

**REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**PRESENT** – *Councillor Surve (Chair) John Pearson, David Pearson, Khonat, Akthar, Iftakhar Hussain, Johnson, Solkar, Gordon, Sidat, Browne, and Cottam.*

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Cllr Harling	- Executive Member for Regeneration
Cllr F. Hussain	- Executive Member for Environment
Sayyed Osman	- Director for Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods
Brian Bailey	- Director for Regeneration
Lisa Bibby	- Lead Chief Officer
Steve Tingle	- Deputy Lead Chief Officer
Tony Watson	- Head of Environmental Services
Craig Denmark Services	- Assistant Manager Environmental Services
John Addison	- Scrutiny Officer

**RESOLUTIONS**

**5 Welcome and Apologies**

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

**6 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

The Director for Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods informed the Committee that the Minutes of the previous meeting had contained a number of inaccuracies; specifically those relating to the job titles of the Officers who had attend the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and the spelling of Officers names.

The Scrutiny Officer apologised for the oversight and informed the Committee that the master copy of the Minutes would be altered before it was signed by the Chair.

**RESOLVED:**

That subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 be approved as a correct record.

## **7 Work of the Executive Member**

Members of the Committee enquired as to why there was no departmental performance data for each of the portfolios covered by the Committee. The Scrutiny Officer reminded the Committee that as previously agreed, Scrutiny would look at the Transformational Agenda for the first quarter of the Committee year to ensure that the Council achieved its savings.

The Executive Members for Regeneration and Environment Portfolios were invited to give the Committee a brief overview and update on performance data for their Portfolio's, and to highlight any future decisions that they may be taken between this Committee and the Committee's next meeting to be held in October 2011.

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

In response to a question about the current position of the new Blackburn Market, the Executive Member informed the Committee that the Market was doing well and that visitor numbers were up. It was noted that a report on the old market site was likely to be discussed at the Council's Executive Board meeting in September.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Executive Members be thanked for there update.

## **8 Transformational Agenda, Portfolio Overview and Position**

The Director for Regeneration and the Director for Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods were invited to talk through the Transformational Agenda for the Regeneration and Environment Portfolios, including areas that were on target and those areas where targets still needed to be met. It was reported that no areas of the Transformational Agenda were failing.

Members asked the Executive Members a number of questions on the Transformational Agenda, focusing on budget pressure within each portfolio and the confidence of the Executive Members to meet their targets.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Executive Members be thanked for there attendance.

## **9 Committee's Work Programme**

The Chair and Vice-Chair each provided the Committee with a verbal update on the progress of the Committees two Task Groups. The Vice-Chair informed Members that his Task Group on the £250,000 reduction in Core Fees had held a provisional meeting with the Director for Regeneration and before the Committees next meeting would hold a meeting with Officers from CAPITA.

The Chair reported that the Task Group that focused on the reduction in street cleaning budget, had undertaken a meeting with the Director Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods and planned to undertake another meeting with the Head of Environmental Services.

The Chair reminded the Members that the current Task Groups would be expected to complete their work by the October meeting of the Committee and to agree end of topic recommendations. It was also noted that at the Committees next meeting, Members would receive feedback on last year's recommendations.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the work of the Committees two Task Groups be noted.

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

Date.....

(The Meeting ended at 7:58)