

**REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 19th June 2017**

PRESENT – Councillors *Surve* (Chair), *Shorrocks*, *Khonat*, *Fazal*, *Mulla*, *Wright*, *Hardman*, *Neil Slater* and *Tapp*.

Also Present –

Cllr Smith	Executive Member for Environment
Cllr Mahmood	Executive Member for Neighbourhood and Prevention
Cllr Riley	Executive Member for Regeneration
Brian Bailey	Director for Strategy and Funding
Ian Richardson	Director for Growth and Development
John Addison	Democratic Services Manager

RESOLUTIONS

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to first meeting in the municipal year of the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2017

The Democratic Services Manager informed Members that due to service pressures, the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2017 were not available at present.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th March 2017 submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were No Declarations of Interest received.

4. Work of the Executive – Executive Member Priorities 2017/18

The Chair welcomed all the Executive Members to the meeting. Each of the Executive Members were invited in turn to present their priorities and key risks for 2017/18. The Executive Members had also been asked to inform the Committee if they had identified any risks on the Council's Risk Register.

Executive Member for Regeneration

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member for Regeneration and invited him to present his priorities, challenges and promises. Councillor Riley advised the Committee that within his priorities were:

- To drive sustainable economic growth in 3 areas - housing, industry & gateways, and town centres - and promote the brand
- To create more & better jobs with more and better skilled residents in work
- To deliver major capital schemes and develop ambitious plans and a scheme pipeline to sustain growth long term
- To gain maximum benefit from the new Capita place-based 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

The Director for Growth and Prosperity continued by outlining key risks for his department as:

- Failure to make the new Capita partnership work for the Borough
- Failure to deliver growth
- Failure to deliver MTFS income targets

Executive Member for Environment

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member for Environment and invited him to present his priorities, challenges and promises. Councillor Smith advised the Committee that within his priorities were:

- To successfully deliver the Council's on and off street parking service.
- To improve the quality and efficiency of services through LEAN and smarter delivery, better trained, motivated, engaged staff, working with set procedures, in an environment which promotes good standards of health and safety.
- To modernise customer contact with digital gateways, access to forms and service requests.
- To promote behaviour change through the Your Call, and also promoting waste awareness, reduced landfill and increased recycling in 2017/18.
- To address the impact of environmental crime, hygiene and trading standards on the community

The Executive Member continued by outlining key risks for his portfolio as:

- Managing the downsizing of front line services whilst maintaining a level of service quality, maximising income generation and managing expectations.

- Securing a long-term improvement in landfill diversion and an improvement in recycling rates.
- Managing tenant related enviro-crime issues in conjunction with the Landlord licensing scheme

Executive Member for Neighbourhood and Prevention

The Chair welcomed the Executive Member for Neighbourhood and Prevention and invited him to present his priorities, challenges and promises. Councillor Mahmood advised the Committee that his priorities were:

- Transforming Lives
- Volunteer and Asset Based Working
- Adult Learning and National Careers Service
- Housing Quality
- Community Safety
- Housing Needs and Homelessness
- Asylum Seeker Policies and Support Services

The Executive Member continued by outlining key risks for his portfolio as:

- The role of neighbourhood services in assisting the achievement of early intervention and integrated delivery of 'Transforming Lives' as a key element of public sector service reform. The budget challenges facing the council may inadvertently result in reducing prevention spend.
- Inability to develop and generate significant investment in volunteering and community capacity to help build resilient communities.
- Dependency on time-bound external funding contracts
- Risks to not being able to achieve effective Licensing of private rented properties, including regulation of HMOs, thus impacting on not being able to manage demand.
- Increasing homelessness due to lack of investment in new housing provision.
- Rising crime in light of a reduction in Police, Council and Partner budgets to maintain frontline preventative services.
- Breakdown in community relations

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Executive Members Officers be thanked for their attendance.
- 2) That the key priorities and risks for 2017/18 for Regeneration, Environment and Neighbourhood and Prevention be noted.

5. Committees work programme

The Democratic Services Manager reminded Members of some issues and discussions that had taken place with the Executive Members and the Directors, highlighting the main issues of debate that had been raised.

Members held a detailed discussion around all the topics that had been presented and agreed the following topics for their work programme for the 2017/18 Municipal Year;

Topics

- 1) Community Safety - looking at road safety, Prevent and break down in Community relations. (topic to be scoped further).
- 2) Key risk/priority – Growth Agenda – focusing on industry.
- 3) On line digital Gateway – environment portfolio access to services (topic to be scoped further).

Task and finish Groups

- 1) Key Risk – failure to deliver Highways DfT level 3 (September time to ensure deadline is met).
- 2) Car Parking –income targets (November onwards).

RESOLVED –

That the Committee's Work Programme for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be noted.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....