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| Director of Early Intervention (Introduced by the Executive Member for Early Intervention) | Executive Cabinet | 14 th March 2019 |

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES 2019/20

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 2019) to agree the forward year's neighbourhood priorities 2019/20
2. It presents the proposed neighbourhood priorities that have been agreed within each neighbourhood management group to be approved by Executive Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

3. It is recommended that the neighbourhood priorities proposed 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.

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| 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 |
| | 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 |

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

This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| 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

9. 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 £50,000 budget investment has continued to support priorities in 2018/19
10. 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 have not been possible to be delivered.
11. Within each neighbourhood area 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, 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.

12. 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).
13. The combined information in the reports described above, provided a helpful evidence base that added to each neighbourhood management groups suggestions for priorities.
14. The following process is used to select and manage the neighbourhood priorities for each neighbourhood area:

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| January to February | <p>Nomination and selection: Members of the neighbourhood group nominate priorities in advance or at the meeting.</p> <p>Neighbourhood management groups agree top three priorities and a lead member from the group</p> |
| March | <p>Approval: Outlined priorities presented to Executive Cabinet for Approval</p> |
| April to May | <p>Scoping: Lead Officer identified for each of the selected neighbourhood priority.</p> <p>Lead officer works with lead member from neighbourhood group to scope the priority – including timescales, costs and funding sources</p> |
| June to July | <p>Update and monitoring: Update on the process in the selected neighbourhood priorities will be provided to the Neighbourhood meetings</p> |
| October | <p>Update and monitoring: Update provided by email (in addition to ongoing progress updates on individual projects) on all selected neighbourhood priorities to neighbourhood management groups</p> |

PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

15. The priorities proposed and agreed for each neighbourhood management group are outlined below:

| Neighbourhood Area | Priority Project Proposals | |
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| Southern | Priority 1 | Continued improvements to the Meadows Play Area in Heskin |
| | Priority 2 | Intergenerational cooking classes in Coppull. |
| | Priority 3 | Re-location of the access and installation of a drop kerb to serve the car park at the Orchard Gardens project on Church Lane, Charnock Richard |
| Chorley Town West | Priority 1 | Explore with local partners the issues that contribute to low birth weight and develop an initiative which can help address these issues |
| | Priority 2 | Develop a project that aims to help children reach the achievement expected at Key stage Two To include connecting with local primary schools and creating homework club that provides facilities and digital support to parents which will enable them to help their children do their homework online. |
| | Priority 3 | Work with partners to raise awareness of support and self-help available for young people suffering with mental health issues, with the aim to help reduce levels of self-harm |
| Western | Priority 1 | Installation of raised planters on the verge in front of the former Carrington Centre with support from local residents to carry out ongoing maintenance |
| | Priority 2 | Improvements and replacement of planters in Croston |
| | Priority 3 | Improvements to open spaces in Ulmes Walton particular at the entrance points into the village |

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| Clayton & Whittle | Priority 1 | Improvements to canal footpath and steps from Moss Bridge to Hill Top Lane including maintenance work to trees on canal side |
| | Priority 2 | Help support residents and existing groups to develop services and activities that benefit the local community, utilising Clayton Brook Village Hall |
| | Priority 3 | Investigate possible improvements to wooden barrier on roadside near Moss Lane / Blackburn Rd |
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| Chorley Town East | Priority 1 | Enhancement and improvement of the Water Street Area from the landscaped area between Wellington and Congress Street, down towards the Swan with Two Necks. In particular the conservation area in and around Chapel Steps. |
| | Priority 2 | Creation of a community garden on the piece of land at the bottom of St George's School playing fields. |
| | Priority 3 | Raising awareness of the effects of alcohol and drugs (including the use of shisha to smoke illegal substances) with schools, places of worship, and faith schools. |
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| Eastern | Priority 1 | Creation of Civic Pride Entrance Stone at Heapey Chase Estate and improvements to Goit footpath |
| | Priority 2 | Increased defibrillator provision in Withnell and Wheelton |
| | Priority 3 | Surface improvements to Meadow Street Play Area in Wheelton |
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| Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw | Priority 1 | Develop a tree planting scheme along Euxton Lane |
| | Priority 2 | Improvements to green space around Astley Village Shopping area with focus on the hedgerows |
| | Priority 3 | Provision of grounds maintenance equipment to aid ongoing improvements to open spaces |
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| South East | Priority 1 | Project to address social isolation in the area with focus on the creation of social activity opportunities for elderly residents |
| | Priority 2 | To provide permanent lighting scheme at Adlington War Memorial |
| | Priority 3 | Provision of information boards detailing local history of the area at Rivington Village Green and Headless Cross in Anderton |

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

16. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

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| 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

17. The neighbourhood priorities are supported by a £50k annual revenue budget.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

18. No comments.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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