

**REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 28th March 2012**

PRESENT – *Councillor John Pearson (Chair), Khonat, Gordon, Oldfield, Solkar, Taylor, McFall, Browne, and Cottam.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Sayyed Osman	- Director for Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods
Brian Bailey	- Director for Regeneration
Mike Zammit	- Lead Chief Officer
Peter Cook	- Head of Housing
John Addison	- Scrutiny Officer

RESOLUTIONS

23 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillors Surve, Daley, John Slater and Sidat.

24 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st February 2012

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st February 2012 be approved as a correct record.

25 Work of the Executive Member

Transformational Agenda Update

The Directors for Regeneration, Housing, Neighbourhoods and Environment Portfolios were invited to provide the Committee with a brief overview and update on the Transformational Agenda, including areas that were on target and those areas where targets still needed to be met.

Members asked the Directors a number of questions about the Transformational Agenda, focusing on budget pressure within each portfolio and the challenge to meet their targets against difficult circumstances.

The Directors for Regeneration, Housing, Neighbourhoods and Environment Portfolios then provided the Committee with an update on

the overall portfolio budget position and impact of cuts on their four Portfolio areas.

Members were informed that the Regeneration department had experienced some loss of income from the Business centres and the late opening of the new Blackburn Market.

In response to a Member question about loss of income from business rates, the Committee was informed that the Council had lost about 300k from 3 business centres, but he was pleased that income was picking up again from these areas.

RESOLVED:

That the Directors Regeneration, Housing, Neighbourhoods and Environment be thanked for there attendance.

26 End of year Report

The Chair presented the Committees end of year report for 2011/12. Members were invited to consider any recommendations that the Committee wished to put forward to Policy and Corporate Resources Committee.

The five topics looked by the Committee's Task Groups were:

- £250,000 Reduction in Core Fee
- Reduction in Street Cleaning
- Selective Landlord licensing
- Promoting Growth
- Transformational Budget

Members were updated on each of the topics undertaken by the Committee with Members being invited to comment on the information they had received and to consider recommendations for submitting to the Executive Members.

Members discussed the information and recommendations they had received and agreed that the recommendations be submitted to the Policy and Corporate Resources Committee.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the recommendations be submitted to the Policy and Review Committee for approval.

- 2) That the Committee thank the excellent work done by all services reviewed during a difficult year and through transformation.
- 3) That the Scrutiny Officers, Supporting Officers and Members be thanked for their support.

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

Date.....

(The Meeting ended at 7:07)