

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

HELD: 19 FEBRUARY 2015

Start: 7.30PM

Finish: 8.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: R Bailey (Chairman)

Ashcroft	Fillis
Mrs Blake	G Hodson
Mrs Baybutt	J Hodson
Delaney	McKay
Dereli	Mrs Marshall
Devine	Mee
Mrs C Evans	Ms Melling
Mrs R Evans	Wright

Officers: Assistant Director Community Services (Mr D Tilleray)
Technical Services Manager (Mr C Brady)
Partnership and Performance Officer (Ms A Grimes)
Senior Planning Officer – Housing and Regeneration (Mr D Carr)
Assistant Solicitor (Mrs T Sparrow)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

36. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor L Hodson.

37. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to membership of the Committee.

38. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

40. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

41. MINUTES

An update was provided on the following item which had been raised at the last meeting of the Committee held on 4 December 2014, in relation to:

Minute 32 West Lancashire Leisure (WLCL) Serco Annual Report – Leisure Provision – changes effected by Serco divestment in Leisure (timescales; service provision). Further details will be reported, when known.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 December 2014, be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q2 2014-5

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager, as contained on pages 229 to 245 of the Book of Reports, which detailed performing monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2014. The report had previously been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2015.

In discussion Members raised questions and comments in respect of the following:

- NI 157b & NI 157c (Processing of planning applications: Minor applications and Other Applications) – reasons related to not meeting target (staffing resource); effect of OR Planning review; impact on planning projects coming forward.

Following discussion on these PIs it was agreed that a representative from the Planning Service be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to explain the PIs highlighted in the context of the completed OR Planning Review.

RESOLVED: A That the Assistant Director Planning, or his representative, be requested to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss further the reasons, particularly related to staff resource, identified in the Performance Improvement Plan of PIs NI 157b & NI 157c, in the context of the OR Planning Review.

B. That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September 2014 be noted.

43. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q3 2014-15

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which detailed performing monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 December 2014, as contained on pages 247 to 264 of the Book of Reports and also page 277 (Appendix B9). The report was scheduled to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 17 March 2015.

The Policy and Performance Officer attended the meeting and updated Members on Appendix B9, as circulated and provided details of the amendments at paragraph 4.2 of the report to read:

“4.2 Of the 35 indicators reported quarterly:

- “19 met or exceeded target
- 5 indicators narrowly missed target; 9 were 5% or more off target
- 2 indicators have data unavailable at the time of the report (*NI 191: Residual household waste per household; NI 192: % household waste sent for reuse, recycling & composting*)

As a general comparison, Q3 performance from 2013/14 suite gave 16 (from 31) indicators on or above target. “

In discussion Members raised questions and comments in respect of the following:

- TS1 (Rent Collected as a % of rent owed (excluding arrears b/f) - clarification relating to the “successful bid to DWP for additional staffing resources to support UC.”
- WL114 (% LA properties with CP12 outstanding) – processes to ensure compliance; assistance available to ensure mandatory compliance; any additional procedures (for example, through Central Government) that might be available. .

In relation to the discussion on PI TS1, it was agreed that the additional questions, as noted, raised in respect of the extra resource from DWP and the conditions related to the temporary additional support, as referred to at bullet point 7 in the Performance Improvement Plan (Appendix B5), be passed to the Assistant Director for clarification and response.

In relation to the discussion on PI WL114, the Assistant Solicitor, who attended the meeting, responded to questions and explained in her response the procedure that had to be complied with in respect of the points raised. Further, she made an undertaking to circulate additional information on the procedure and processes the Council employs relating to the legal requirement in dealing with these matters.

RESOLVED: A That clarification, in relation to PI TS1, bullet point 7 (Appendix B5), be sought from the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration and the response provided be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

B That the Council’s performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 be noted.

44. A MARKET TOWN STRATEGY FOR ORMSKIRK REVIEW

The following items, as part of this review, were considered.

45. 'THE MARKET'

'The Market' Workshop – 20 January 2015

Consideration was given to the notes and feedback from the Workshop held on 20 January 2015. The Chairman thanked everyone who had attended and made reference to details in the notes that would also assist in the compilation of the final report of the Review.

It was reported that the improvement works to Moor Street, being undertaken by Lancashire County Council, had commenced and that part of the Market had been relocated to the Bus Station Car Park for the duration.

Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy

The Senior Planning Officer – Housing and Regeneration (Mr D Carr) provided an update on the consultation, currently taking place, on the draft Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy 2015 and copies of the consultation questionnaire were made available at the meeting.

The presentation included reference to:

- Length of the consultation – Three months, concluding on 14 April 2015.
- Comprehensive consultation being undertaken – including a series of 6 exhibitions (at Edge Hill University, Chapel Gallery, Ormskirk Library and Morrisons); the distribution of letters to every business in the town centre and the strategy and electronic surveys available on-line; papers surveys and other promotional material; press release and the features in the economic newsletter and Lancashire Life.
- Consultation with organisations including Love Ormskirk, Ormskirk Community Partnership; Key Landowners; Edge Hill University; Lancashire County Council (LCC), Parish Church, Market Traders, representatives from Business in the Community West Lancashire College, West Lancashire College.

It was stated that, although in the early part of the process, over 50 responses, electronic and paper, had been received. At the conclusion of the consultation process a report outlining the responses received with appropriate responses would be produced.

In discussion questions and comments were raised in relation to:

- Involvement with Liverpool City Port – exploring the potential of the Borough to a wider audience (for example cruise liner passengers).
- Advertising the importance of local historical connections to the wider history of England and the rich heritage of the Borough.
- Promoting Ormskirk as a tourist destination - exploring its future potential.

- RESOLVED:
- A That the feedback and Notes of the Workshop on ‘The Market’ held on 20 January 2015 and conclusion therein, be noted.
 - B That the presentation on the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy consultation, be noted.

46. PROJECT PLAN

The Project Plan was reviewed and the next steps of the review confirmed.

- RESOLVED:
- A That in relation to the next steps of the Review the proposals for the next meeting (July 2015) be noted.
 - B That the Project Plan be amended so that consideration of ‘Technology and Marketing (including Tourism) is undertaken at meeting 6 (October 2015) and ‘Leisure and the Night-time Economy’ at meeting 7 (December 2015).

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Chairman