

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Early Intervention (Introduced by the Executive Member for Early Intervention)	Executive Cabinet	15 March 2018

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES 2018/19

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The information provided in this report aims to provide a summary of the decision making process which has taken place (Jan – Feb 2018) to agree the forward year’s neighbourhood priorities 2018/19.
2. It also presents the proposed neighbourhood priorities that have been agreed within each neighbourhood management group to date to be approved by Executive Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

3. It is recommended that the neighbourhood priorities already agreed within each neighbourhood management meeting are agreed.
4. It is recommended that when scoping out the detail and financial resources required for each priority, financial or in kind contributions are sought from partners within the neighbourhood including parish councils, Lancashire County Council, voluntary sector and other stakeholders.
5. Where a priority is subsequently scoped out as requiring increased financial resources, consideration will be made in consultation with the Executive Member (Early Intervention) for this neighbourhood priority to be carried out at additional cost beyond £2,000, phased, or developed further as an individual corporate project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

6. The council is committed to supporting projects and partnership delivery that focuses on the wider determinants of health as these issues impact on the daily lives of our residents, how happy and healthy they feel living in in their community and in turn their individual life choices and outcomes.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
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	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

7. Neighbourhood working and associated projects is a key priority within the council’s corporate strategy and encourages the improvement of environmental, health, and social features within the eight neighbourhoods of Chorley.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

8. To not support the continuation and development of neighbourhood priorities across the borough and not make the £50,000 funding available.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

9. 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 homes and communities	✓	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

5. Chorley Council continues to support neighbourhood working and sees the benefit of enabling elected representatives and other organisations to work together to improve local communities. Neighbourhood working is a key project within the council’s corporate strategy, and a £50k budget investment has continued to support priorities within 2018/19.
6. While the council continues to support the delivery of the preferred priorities through funding and officer time, each neighbourhood area is encouraged to consider what match-funding and support may be available through other partners. This has been a successful development in recent years in enhancing the projects that would otherwise be able to be delivered.
7. The following process has been used to nominate, select and approve the neighbourhood priorities for each neighbourhood area:

1. January to March	Nomination and selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the neighbourhood group nominate priorities either by sending them to democratic services in advance or at the meeting. Neighbourhood management groups agree top three priorities, and a lead member from the group
2. February to end March	Scoping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead Officer identified for each of the selected neighbourhood priority. Lead officer works with lead member from neighbourhood group to scope the priority – including timescales, costs and funding sources
3. 15 March	Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priorities presented to Executive Cabinet for approval
4. June to July	Update and monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the process in the selected neighbourhood priorities will be provided to the Neighbourhood meetings
5. October	Update and monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update provided by email (in addition to ongoing progress updates on individual projects) on all selected neighbourhood priorities to neighbourhood management groups

8. Within each meeting, background context about the local area and community, has been utilised to support the group in discussing and selecting preferred priorities. This background context report covered a range of issues including, population size, life expectancy, health, crime, economy and poverty. Generally, these data sets were more concerned with people, than the physical, more easily visible aspects of our neighbourhoods.
9. Information from Chorley Council's resident survey during 2017 was also presented to each neighbourhood management group. The results were broken down by ward, with the key issues being; satisfaction with the council; feeling informed, local area satisfaction; engaging with the community (working together to improve the local area) and feelings of safety (after dark).
10. The combined information in the reports described above, provided a helpful evidence base that added to each neighbourhood management groups' suggestions for future priorities.
11. The agreed priorities for each neighbourhood management group are outlined below:

Neighbourhood Area	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Euxton Astley & Buckshaw	<p>Footpath improvements (Astley Village): improvements to footpaths from Astley Village to Astley Park in Dog Trap Wood (near The Farthings and Long Copse) and Judeland Wood. Potential for parish council contribution to support</p>	<p>Road Safety: Work to examine methods to reduce speeding on Chancery Road, Buckshaw Avenue and Euxton Lane. Including potential to purchase SpID for Chancery Road to support scheme for Astley Village parish council</p>	<p>Open space improvements: Improvement works to open spaces; wildflower area on Euxton Lane, and creation of community orchard on Highways Avenue.</p>
Western Parishes	<p>Civic Pride Signage at the entrance to Croston village, Highfield Road and border with Bretherton & Rufford recognising multi-medal award winners of RHS Britain in Bloom. Plus welcome to Bretherton sign with message 'help keep our village tidy.'</p>	<p>Footway inter-connectivity at Mawdesley Centre which covers; Hall Lane, Black Bull public house; Dark lane/Stocks Hall nursing home and Riddeley Lane footpath between St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church</p>	<p>Entrance Markers placed on Moor Road/Southport Road to denote the boundaries of Ulnes Walton Parish</p>
Chorley Town East	<p>Luncheon club Albany High School inter-generational project to address social isolation and bridge generations by working with pupils. Encourage interaction and communications between the age groups and encourage volunteering.</p>	<p>Car Park on Howarth Road to develop a carpark on Haworth Road to be utilised by numerous people for a variety of interests such as the allotments, the school and by those visiting Chorley Nab.</p>	<p>Alley gates on Water Street and Stump Lane to install alleygates off Water Street and Stump Lane to address the rising concern of anti-social behaviour and crime. It is suggested that one alleygate would be useful. If alleygates are considered it was suggested to look at negotiating a contract with residents towards the funding and the upkeep of the alleygates.</p>
Clayton and Whittle	<p>Development of Canal basin (phase 2) near the Polo, footpath, steps and community garden</p>	<p>Site visit to Clayton Brook to explore feasibility of improvements to footpath & shrubs from the shops at Clayton Brook to the A6 and the play area, with PfP and Chorley Council.</p>	<p>Feasibility study and plan to improve lighting and footpath in the play area behind Lancaster Lane Primary School.</p>
Eastern Parishes	<p>Civic Pride Entrance Stone at Heapey Chase</p>	<p>Repair works to bus shelter at Wheelton –</p>	<p>Defibrillator Provision in Wheelton</p>

	Estate and scoping of improvements to road leading up to White Coppice Cricket Club	requires new roof	
Southeast Parishes	Erection of Alleygates behind 144 – 146 Park Road, Adlington	Review of car parking facilities at Jubilee playing fields, Adlington and area scoping of car parking	One off repair (using stone chippings) to the backs behind 72 Bolton Road, Adlington and adjacent properties, with clarity to residents that this road is unadopted therefore Chorley Council are not able to continuously maintain after repair.
Chorley Town West	A reading scheme aimed at pre-school children aimed at enhancing reading skills at a very early stage. To trial with the existing toddler group based a Buttermere Community Centre.	Continuation of weekly cookery sessions at Buttermere Community Centre	Developing models to help residents to better maintain communal unadopted areas. For example, planting schemes in alleys and educating residents in recycling.
Southern Parishes	Creation of a section of footpath on Clancutt Lane/Spendmore Lane, Coppull	Creation of a Community Garden at Poets Estate, Chorley	Installation of WIFI connection to Heskin Village Hall

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

12. 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

13. An annual budget of £50k was approved for neighbourhood priorities as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

14. No comments

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There are no background papers to this report.

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