

**REGENERATION AND TECHNICAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Monday 9th June 2008**

PRESENT – *Councillor Julie Slater (in the Chair), Councillors, K. Foster, Kay, Surve, Mulla, Mike Johnson, and Konrad Tapp.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Sajid Ali.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2008

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2008 be received and signed.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4 Work of the Executive

The Strategic Director for Regeneration informed the Committee that the Executive Member for Regeneration was unable to attend the meeting, due to a clash of meetings. The Chair suggested that if Members had any questions for the Executive Member, that these would be recorded and sent to him for a written response which would then be distributed to all Members of the Committee.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration was invited to give the Committee a brief overview and update on the Executive Decisions that had been 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 August 2008. Members were

further provided with performance data (by exception) on underperforming service areas within the Regeneration portfolio.

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 the progression of Freckleton Street bridge. Members were informed that the bridge was still expected to be opened by the middle of June 2008.

Members asked the Strategic Director for Regeneration a number of questions with regards to car parking, the underutilisation of NRF, Building Services and asset management.

The Chair thanked the Strategic Director for Regeneration and requested that the following points be addressed in the form of a briefing note to all Members of the Committee, on points that Members had raised throughout the meeting;

- How did the underutilisation of NRF in 2007/2008 happen.
- What are the enforcement standards of road reinstatement by utility companies.
- Does the Council have a local food waste pilot programme running.
- Are their plans for Councillors to be given a briefing on LDF and core strategies.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

5 Work of the Executive and the Performance Agreement

The Chair asked the Strategic Director for Regeneration to outline his departments top five priorities for the next twelve months, what he considered to be his three biggest risks and the impact these may have.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration outlined the strategic and operational priorities for his Portfolio over the coming year;

- Develop a spatial planning strategy to deliver sustainable development - Produce Local Development Framework, Deliver Sustainable Community Strategy.

- Deliver alternative, accessible and sustainable transport solutions - Provide alternative transport that people will choose to use over their car.
- Effective delivery of future waste management and recycling demands - Identify alternative disposal solution.
- Deliver environmental improvements across the borough - Reduction in carbon emissions, Improved street scene, Reduce levels of land contamination, Carbon Management Plan.
- Increase basic skill levels of adults and increase number of people assisted into employment - Deliver accredited courses, Information, advice & guidance, Employment agency

Members were also informed of the Portfolios biggest risks over the course on the next 12 months;

- Landfill Tax.
- Job evaluation, maintaining morale and motivation through an extended period of uncertainty for all staff.
- Skills gaps – local people not able to access new jobs created in the borough.

Members held a discussion with the Strategic Director for Regeneration, in particular about ELEVATE and generating skills, incinerators and the Councils Crime and Disorder team focusing on domestic violence.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the presentation from the Strategic Director for Regeneration be noted.

6 Work Programme for the Year

The Lead Officer reminded Members of some of the issues highlighted throughout the Committees meeting, along with the Committees legacy items from the work plan for 2007/2008.

The Principal Scrutiny Officer requested that Members discuss the potential topics for scrutiny in the coming year, with Members agreeing the following items to be scoped further:-

RESOLVED:

- 1) That following consideration of the priorities and risks from the Regeneration Portfolio, Members agreed the following work programme for the year:-

- Pennine Reach - focussing on consultation
- Worklessness and skills – to be scoped further.
- Domestic Abuse – to be scoped further.
- Markets –Legacy item to be monitored.

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

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