

OUR VISION Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council want to deliver the best standard of local government to Chorley. We believe that by working together, we can achieve more for Chorley. This locality plan sets out just some of the things that will be achieved in the next 12 months.

In Chorley this year your Councils will...

OUR AIMS	Ensuring that Chorley is the pulse of a thriving central Lancashire economy	Improving life chances for all	Building Stronger Communities with improved access to public services	Developing the character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live, work and play
CHORLEY COUNCIL WILL	<p>Undertake the second phase of the Market Walk redevelopment in Chorley Town Centre, developing the range and quality of the shopping experience in Chorley.</p> <p>Undertake improvements of the markets. For example, improving the roof of the covered market.</p> <p>Upgrade the street furniture and work to improve shop fronts on Market Street.</p> <p>Encourage investment and job creation at the regional strategic site at Buckshaw and develop a plan for the future.</p> <p>Encourage medium size business growth in the Buckshaw Link.</p> <p>Create niche workspace in the Enterprise Village to encourage new business growth.</p>	<p>Continue to develop the highly successful Get Up and Go programme, offering 3,000 free places to young people for activities throughout the summer.</p> <p>Introduce Play Rangers to play areas to ensure that children can get the most from the play areas in a safe environment.</p> <p>Adopt new sports pitches: Fairview in Adlington and Gillibrands in Chorley.</p> <p>Help more people become more involved in regular physical activity by implementing the play strategy, the local sport and physical activity alliance and introducing more activities for older people.</p>	<p>Run a series of community skip days, to help people dispose of bulky waste who would not otherwise be able to organise removal.</p> <p>Learn more about our customers to make sure that we offer everyone the best service possible and tailor our services to respond to and meet people's needs.</p>	<p>Invest in upgrading the facilities in Astley Park.</p> <p>Improve the facilities at Duxbury Golf Club, including a new club house.</p> <p>Deliver a programme of alley gate installations to increase residents' feelings of safety in their neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Collect recycling in a different way from apartments and housing with central bin stores to help residents recycle more. This is currently being piloted in Buckshaw Village.</p> <p>Improve the facilities at Brinscall Swimming Pool.</p> <p>Improve the facilities at Clayton Green Leisure Centre.</p>
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WILL	<p>Support Chorley Town Centre Regeneration Improvements. For example, by reviewing our maintenance practices in accordance with the urban design and finishes plan.</p> <p>Work with our partners to provide resources to help all learners (aged 14-19) to progress to further learning, training or employment. This will include innovative approaches to delivery which will inspire our young people to achieve and equip them with the skills, qualifications and experiences required to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational learning opportunities Access to 'construction' training A new Diploma in Engineering A range of Young Apprenticeship programmes and activities A new vocational centre at Albany Science College A construction training centre at the Eric Wright Learning Centre for 14 - 16 year olds 	<p>Make available a climate change fund to support community projects on climate change.</p> <p>We will provide support to schools in Chorley to help them provide extended school services. These will ensure access to a range of further services and activities beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of pupils, their families and the wider community.</p> <p>Work with partners to develop high quality services to serve the whole community, but mainly families with children under the age of 5, from newly designated children's centres at Buckshaw Primary School, Clayton Brook Primary School, Coppull Primary School, and Duke Street Nursery School. This includes the provision of services targeted at those who require them most.</p> <p>Make funding available, through the Youth Opportunity Fund, to support Chorley Schools develop ways to encourage sustainable and healthier ways to travel to school, particularly walking and cycling, and help to reduce car use by parents, pupils and staff.</p>	<p>Implement our Customer Access Strategy, to provide improved ways for our customers to access all the services provided by Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>Work with young people in Chorley to provide opportunities for them to be involved in projects to improve their local area. A special fund will be available to young people in Chorley to support this work.</p> <p>Support the Chorley Youth Council – a group of young people in Chorley who meet together to ensure young people's opinions are heard.</p> <p>Build a new Chorley Register Office with improved facilities and public access. Building works expected to begin in February/March 2008.</p> <p>Carry out refurbishments to Chorley Town Centre Library, including disabled toilet facilities.</p> <p>Carry out a refurbishment to improve facilities and accessibility to the Bankside Learning Disability Day Centre.</p> <p>Support the local Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector groups in Chorley through the allocation of grants through the Chorley Lancashire Local Committee.</p> <p>Continue to build on the Parish and Town Council Charter – developing the way we work with Parish and Town Councils across Chorley.</p>	<p>Provide a roadside footway between Bretherton and Croston.</p> <p>Provide a further 10 Mobile Safety Traffic Camera sites across Chorley.</p> <p>Install traffic calming measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood End, Clayton-le-Woods Collingwood Road, (design in progress, on site mid 2008) Eaves Green Home Zone (following a new housing development) work to start March 2008 <p>Carry out improvements to signs and road markings, along with speed limit reductions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A675 south of Abbey Village A675 from Hoghton Bridge to M65 Riley Green <p>Look to provide new traffic signals to Wheulton Bypass/Blackburn Road junction.</p> <p>As part of the West Pennine Moors partnership projects programme, improve Healey Nab Woodland, including increasing biodiversity and the development of a new mountain bike trail.</p> <p>Promote cycling in the Borough through a series of new cycle paths and improvements to existing paths around the Borough. In addition, publish a cycle map of Chorley in summer 2008.</p>
TOGETHER WE WILL	<p>Continue to work together on the opening of Buckshaw Railway Station – anticipated for March 2009.</p> <p>Develop with our partners proposals for a Green Technology Centre at the Regional Investment Site, Buckshaw Village. The Centre will provide advice and support to existing and new businesses across Central Lancashire who specialise in environmental technologies.</p>	<p>Work with other key partners to ensure that there is a coordinated response to problems faced by some of the most vulnerable households in Chorley.</p> <p>Work together, and with partners, to increase access to young people's sexual health services and workers to help reduce teenage pregnancy rates in Chorley.</p> <p>Support the development of District Children's Trust Arrangements. This will bring together organisations so they can place the needs of children, young people and their families at the centre of what they do, and improve the way that they work together.</p> <p>Work together, and with partners, to provide information, advice and practical help to people who need extra help so they can stay at home and retain independence.</p> <p>Implement the Chorley Transport and Service Accessibility Plan – to make sure that people can reach services they need, such as education, healthcare, employment and leisure facilities.</p> <p>Work together to create more opportunities for children and young people. For example, in the development of youth provision at Applejax.</p>	<p>Our local councillors will work together on the Chorley Lancashire Local Committee influencing local county council services in Chorley. Members of the public, are invited to attend these meetings and share their views.</p> <p>Chorley Council, with financial support from Lancashire County Council, will improve access to Yarrow Valley Country Park. This will enable wheelchair access from the car park to the lodges and the base of the Weir.</p> <p>Develop the Chorley Older People's Strategic Partnership Board - bringing together older people and other organisations - to give older people the opportunity to shape the services that most affect them.</p> <p>Continue to develop a Shared Services Contact Centre, improving customer access to Chorley Council and Lancashire County Council services.</p> <p>Work together to develop provision for a community facility at Buckshaw Village.</p> <p>Investigate options for the future viability of the Information and Advice centre on Market Street, Chorley.</p>	<p>Make improvements in the Big Wood / Copperworks Wood areas, as part of a Reclamation and Management of Derelict Land (ReMADE) project, which will improve public safety, access and enjoyment, as well as provide an extension of Yarrow Valley Country Park and footpath between Yarrow Valley Country Park and Astley Park in Chorley.</p> <p>Develop a strategy that will help Chorley respond to the challenges posed by Climate Change.</p> <p>Develop a framework to encourage the growth of affordable housing stock in Chorley.</p> <p>Identify opportunities for young people to become involved in local arts/creative projects.</p> <p>Work with the police and other key agencies to improve Community Safety. For example, by organising 'action weeks' to target particular areas.</p>