

**REGENERATION AND TECHNICAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Monday 10th December 2007**

PRESENT – *Councillor Julie Slater (in the Chair), Councillors. Ali, K. Foster, Mike Johnson, J. Smith and Tapp.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Councillor Cottam</i>	– Executive Member Regeneration
<i>Adam Scott</i>	– Director for Regeneration
<i>Brian Bailey</i>	– Lead Officer
<i>Paul Conlon</i>	– Principal Scrutiny Officer
<i>John Addison</i>	– Scrutiny Officer

RESOLUTIONS

9 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillors Doherty and Surve.

10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th October 2007

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2007 be received and signed.

11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

12 Work of the Executive and the Performance Agreement

The Executive Member for Regeneration was invited to give the Committee a brief overview and update on the Executive Decisions he had taken since the last meeting of the Committee, and to highlight any future decisions that he may be taking between this Committee and the Committees next meeting to be held in February 2008.

Members were also provided with a budget position statement for the Regeneration portfolio, which included progress on efficiency reviews.

The Committee considered the Executive Member decisions, Executive Board decisions relating to the portfolio and the current position in relation to the budget.

In response to a question about Freckleton Street Bridge, the Executive Member informed Members that the bridge was currently two weeks behind schedule and that he expected the road to be in place by the end of January 2008.

The Executive Member invited any Members of the Committee once the road was in place to a site visit of the bridge if they wished. It was reported that the Freckleton Street Masterplan schedule was on time and that the Council owned most of the land required.

In response to a question, with regards to whether the cost of the A666 Rapid Transport was covered under the Local Transport Plan 2007/2008, the Executive Member informed the Committee its was not covered under the Local Transport Plan 2007/2008, but a small amount was for the consultation.

The Executive Member agreed to provide the Committee with a presentation on the Council's waste and recycling figures, at the Committees next meeting.

The Director for Regeneration informed the Committee that before the next meeting of the Committee a decision on the local development strategy would be taken by the Executive.

RESOLVED:

That the work of the Executive be noted.

13 Blackburn Market and Darwen Market Strategy Survey

The Principal Scrutiny Officer updated Members with information of the Committees survey of Darwen Market which was held on a Saturday in November. A copy of the questionnaire was attached to the Agenda for Members information.

Members were informed that the survey had provided a large amount of data that would be analysed to assist Members in drawing up questions for the Executive Member. Members were provided with an initial break down of the findings from the survey of Blackburn and Darwen Markets. It was noted that nearly 300 people had been surveyed over the three dates.

Members asked the Executive Member for Regeneration a number of questions regards Blackburn and Darwen Markets, including the Council's vision for both Markets and stalls within the new market buildings.

The Executive Member reminded Members of the vision for the Markets, with Blackburn market being incorporated into the new MALL development.

In response to a question over how traders would be selected for the new Blackburn Market, as it would be smaller than the existing market. The Executive Member informed the Committee that there was no selection process at the moment and that the Council did not expect all current stall holders at the old Market to apply for a stall in the new Market.

The Committee then held a detailed discussion with the Executive Member around the benefits and attraction of a successful market and how the Council would attract the desired stall holders to deliver public need.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive Member for Regeneration be thanked.

14 A666 Rapid Transport Consultation

The Executive Member for Regeneration informed the Committee that the proposed consultation for the A666 Rapid Transport had been delayed as he had not been happy with the proposals and wanted maximum public participation in the consultation.

The Committee discussed the key points about the A666 Rapid Transport consultation, in particular the impact these may have on residents of the borough, the cost and benefits to the proposed schemes.

In response to a question about when the consultation would most likely be undertaken. The Executive Member informed the Committee that he hoped the consultation would begin in early 2008. The Executive Member further informed the Committee that he would have more information available for the Committees next meeting to be held in February 2008.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive Member for Regeneration be thanked for his attendance.

15 Work Programme

The Principal Scrutiny Officer outlined to Members the Committee's main work programme for the year; Regeneration of Markets, A666 Rapid Transport and Waste.

Members were reminded of some of the issues that they had highlighted throughout the meeting and asked Members how they wished to continue with their work programme.

Members requested that for the next meeting of the Committee, they would like to have a presentation on the current waste recycling targets and further information on the A666 Rapid Transport consultation.

RESOLVED:

That for the next meeting of the Committee Members be provided with a presentation on the current waste recycling targets and further information on the A666 rapid transport consultation.

Signed.....
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

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