

**ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY:
COMMITTEE**

HELD: 24 FEBRUARY 2011

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 8.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs Blake (Chairman)
Pratt (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Ainscough Gagen
Aldridge Hennessey
Mrs Atherley Jones
Bailey McKay
Cropper Ms Melling
Delaney Mrs Pollock
Fillis

Officers: Executive Manager Regeneration & Estates (Mrs J Traverse)
Principal Overview & Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C A Jackson)

34. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Stephenson and Vickers.

35. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the membership of the Committee.

37. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Aldridge declared a personal interest, as a Member of Lancashire County Council, in item 7 The Role of the Utility Companies in Supporting the Delivery of Development and Regeneration in the Borough in the event that drainage issues in the Borough would be discussed.

39. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

40. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 November 2010 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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41. THE ROLE OF THE UTILITY COMPANIES IN SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION IN THE BOROUGH

Members considered the following two items.

42. PROJECT PLAN

Members reviewed the Project Plan as contained on pages 113 to 117 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the review of the Project Plan be noted.

43. THE ROLE OF THE UTILITY COMPANIES IN SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION IN THE BOROUGH - DRAFT FINAL REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the draft of the final report and recommendations of the Committee's in-depth review 'The Role of the Utility Companies in Supporting the Delivery of Development and Regeneration in the Borough' as contained on pages 121 to 134 of the Book of Reports. The draft final report and recommendations represented the process and the work undertaken by the Committee in its review.

The Executive Manager Regeneration and Estates responded to questions and in respect of a query relating to communication issues experienced with responsible agencies in response to Ward flooding issues, made an undertaking to raise this matter with the Technical Services Manager.

Following discussion on the findings of the review, the recommendations to Council were agreed.

RESOLVED: A. That the final report and recommendations, attached as an Appendix to the report, be approved and submitted to Council on 13 April 2011, subject to any final amendments.

B. That the Committee review progress on its recommendations in November 2011.

44. WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Manager Regeneration and Estates as contained on pages 135 to 144 of the Book of Reports in relation to the arrangements for establishing the Work Programme for the Committee for 2011/12.

RESOLVED: A. That arrangements be put in place to request items for the Work Programme for 2011/12 from Members and Corporate Management Board and by inviting members of the public to submit topics via a press release and the inclusion of an article on the Council's web site.

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- B. That all potential topics be published on the Council's web site for Members of the public to comment or make suggestions on any future topic.
- C. That following receipt of potential topics the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Labour Spokesperson be requested to score each of the topics, including those listed in Appendix A, using the agreed selection criteria set out at Appendix B.
- D. That a report on the Work Programme for 2011/12, together with the results of the scoring exercise, be considered at the first meeting of the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2011/12 and the Committee select two topics for review.

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Chairman