

RIBBLE VALLEY LOCALITY PLAN 2010 – 2011

Ribble Valley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council recognise that there are tough times ahead for both authorities - we're going to have reduced budgets and resources but we still aim to deliver high quality services. Here are some of our joint, local priorities and examples of how we'll strive to achieve them together over the next year.

Our overarching priority is: **working more closely together to get the most effective and efficient delivery of services that we can.**

PEOPLE

Priority: Support and help older or vulnerable people

- Work together with appropriate partners to improve access to information and advice about council and community based services
- Carry out a Health Needs Assessment (including a survey involving older citizens) in eight rurally isolated villages

Priority: Build capacity of the Children's Trust

- Continue development of the Youth Forum
- Approve the Statement of Commitment between Ribble Valley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for the Children's Trust

Priority: Promote and develop civic pride and local democracy

- Build on good contacts within schools to increase and develop understanding of local democracy
- Co-ordinate and promote events and information for Local Democracy Week

Priority: Improve community engagement

- Work with partners to develop, launch and promote an interactive community engagement website
- Improve links between both authorities in terms of joint promotions, including, where possible, via the free public access computers in libraries

Priority: Improve access to services

- Install and make available the Telly Talk "virtual face to face" service at Clitheroe Library
- Launch the multi-agency bus, providing increased access to services in rural areas

Priority: Actively explore opportunities to tap into 'social capital', volunteering and local lobbying

- Introduce a Voluntary Sector Hub in Clitheroe
- Promote volunteer opportunities (including traditional countryside skills, help with environmental and community projects, in libraries etc)

PLACE

Priority: Improve street cleanliness

- Work together through the Public Realm Integration Project to improve street cleanliness by concentrating on weed control
- Support parish lengthsman scheme to current level

Priority: Winter maintenance

- Develop joint winter maintenance strategy delivered by Lancashire County Council and Ribble Valley Borough Council, together with Parish and Town Councils where appropriate

Priority: Develop allotment space

- Support the development of additional allotment space in collaboration with Groundwork Pennine Lancashire

Priority: Improve the environment and local sustainability

- Implement Ribble Valley Borough Council's Environmental Action Plan
- Hold and promote events to support the 'Buy, Eat, Live Local' ethos and link with the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' campaign
- Identify any feasible sites for hydro electric power generation in Ribble Valley

Priority: Improve and expand culture, arts and leisure opportunities

- Promote Bowland Arts Festival in 2010
- Work together to develop opportunities to engage local people in creative activity

PROSPERITY

Priority: Develop Town Centre Plans for Longridge and Whalley

Priority: Explore what we do as local employers in terms of work experience, apprenticeships etc

- Work together to offer and provide work placements, work experience opportunities and apprenticeships where appropriate
- Offer work experience opportunities for local students in the environmental sector taking in volunteering, practical conservation and the aims and work of the Forest of Bowland, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and partners
- Lancashire Green Tourism project to continue to offer training and support to Ribble Valley tourism operators to gain - and retain - Green Tourism Awards

