

MINUTE OF EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2014

38. DRAFT WEST LANCASHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2015-2025

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration that provided information in relation to the Draft West Lancashire Economic Development Strategy 2015-2025 and the consultation exercise proposed between 14 January and 25 February 2015 that sought the views of the Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet on 13 January 2015.

Members raised comments and questions in relation to:

- Consultation period (length) – sufficient time for feedback.
- Consultation exercise – wider audience participation within and outside the Borough.
- Format of documentation - provision for different audiences as part of the consultation process (shorter version / print size / layout etc.)

Reference was also made to the good quality of the document that had been produced and the strength of the 'Key Asks', as identified at paragraph 5.4 of the report, particularly references to the provision and improvement of Secondary Schools in Skelmersdale and in relation to the Skelmersdale Rail Link and Station/Transport Hub, and a possible rail freight link to the Simonwood industrial area.

The Deputy Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration attended the meeting, provided an overview of the consultation proposed and provided clarification on issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the content of the report and the draft Economic Development Strategy 2015-2025 document (Appendix A) be noted.