

DRAFT CORPORATE PRIORITIES For Consideration by Cabinet 16 February 2010

1. ECONOMIC REGENERATION –SUPPORTING OUR ECONOMY

A) *Energy, coast and environmental technology*

- *Lancaster Science Park - creation of a new, regionally important science park to support and create businesses and jobs*
- *Nuclear Energy - working to ensure the creation of local jobs, supplies of local goods and services and network capacity from the proposed new nuclear power stations*
- *Renewable Energy - detailed plans for the development of renewable energy sources along the coast*
- *Employment sites - bringing brownfield and derelict land in the district back into use, particularly with improved access from the new M6 link road*

B) *Heritage and cultural tourism for the district, including creative industries and employment*

- *Morecambe Area Action Plan - a comprehensive plan for investment in Morecambe, including the central promenade area and the retail centre*
- *Lancaster Square Routes - programme of improvement to Lancaster's public areas to improve the city's valuable heritage and create a more vibrant city centre*
- *Morecambe Townscape Heritage Initiative - improvements to retail premises*
- *Cultural Heritage Investment Strategy - development of a planned programme of activities to improve the offer of the district's heritage assets, including museums and the castle*
- *Luneside East - to support the development of an urban village in Lancaster to provide additional quality business space and housing*

2. CLIMATE CHANGE

All local authorities can and should be taking action to combat climate change. The City Council is committed to implementing its own 5 year Climate Change Strategy focusing on energy savings and carbon emission reduction to generate efficiencies and environmental improvements.

Specific targets for the Council include:-

- 10% Reduction Target agreed for 2010/11*
- 34% Reduction Target set for 2020*

- 80% Reduction Target set for 2050

The City Council is also committed to working with its partners to help the delivery of community climate change actions through the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership and Lancashire Local Area Agreement.

By working in partnership with other agencies the city council believes it can significantly help to reduce CO2 emissions in our local area.

3. STATUTORY SERVICES - MEETING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

In particular, Clean and Green services – achieving at least the minimum statutory standards for services such as planning, housing, environmental health, street cleaning, and refuse collection

By law Lancaster City Council must provide certain statutory services. Others, which it can choose whether or not to provide, are discretionary services.

For some statutory services, the legal requirement may include a minimum standard of service which must be met. In others there is more flexibility.

In some statutory services, Lancaster City Council has chosen to use that flexibility in determining service standards.

If the council wishes to continue to use this flexibility, we must consider the justification for doing so:

- a) Does it help to meet another proposed objective?*
- b) Is it a high priority for local citizens?*
- c) Is it a high priority within the Community Strategy?*

4. PARTNERSHIP WORKING & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Shaping the District and working with others to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy and provide services currently contributing to the quality of life in the district that are not the District Council's main function or priority.

Local partnerships are essential to deliver improvements in people's quality of life. By working within the partnerships already established within the district, and through the development of new ones, the Council can make a meaningful and telling contribution to delivering the priorities of the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership and the county wide Local Area Agreement

The council recognises its community leadership role can be enhanced and promoted through improved partnership working as a means to address local needs such as housing, health, children and young people, environment and crime and disorder.