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| Assistant Chief Executive (Policy & Performance) Introduced by the Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Performance | Executive Cabinet | 13 November 2008 |

THE CHORLEY PARTNERSHIP – 2ND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. 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.

This report outlines how the Chorley Partnership has performed over the second quarter. The report contains updates on:

- the work of the LSP, through its 11 strategic projects, including expenditure
- the key performance indicators from the Sustainable Community strategy and the first reporting period of the LAA

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the report be noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report shows that the Chorley Partnership's projects are in the main, on track, and are progressing well on its project work and is already starting to deliver on its LAA targets.

Some projects are yet to actually begin, such as the Circle of Need project, however this is due to a re-design of the scope of the project. Work is also just beginning on the Timebanks pilot volunteering project in Liptrott, following some research into best practice and the selection of a lead agency to manage the project (Age Concern).

Out of the performance indicators that can be updated at the half-yearly stage:

- Crime has fallen by 3.1% since April
- Household recycling is currently over 51%
- CO₂ emissions have gone up, from 5.6 tonnes per head of population, to 5.7 tonnes

- No of households living in temporary accommodation has risen since April, from 26 to 36.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

3. To keep Members informed about the progress of

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. N/A

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| 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

1. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Out of the targets in the **Sustainable Community Strategy**, we can update half-yearly figures on the following indicators:

| Indicator | 2007/8 Outturn | 2008/9 Target | 2 nd Quarter 2008/9 outturn |
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| New business starts ups | 74 | 53 | 34 |
| Vacant town centre floor space | 7% | 7% | 8% |
| Improvement in street cleanliness | 4.7% | 5% | 5% |
| Reduction in overall crime | 14.4% reduction | CDRP target not yet set | 3.1% reduction* |

* This equates to 2959 recorded crimes compared with 3055 over the same period last year

Out of the targets in the new **Local Area Agreement** that can be reported on at this stage, we can update progress on the following:

| Indicator | 2007/8 baseline | 2008/9 09 Target | 2nd Quarter 2008/9 outturn |
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| NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate | 8.27 | 1% reduction over 3 years | 3.65 |
| NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate | 6.3 per 1000 population | 2% reduction over 3 years | 3 |
| NI 192 Household Waste recycled and composted | 47.19% | 1% improvement p.a. | 51.75% |
| NI 195 Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting (Using LEQSE methodology)*) | Litter 10% Detritus 24% Graffiti 3% Fly posting 1% | Litter 10% Detritus 22% Graffiti 3% Fly posting 1% | Litter 4% Detritus 6% Graffiti 0% Fly posting 3% |
| NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area (tonnes per capita)** | 5.6 (2005) | 6.96 % reduction (Of which 6.13% is from "national" measures and 0.8% is from "national measures with LA influence") | 5.7 (2006) |

* Targets still being re-negotiated with GONW

**NB data released 18 months after real time

Another quarterly LAA target is NI 156 (below), however this is outside of the List of 35 that have reward target attached to their achievement.

| Indicator | 2007/8 baseline | 2008/9 Target | 2nd Quarter 2008/9 outturn |
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| NI 156 No of households living in temporary accommodation | 26 | 30 | 36 |

Revised baselines update

Since the LAA was signed off in June, the baselines for two indicators in the LAA have been amended following re-calculation and new definitions being published. These are:

| Indicator | 2007/8 original baseline | 2007/8 revised baseline | 2008/9 Target |
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| NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area (tonnes per capita) | 6.2 (2005) | 5.6 (2005) | 6.96 % (Of which 6.13% is from "national" measures and 0.8% is from "national measures with LA influence") |
| NI 155 No. of affordable homes delivered (gross) | 17 units | 28 units | 50 units |

These indicators will be reported on annually along with the remaining LAA indicators.

2. THE 11 PROJECTS

R Serious Concerns **A** Project behind schedule **G** Project on Track

| 5 Weeks Of Action | |
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| What is it? | A week of intensive targeted activity in community safety areas to reduce crime, improve the physical environment and promote health & wellbeing |
| Lead Partner | Chorley Council |
| RAG Status G | 3 delivered to date, in Clayton Brook, Chorley South West and Coppull. |

| Alcohol consequences campaign | |
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| What is it? | Promotional campaign aimed at raising awareness of alcohol related harm |
| Lead Partner | Chorley Council / NHS Central Lancashire |
| RAG Status G | The adverts have now been designed and the campaign will include sites such as Chorley train station from 17/11 running until 28/12 and 16 bus backs from 24/11 - 04/01. Further ad shell sites in the town centre and other strategic locations around Chorley currently being identified. |

| Girls Aloud | |
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| What is it? | Teenage pregnancy project at Albany Science College |
| Lead Partner | Albany Science College |

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| RAG Status Complete | This project has now been completed and was a big success. The girls who took part in the course are now mentoring younger girls about the dangers of “risky behaviour” and the harsh realities of being a teenage parent. |
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Family Support

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| What is it? | Recruiting volunteers to work with families in Chorley in need of extra support |
| Lead Partner | Homestart |
| RAG Status G | This project has already exceeded its target to work with 30 families across Chorley - The Chorley Family Support Group continues with 18 families attending, the Clayton Brook Group has 23 families attending. Including home visits and other support, a total of 83 families in this 6-month period. 18 new volunteers have been recruited and trained by Homestart, thanks to Chorley Partnership funding, exceeding the 6-month target of 10. |

Time Banks

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| What is it? | A volunteering programme whereby participants 'deposit' their time in the bank by giving practical help and support to others and are able to 'withdraw' their time when they need something done themselves |
| Lead Partner | Age Concern Lancashire / NHS Central Lancashire |
| RAG Status A | Work on this project has been slow to progress, however Age Concern has now been appointed as the lead agency for the project, which will be piloted in the Liptrott area. Age Concern have run successful Time Bank schemes in other parts of Lancashire. Work has now begun to recruit a volunteer co-ordinator for the project. |

Climate Change – supporting local businesses

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| What is it? | In partnership with Groundwork, Chorley Council will be offering support to businesses who have undertaken a Carbon Trust affiliated audit. Groundwork will run a series of business seminars on reducing energy consumption and increasing efficiency. Chorley Council will offer local SMEs grants of up to £5000 to implement the changes recommended in the audit. |
| Lead Partner | Groundwork |
| RAG Status G | The Chorley Business Climate Change Club will be set up following the launch of the climate change strategy on 18 th November. |

Mental Health awareness

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| What is it? | Campaign to educate people about mental health and to challenge the negative stigma associated with mental health |
| Lead Partner | NHS Central Lancashire |
| RAG Status | Awaiting update. |

Chorley Community Network

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| What is it? | To create a network promoting the VCF sector in Chorley, including a website of VCFS organisations and activity |
| Lead Partner | CVS |
| RAG Status | Database compiled, website being created to make information publicly accessible Launch of website and publicity to be held in January, along with other volunteering events |

Marketing Chorley phase 2

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| What is it? | To produce an inward investment pack and package of support to attract new businesses to Chorley |
| Lead Partner | Chorley Council |
| RAG Status | Pack currently being designed ready for publication |

Supporting rural economic diversification

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| What is it? | To support 10 rural businesses (including business start ups and existing businesses) to continue trading in the current challenging economic climate |
| Lead Partner | Chorley Council |
| RAG Status | Scheme has been publicised 5 referrals to date. Target of 10 by end of March. |

Circle of Need – Older People

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| What is it? | The Circle of Need project 's scope has now been refocused to concentrate on older people's needs, with particular emphasis on benefits and little known services such as pension re-tracing. |
| Lead Partner | Chorley Council |
| RAG Status | No expenditure to date, but new scope costed and expenditure due to start soon. Project currently being shared with stakeholders including Age Concern Lancashire and the DWP. |

3. STRATEGIC HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The LSP Board and Executive have approved the amalgamation of the new Strategic Housing Partnership as a sub-group of the wider LSP. The Strategic Housing Partnership, to be chaired by the Executive Member for Business, will focus on housing issues currently affecting Chorley, including Affordable Housing, temporary accommodation, choice based lettings, bringing empty properties back into use, etc. The SHP will include a wide variety of partners, including RSLs, private landlords, private housing developers and central government.

CONCLUSION

Overall, this report shows a strong second quarter performance by the Chorley Partnership.

The projects identified as Amber are still progressing but being monitored closely to ensure delivery by the end of the year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

In terms of the performance indicators, areas for focus include temporary accommodation (however measures are already in place which should reduce this figure by next quarter) and affordable housing, which given the current market conditions the target may be challenging to achieve. Economic regeneration targets, given the economic downturn and potential recession, are to be expected to remain static over the rest of the year.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

This report has no implications in the following areas.

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| Finance | | Customer Services | |
| Human Resources | | Equality and Diversity | |
| Legal | | | |

There are no papers attached with this report.

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