

Regeneration & Neighbourhoods OSC

Regeneration Portfolio priorities & risks

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Regeneration's Role

- To strive to make the Borough a prosperous, well-connected and vibrant place to live. A place where businesses thrive with opportunities to grow, jobs are created and wages are good.
- To provide support and advice to business and responsive business-friendly services to ensure Blackburn with Darwen is “Open for Business”.
- To develop and maintain a good quality supporting infrastructure – a good road network, quality housing, busy town centres and shops – to support growth and make the Borough an attractive place to live
- To provide good quality planning and transport services to help deliver economic growth including long term plans for the future
- To work with other portfolios including Resources to ensure the Council's assets work harder to support economic growth and improve the tax base
- To influence and work with key partners to achieve our aims – Government Departments, the Lancs Enterprise Partnership, Regenerate Pennine Lancs, the HIVE Business Leaders Network

Regeneration's Priorities

- To drive economic growth in 3 areas - housing, industry and gateways, and town centres – and promote the brand
- To create more jobs with more residents in work
- To complete current major capital schemes and develop a scheme pipeline to sustain growth
- To gain maximum benefit from the new Capita partnership and secure effective, value for money services for the future
- To maximise income and plan for long term growth in council tax and business rate receipts

Regeneration's Key Risks

- Failure to make the new Capita partnership work for the Borough
- Failure to invest in growth ie to be ready to plan and invest on a business case basis to deliver long term growth outcomes
- Failure to invest in local people through upskilling and training