

**REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Monday 24th October 2016**

PRESENT – Councillors *Surve* (Chair), *Entwistle*, *Jan-Virmani*, *Khonat*, *Shorrocks*, *Hardman*, *Tapp* and *Neil Slater*.

Also Present –

Martin Eden	Director of Environment and Leisure
Peter Cooke	Service Lead, Strategic Housing and Localities
Kelvin Rutter	Deputy Manager Operations, Growth & Prosperity
John Addison	Principal Scrutiny Officer

RESOLUTIONS

11. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the third meeting in the municipal year of the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Apologies were received from Councillors, Wright and Hollings.

12. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2016

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

13. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were No Declarations of Interest received.

14. Selective Landlord Licensing

The Committee received an update presentation on the Council's Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme, in particular around its next steps in Darwen. Included with the Agenda was a response to each of the Committee's recommendations from the Committee recommendations made in 2015.

Members were reminded of the pre-requisites for the Landlord licensing scheme in Darwen, as well as the process for selective licensing and what defined low housing demand.

The presentation also informed Members on recent Government legislative changes, anti-social behaviour, conditions of the Landlord Licence, sanctions and

mandatory and discretionary conditions. Lessons learned from the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme that had been implemented in areas in Blackburn.

The Service Lead for Strategic Housing and Localities then provided the Committee with a copy of the Selective Landlord Licensing handbook that his department had produced based of Members suggestions from their review in 2015.

Members then held a round table discussion with the Service Lead, in particular around the Government legislation, areas not covered by the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme and the landlord licensing handbook.

RESOLVED –

That the Service Lead for Strategic Housing and Localities be thanked for his presentation.

15. Car Parking Services

The Committee received a presentation on the Council's Car Parking Service from the Director of Environment and Leisure, focusing on; the service infrastructure, changes to staffing and services and enforcement.

Members where informed that the Council owned 13 car parks in Blackburn, which accommodated over 900 vehicles, the Car Parks were Pay & Display, Permit holders or a combination of the two. It was noted that charges applied from 8.00am – 6.00pm Monday – Saturday apart from Feilden St Multi Storey which charged from 7.00am – 11.00pm Monday – Saturday.

In terms of On-street Pay and Display bays in the town center there were 400 and charges applied from 8am – 6pm, Monday – Saturday. It was reported that there was roughly 687km of lineage within the Borough

It was reported that the Parking Service priorities over the short term was to;

- Re-introduce car parking charges at weekends
- Introduce changes to the blue badge policy
- Invest in new pay and display machines
- Increase parking enforcement to deter illegal parking
- Increase car parking provision in Blackburn
- Implementation of Bus Lane Enforcement

Members then held a round table discussion with the Director, around each of the priorities, talking through with Officers the benefits and risks to the proposed changes. In response to a question around charges to parking in Darwen, the Director informed the Committee that there was no plan to introduce charges.

RESOLVED –

That the Director of Environment and Leisure be thanked for his presentation.

16. Committees work programme

The Principal Democratic Services Officer presented the Committee's work programme report which highlighted the key priorities and risks which had been outlined by the Executive Members at the beginning of the municipal year.

It was noted that at the next meeting in November 2016, the Committee would be provided with an update/presentation on;

- The Growth Agenda
- Evening Economy

Members were also reminded that the Committee would, as part of its work programme for the remainder of the year be looking at the Growth Agenda, Volunteer and Asset Based Working and Capital Programmes.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee's work programme for the remainder of the 2016/17 municipal year be noted.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....