

Executive Cabinet

1. Any Cabinet recommendations on the reports that require Council decisions appear as separate items on the agenda.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2018

Chorley Council Performance Monitoring - Fourth Quarter 2018/19

2. Members considered the report of the Director (Policy and Governance) which sets out the performance against the delivery of the Corporate Strategy and key performance indicators during the fourth quarter of 2017/18, 1 January – 31 March 2018.
3. Overall, performance of key projects is good, with nine (75%) of the projects rated as green and one (8%) is currently not started. Two (17%) projects are currently rated amber and actions plans for each of these projects are contained within the report.
4. Performance of the Corporate Strategy indicators and key service delivery measures is also good. 85% of Corporate Strategy measures are performing on or above target and 80% of key service delivery measures are performing on or above target or within the 5% threshold. Indicators performing below target have action plans outlined with measures to improve performance.
5. The 'Bring forward key sites for development' project is currently rated amber, although the Cowling and Alker Lane development sites are progressing. 'Market Walk Extension' is also amber. A full update on the 'Market Walk Extension' project will be presented to Members at the July Council meeting.
6. The 'Number of projected jobs created through targeted interventions' indicator is performing below target, outside of the 5% tolerance threshold, but it is acknowledged that there is a shortage of employment sites for businesses to take up the grants on offer. The Digital Office Park will assist with this, but changes will be made to this indicator for the future.
7. 'Average working days per employee (FTE) per year lost through sickness absence' is performing below target. This may be the subject of a further Overview and Scrutiny review. 'Number of missed collections per 100,000 collections of household waste' was underperforming, but is now back on track. We noted the report.

Primrose Gardens Extra Care Allocations Policy

8. Councillor Jane Fitzsimons, Executive Member (Homes and Housing), presented the report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support) which outlined the draft allocations policy for the Primrose Gardens extra care scheme.

9. The Scheme is due for completion in March 2019. Consequently, the council needs to agree an allocation policy to allocate the apartments in a fair and transparent way. Due to the nature of the accommodation and the provision of an extra care element, it is necessary to incorporate the views of LCC and agree a series of priorities in order comply with the HCA grant conditions.
10. As with other allocation policies, the draft policy for Primrose Gardens includes banding to separate and prioritise applicants for accommodation. Within each of the bands, the policy then gives priority to those who currently live in Chorley, then those who can demonstrate a local connection and finally to those who live elsewhere in Lancashire.
11. The policy sets out the approach to managing the allocations policy. The decisions will be made by a joint panel that comprises representatives from Chorley Council, the care provider for the scheme and from adult social care. The policy sets out the aim that decisions on allocation will be through consensus. However, if agreement cannot be reached then the final decision will rest with Chorley Council as the landlord.
12. The draft policy will be shared with agencies in Chorley who target the audience for extra care such as Age UK, Age Concern, LCFT and Lancashire Wellbeing who all support over 55's, and will also consult with the wider agencies who work to support customers with housing needs.
13. We approved the draft allocations policy for consultation and delegated power to the Executive Member (Homes and Housing) to amend the policy following the consultation responses being considered and to approve the allocations policy, in current or amended form, for adoption.

Glendale Proposal from Leaseholder of Duxbury Golf Course

14. Councillor Bev Murray, Executive Member (Early Intervention), presented the confidential report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support).
15. Members discussed that whilst the proposal may make the site more sustainable for Glendale Golf, there is a cost to the Council through the loss of NNDR income. The Council have already made concessions to Glendale since the commencement of the lease in terms of rent and management arrangements. This additional loss in income which flows from the change to charitable body status will reduce the council's income from the site further.
16. We authorised the Director (Early Intervention and Support) to negotiate with Glendale concerning the proposed changes to the Lease for Duxbury Golf Course and delegated authority to the Executive Member (Resources), to be exercised in consultation with the Executive Member (Early Intervention), to approve any proposed changes to the lease or, if necessary to decide not to proceed with any changes.

Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy: Review 2017-18

17. Councillor Jane Fitzsimons, the Executive Member for Homes and Housing presented the confidential report of the Director (Early Intervention and Support) which provides a summary of the impact of the changes to the Housing Assistance Policy introduced in April 2017 and makes recommendations regarding the future operation of the policy.
18. The report updates Members on other features of the Private Sector Housing Assistance policy, such as the extension of the Integrated Home Improvement Services (IHIS) Collaboration Agreement between the Council and Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the corresponding contract extensions between the Council and Mobility Care Services and between the Council and Preston Care and Repair.
19. We approved the retention of the existing flexibility within the existing Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy, in order to facilitate the delivery of major adaptations in a way which addresses Better Care Fund (BCF) priorities more effectively.
20. In light of the continued significant levels of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding, we approved the increase in applicable fees from 10% of the total value of each major adaptation grant award, to 12.5%. The increase in fee income will provide further opportunity for the Council to re-invest in the Home Improvement Agency (HIA) service, as part of the ongoing efforts to maximise the use of the Council's DFG budget.

Recommendation

21. To note the report.

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