIDs being prepared for each of the projects. The LSP's 6 thematic groups will be responsible for monitoring the progress of their respective projects and the LSP Executive will receive updates at each of its meetings.

Five of last year's projects will continue to be monitored through the theme groups throughout 2008/9, with the exception of MATAAC, which has now been mainstreamed as a standard way of working.

## **8. The Chorley Local Children's Trust**

In response to the new Children's Trust arrangements for the County, Chorley's Local Children's Trust has now officially been set up. Chaired by Cllr Pat case in her borough councillor capacity, the Trust replaces the former Children & Young People's thematic partnership and includes the main Duty to Co-operate partners.

Members of the former Children & Young People's thematic partnership are still welcome to attend the meetings wherever relevant.

## **9. New Chair of the Chorley Partnership**

The Chorley Partnership Constitution states that the Chairs of the LSP are to be elected every 2 years. Lincoln Shields's 2 year appointment came to an end in June 2008. Allan Jones (CEO, Porter Lancastrian Ltd) has now been elected as Chair of the LSP. He will continue to chair the Economic Regeneration theme group as well as chair the quarterly Board meetings.

## **10. Annual Performance Report Published**

The first Chorley Partnership Annual Performance Report has now been published, reporting progress on the Sustainable Community Strategy indicators and the LSP projects from 2007/8. Out of the targets that can be reported on at this stage, 67% have hit or exceeded target, 33% have missed. These were:

- Reduction in teenage pregnancy – target 40.4; actual 40.3
- Affordable houses – cumulative target of 250 by March 09; actual 68 as at March 08
- Satisfaction with Theatres – target 53%; actual 23.6%
- Satisfaction with parks & open spaces – target 76%; actual 74.3%

However all these targets have improved on last year, with the exception of Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces (however this only dropped by 0.7% which is not statistically significant).

## **11. Launch of the Community Cohesion strategy**

The Chorley Partnership's Community Cohesion Strategy 'One Chorley – Forward Together' was officially launched at an event hosted by the Chorley Forum of Faiths. The strategy sets out the vision for community cohesion covering the following strands: age, ethnicity, sexuality, disability, faith and religion, deprivation, rurality, housing and regeneration. Such an approach was praised by the council's CPA lead inspector, for being an excellent example of tailoring a community cohesion strategy to local priorities.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

This report has no implications in the following areas.

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal			

There is one attached paper with this report.

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## APPENDIX A

### 2008/9 CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PARTNERSHIP</u>	<u>AWARD</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL MATCH FUNDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE OF PROJECT</u>
1) Helping businesses to reduce their impact on and adapt to climate change	Neighbourhood, Environment and Streetscene Thematic Partnership & Economic Thematic Partnership. Children's Trust	£3000 (with additional support from Groundwork Pennine free of charge) £4,988	Not yet identified £2500 from other partners inc Albany High School	£3000 (potential to lever in much more match funding from private sector) £7188
2) 'Girls Aloud' - project to target a nine weeks pilot course to raise awareness of teenage pregnancy issues with Yr 9 girls at Albany Science College	Children's Trust	£10,000	£134,143 for 2008/9 from Lottery, PCT, LCC & own reserves	£144,143
3) 'Family Support' - project to support the most vulnerable families in Chorley by Homestart volunteers in conjunction with other relevant support agencies.	Children's Trust	£10,000	£5,000 CDRP budget	£15,000
4) 'Week of Action' – 5 more weeks of action to be delivered	Community Partnership	£10,000	£50,234 continuation funding in 2009/10 from Central Lancashire PCT	£60,234 (over 2 years)
5) 'Time Banks in Chorley' – innovative pilot project to utilise the knowledge, skills and connections of local people in giving help &	Health & Wellbeing Thematic Partnership	£10,000		

support to others in the community.							
6) 'Supporting Economic Rural Diversification' – project to offer further support to new businesses in the rural areas of Chorley.	Economic Regeneration Thematic Partnership.	£10,000	£10,000 in 2009/10 from ERDF funding	£20,000 (over 2 years)			
7) 'Marketing Chorley' – Phase 2 project to extend the 2007/08 promotional campaign.	Economic Regeneration Thematic Partnership	£10,000	£10,000 private sector contribution	£20,000			
8) 'Promoting Awareness in Mental Health'	Health & Wellbeing Thematic Partnership	£3,000	Unknown as yet – scaled-down project still being scoped – possible match funding from PCT	£3000			
9) 'Circle of Need' – project aiming to provide a comprehensive package of services to customers requiring help, by linking together and addressing their respective needs.	LSP Executive – all major public sector partners to be involved.	£15,000	£15,000 Chorley Council	£45,000			
10) Chorley Community Network – developing the network into a website and launch event	Stronger & more Involved Communities Thematic Partnership.	£5,000	£5,000 match funding from Central Lancashire PCT and Chorley Council staff time	£10,000			
11) Alcohol Harm Reduction Campaign – a high-visibility marketing campaign to highlight the dangers of alcohol related	Community Partnership Safety	£10,000	£10,000 match funding from Central Lancashire PCT	£20,000			

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	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£90,988</b>	<b>£271,413</b>	<b>£362,401</b>