

Report of	Meeting	Date
Assistant Chief Executive (Policy & Performance) introduced by the Executive Member (Corporate Policy and Performance)	COUNCIL	2 December 2008

THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE STRATEGY 2008/9 TO 2010/11

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To confirm the Council's Corporate Strategy for 2008/9 to 2010/11 following the inclusion of revisions agreed at the Special Council meeting on 4 November 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the attached Corporate Strategy for 2008/09 to 2010/11 be confirmed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- The decisions taken at the Special Council meeting on 4 November have been implemented and incorporated into a revised Corporate Strategy document which is attached for Members information.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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

CHANGES TO THE CORPORATE STRATEGY

- Temporary Accommodation:** the Special Council meeting requested that an additional key project to develop and implement a solution for temporary accommodation be included in the Corporate Strategy and this has now been incorporated – see Column 5, fourth bullet point under key projects.
- Green Corridor:** the Special Council meeting asked the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to investigate the extension of the green corridor as well as its

improvement. Continuing to improve the green corridor of Chorley is an ongoing project and so a further project “to investigate the extension of the green corridor to Ellerbeck” has now been incorporated – see *Column 5, second bullet point under key projects*.

7. **Council’s use of energy:** the Special Council meeting asked the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to agreed that an invest to save project be included on the Council’s use of energy. A project “to deliver an invest to save programme for the Council’s use of energy” has now been incorporated – see *Column 4, third bullet under key projects*.
8. **Biodiversity:** the Special Council meeting asked the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to investigate a change of wording to the measure in outcome 4.3 to improve rather than just maintain, the current level of biodiversity as assessed in the Local Development Framework.

In order to include a more measurable and specific target, the previous target has been replaced by the following measure for the level of biodiversity in the borough:

“The % of appropriate Council owned sites under active conservation management. The target is 14%”.

This is a new indicator, and is based on NI 197. NI 197 is included in the Lancashire Local Area Agreement, and the target that has been set reflects the target set in the LAA. The term active conservation management refers to a having a full management plan in place. This document is complex, and sets out the steps that will be taken to undertake positive conservation management. The profiled target aims, in the first year, to establish the position of Council owned land, and develop active management plans for at least 5% of Council owned sites.

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