

Scrutiny Committee

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Cabinet Member Update: Housing & Healthy Communities



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Cabinet Member Update: Housing & Healthy Communities

Cabinet Portfolio Responsibilities

- ▶ Strategic Housing
- ▶ Promoting the Council's role in Public Health
- ▶ Community Safety
- ▶ Promoting the Council's in respect of children and young people

Cabinet portfolio links to Corporate Plan 2015/2016

Priorities:	<i>Clean, Green and Safe</i>	<i>Strong South Ribble in the heart of a prosperous Central Lancashire</i>	<i>Strong and Healthy Communities</i>
Objectives:	3. Work with communities and partners to ensure that South Ribble remains a safe place, by tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.	6. Improve the quality and standard of housing and property, in line with local needs.	7. Work with partners on the public health agenda.
Key Actions:	6. Through the Safer Chorley and South Ribble Partnership, work to tackle crime, fear of crime and promote public confidence.	10. Work with partners to agree priorities and secure investment in housing.	17. Work with partners to offer the best possible opportunities to South Ribble's children and young people. 18. Work with GPs and other partners, including Lancashire County Council Public Health on local health and wellbeing needs.

Measures of Success:	5. 90% of residents with confidence in South Ribble being a safe place to live	9. 35 affordable homes delivered subject to planning permission 10. Number of long-term empty properties brought back into use (number to be determined)	
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Vision and Priorities of the Cabinet Member

Housing

To ensure there is high quality housing provision across South Ribble to meet the needs and aspirations of both current and future residents, and to support the development of healthy, sustainable and prosperous communities.

Public Health

To work with Partners in improving the health and wellbeing of the borough.

Young People

To work with partners to offer the best possible opportunities for the borough's children and young people.

Community Safety

Through the Safer Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership, work to tackle crime, fear of crime and promote public confidence.

Portfolio Achievements

- Number of affordable homes built – 97.
- Disabled facilities waiting list reduced and all the passported funding from Lancashire County Council allocated.
- New Health and Wellbeing Partnership formed including South Ribble, Chorley and Preston. Partnership priorities and work streams currently being developed.
- Successful funding bid to Better Care Fund for £30,000 to support enforcement of private rented sector and home insulation grants.
- New Children's Partnership Board (CPB) formed including South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire. This replaces the South Ribble Children and Young People's Trust Board.
- CPB Action Plan for 2015/16.
- Summer Activities booklet produced targeting young people in the borough.

- Requirements of new Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act implemented.
- Counter Terrorism Act Action Plan produced in accordance with new Prevent duty.
- Funding successfully obtained from Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for a number of projects.
- Community Safety Partnership Action Plan for 2015/16.
- Funding continued for PCSO's and Domestic Violence including IDVA service.
- Overall crime figure for 2014/15 reduced by 8.1% and is on track for a reduction in 2015/16.

Portfolio Areas for Development / Improvement

- Loneliness & Social Isolation (Scrutiny Review) to be further developed to assess scale of the issue within the borough; impact on partners and identification of where intervention achieves greatest benefit.

Future Portfolio Challenges / Emerging Key Issues

- National housing policy is still emerging and this will impact on the local housing market.
- Future security of passported money from Lancashire County Council to address Disabled Facilities need.
- The need to look at quality of build for affordable housing not simply numbers.
- There are no extra care housing schemes in South Ribble. Given the demographics of the Borough there is a need to keep pressure on Lancashire County Council to deliver a scheme.
- Provision of health facilities to match an increasing population.
- Maintaining positive crime figures as public sector budgets reduce.

Overall Cabinet Member Summary / Comments

None

Recent Scrutiny Reviews Relevant to Portfolio

Date	Review Title	Easy web-address
October 2012	Scrutiny Review of Empty Properties	http://bit.ly/1i1glg6
September 2013	Mind the Gap – Scrutiny Review of Health Inequalities	http://bit.ly/1fZabR7
February 2014	NHS Healthchecks	http://bit.ly/1EsUxXe
March 2015	Is anyone there? – Scrutiny Review of Loneliness & Social Isolation	http://bit.ly/1ETVeYG

Date	Review Title	Easy web-address
	Affecting Older People	

Key Portfolio Documents / Background Information

None