

AGENDA ITEM D2



SCRUTINY

PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2011

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1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the overall work of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Task and Finish Groups and Response Groups.

2. Performance Overview and Scrutiny - 20th June 2011 and 25th July

20th June 2011

The new Chair of CLAW, Chris Rowan indicated that the CLAW Board had considered the findings of the Globe report and presented an Action Plan that outlined how they were responding to the challenges.

It was agreed that further progress update reports would be presented to the Committee on the actions described in the report.

The General Manager of Rossendale Leisure Trust had aligned its financial year with the Councils and therefore the budget report was for 15 months (January 2010- March 2011).

There was discussion on the key achievements during January-April 2011, which included the lifestyles team having facilitated 98 projects and engaged with 1,617 young people.

The Head of People and Policy presented the end of year Performance Report which highlighted some of the best ever outturns for a number of Performance Indicators.

At the meeting in March, the Head of People and Policy indicated that the Government had announced a number of changes to the way Local Government Authorities produced and published performance management data.

At the June meeting, Members agreed there was a need for robust performance management arrangements to enable them to monitor the progress of the Council.

The Council were looking at streamlining performance management arrangements and there was discussion on how to take performance forward for the future.

25th July 2011

The Committee received at the request of Policy Overview and Scrutiny, a progress report on Regulations of Investigatory Powers Act for the period from the 1st April 2011 to the 30th June 2011, which indicated that the Council has authorised directed surveillance on two occasions. No requests have been refused.

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The Committee also received a confidential report from Rossendale Transport Limited.

3. Policy Overview and Scrutiny

13th June 2011

The Committee received the following reports:

- Update on the Core Strategy
- Proposed amendments to the Street Trading Policy
- Rossendale Shop Front Design Guide
- Interim Policy Statement, Hot Food Takeaway Update

Members requested a number of amendments for approval by Cabinet.

1st August 2011

A number of reports were presented to the meeting which were as follows.

- Polling District and Places Review
- Conservation Area Appraisals, Boundary Reviews and Management Proposals Plans for Goodshawfold, Loveclough, Rawtenstall and Whitworth
- Enforced Sales Policy and Procedure
- Peer Review
- Private Sector Housing Enforcement Strategy with Associated Housing Guidance – verbal update

In relation to the Enforced Sales Policy and Procedure, it was agreed that the Head of Finance be invited to attend the next meeting to provide details on the debt collection process for money owed from empty properties and land.

With regard to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Strategy with Associated Housing Guidance, the Health, Housing and Regeneration Manager was asked to include the comments of Members in the final Strategy.

4. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

Following the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting in June 2011, when the Work Programme for 2011/12 was agreed, a timetable for undertaking the work was agreed and this is attached as Appendix A.

The first meeting of the Young People Services Task and Finish Group was on 16th August when a Terms of Reference was agreed, together with a list of people the group would like to interview as part of this piece of work.

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The first meeting of the Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group would be held on 7th September and further information will be available at the next meeting.

5. RESPONSE GROUPS

These are meetings requested by the Chief Executive to respond to consultations that the Council receive. Over the last few months we have responded to the following:

- LCC re-organisation and Restructure Proposals Young People Services
- LCC changes to the 464 Subsidised Bus Services (ongoing)
- LCC proposed restructuring of community transport
- Planning for Travellers Sites
- Tor View Consultation
- Police Reforms - Counter Services
- Rationalisation of Waste Recycling Centres
- Housing Benefit Reform – Supported Housing (to be undertaken soon)

6. HEALTH MEETING

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management and the Scrutiny Support Officer would be meeting on 2nd September with the Rossendale Commissioning Lead from the Primary Care NHS Trust to discuss what was happening locally.

In relation to the Rehabilitation Services at both Rossendale and Pendle, the Scrutiny Officer and Councillor Sandiford were invited to a joint meeting at Pendle Council to hear from Sue Warburton about the future design of rehabilitation services.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to note the progress work undertaken by Members.

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