

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY INQUIRY PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic: Chorley Partnership	Investigation by: Chorley Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
	Type: Scrutiny inquiry

<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To ensure the wider engagement of the Council, local councillors and local people in the work of the LSP and its thematic groups. 2 To maximise the capacity of the LSP through the projects it delivers. 3. To investigate how the LSP will tackle one of the issues for the Borough, the high rate of alcohol harm related hospital admission rates and alcohol related anti social behaviour issues. 	<p>Desired Outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wider knowledge and understanding of the concept and knowledge of Chorley Partnership by both councillors and the public; including knowing how to access information about the work of Chorley partnership. 2. To understand and perhaps improve the process of project selection and monitoring by the LSP. 3. To understand how the LSP can contribute to tackling the issue of high rates of alcohol harm in Chorley.
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<p>Terms of Reference:</p> <p>In investigating aspects of Chorley Partnership, the task group will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Members can improve their knowledge of the role of Chorley Partnership the work it carries out and how they and the public can access that information. • In order to look at maximising capacity, consider funding sources for the LSP and the relationship of Lancashire Locals with Chorley Partnership • The current project selection and monitoring processes and assessing the “value added” by projects • In looking at the key issues of alcohol related harm, interview key stakeholders in order to understand the extent of the problem and their plans for tackling the issue

Key Issues:	Risks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LSP is a large and complex body. Keeping the review to the three objectives is still a large task and may extend beyond the end of the Council year. • Many LSP partners (particularly from the private and
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	voluntary sectors) contribute their time and expertise on a goodwill basis. The scrutiny review needs to be constructive in any recommendations in order to continue current good working relationships with all sectors.
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Venue(s):	Timescale: Approx. 5 months Start: October 2008 Finish: March 2009
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Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence:
 Chorley Partnership Constitution and membership
 Statutory Government guidance on LSPs
 Chorley Partnership Annual Report
 IDeA Peer Review of Chorley Partnership
 Chorley Partnership: Quarterly monitoring information

Witnesses:
 Alan Jones, Chair of Chorley Partnership to talk about the LSP and the work of the economic regeneration thematic group
 A representative of Lancashire Locals to discuss funding and their relationship with Chorley Partnership

Consultation/Research:
 IDeA guidance on the effective scrutiny of LSPs
 Comparison with other LSPs on processes used for project selection

Site Visits:
 Possible attendance by representatives of the task group of a meeting of the Partnership Board/Executive

Officer Support:	Likely Budget Requirements:
Lead Officer: Lesley Ann Fenton, Assistant Chief Executive (Policy and Performance)	Purpose £
Meetings support: Carol Russell/Dianne Scambler	Minimal costs for any site visits
	Total _____

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations	Executive Cabinet
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