

**SPECIAL REGENERATION AND TECHNICAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Tuesday 23rd September 2008**

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

IN ATTENDANCE –

Councillor Cottam	–	Executive Member for Regeneration
<i>Brian Bailey</i>	–	Lead Officer
<i>Faris Samin</i>	–	Technical Director
<i>Mike Cliffe</i>	–	Transport Policy Team Leader
<i>Paul Conlon</i>	–	Principal Scrutiny Officer
<i>John Addison</i>	–	Scrutiny Officer

RESOLUTIONS

13 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies from Councillors Rizwan, Mulla and Johnson were noted.

14 Presentation from MORRI- PennineReach

The Committee received a presentation from Mike Cliffe, the Council's Transport Policy Team Leader, on the survey by MORI with regards to the PennieReach scheme. The presentation outlined to Members, both the detailed findings of the survey and the methods used to conduct it.

Members were informed that:

- 60000 leaflets delivered to residents within 500 metres of the proposed scheme.
- Letters to business and posters.
- Overall response positive.
- Question: Would Pennine Reach proposals improve pt along the route? 53.8% yes 31.6% no 12.7% don't know
- Question: How does the scheme affect you? 49.8% in a positive way 25.5% in a negative way 21.3% makes no difference.
- 54.6% use buses – 49% on the Pennine Reach corridor
- 25.3% use a car and would not switch to public transport
- 15.3% said they would use buses if they were more convenient

Members were also informed of the following;

- Presentation from MORI to all Members of the Council on Wednesday 1st October at 6pm in meeting room A
- Opportunity for all members to quiz MORI directly
- Regeneration SPT meeting on the 24TH September 2008
- Executive Board report available on October 16th 2008
- If approved, submission to DfT in December 2008
- More locally – special supplement in Shuttle 8/12 pages in November, LT articles and Council's website

The Officers answered questions about the Transport Plan, details on how MORI had selected people for the survey and the findings of the survey, resulting in Members having a discussion around those issues.

The Executive Member for Regeneration informed the Committee that there had been a number of objections to the original scheme including a petition and the Council had where possible met the requests of members of the general public.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

15 Final Scheme for Submission

Faris Samin the Council's Technical Director then provided Members with a series of before and after maps to show how consultation with the public had influenced the PennieReach scheme.

Members were very pleased with the way Officers had listened to the public's opinions and where possible changed the plans to take into account their views.

The Committee then agreed, based on the evidence heard and on the discussions with Officers, the following recommendations;

1. That the Committee is satisfied with the consultation undertaken and with subsequent amendments to the scheme made in direct response to feedback from residents and businesses.
2. That the Committee acknowledges the survey carried out by Ipsos Mori as part of the wider consultation process and the arrangements for the presentation to all Members on the 1st October 2008.
3. That the Committee welcomes proposals to inform residents of the outcome of consultation via a special article in The Shuttle and other local media, and, in accord with previous recommendations, propose

3 further manned exhibitions in Darwen, Ewood and Blackburn to take place before the issue is considered by the Executive Board on 16th October 2008.

4. That the Committee fully supports the amended scheme as proposed and endorses a process which has taken full account of public opinion in preparation for submission to the executive board.
5. That officers be commended for their commitment in working with residents and businesses to develop a scheme which is not only deliverable but which better reflects the majority of public opinion.

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6. That the Committee is satisfied with the consultation undertaken and with subsequent amendments to the scheme made in direct response to feedback from residents and businesses.
7. That the Committee acknowledges the survey carried out by Ipsos Mori as part of the wider consultation process and the arrangements for the presentation to all Members on the 1st October 2008.
8. That the Committee welcomes proposals to inform residents of the outcome of consultation via a special article in The Shuttle and other local media, and, in accord with previous recommendations, propose 3 further manned exhibitions in Darwen, Ewood and Blackburn to take place before the issue is considered by the Executive Board on 16th October 2008.
9. That the Committee fully supports the amended scheme as proposed and endorses a process which has taken full account of public opinion in preparation for submission to the executive board.
10. That officers be commended for their commitment in working with residents and businesses to develop a scheme which is not only deliverable but which better reflects the majority of public opinion.

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

Date.....