

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 2018, 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, TOWN HALL

The following reports were tabled the above meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel.

3 **Performance focus - Business, Development and Growth** (Pages 3 - 12)

To consider the report of the Director (Policy and Governance).

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Business, Development & Growth

Presentation by
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Leader of the Council

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Director Business Development
& Growth

Date
8 March 2018



Services

- Land & Property Services
- Development & Regeneration
- Market Walk, Markets & Town Centre
- Employment, Skills and Business Support

Development & Regeneration

- Planning policy including leading on new Central Lancs local plan
- Management of £2,912,211.12 CIL monies and s106 monies and discharge of obligations
- Creation of play and open space strategy, 15 projects complete this year
- Delivery of Primrose Gardens

Town Centre Management, Market Walk and Markets

- Town centre management – 330 businesses and 78,000 visitors per week
- Market walk management – 35 tenants and annual income of £2.1m
- Markets – 55 covered market tenants and 31 permanent outdoor traders plus 12+ casuals
- Parking – management and enforcement of 1350 spaces, (including proposed deck)
- CCTV – 62 cameras

Employment, Skills & Business

- Over 1,000 businesses supported over the last 5 years
- 34 inward investment enquiries handled year to date
- Bidding and management of circa £5m external funding
- 125 residents supported by Employment and Skills this year
- Delivery of digital office park

Current Performance (Job Creation)

- Refocusing of grant schemes
- Under supply of commercial premises
- New focus on bringing forward major sites
- Strawberry Fields on site
- Masterplanning progressing for Cowling and Shady Lane

Major Project Performance

- Primrose – 1 week behind
- Steeley Lane – delayed by Youth Zone, works to be re-programmed as part of MW
- Street level Improvements – outstanding works to be re-programmed as part of MW
- DOP – Enabling works on site, main contract May 2018 – April 2019

Risks and Dependencies

- New approach to MW has removed/reduced variables
- No longer dependent of URC/Gala
- Parking solution delivered up front
- Partial redesign creates flexible letting space and reduces reliance on few large tenants

Staffing

- Temporary staff in place covering management of Employment, Skills & Business Support and Property Services
- Two temporary building surveyors in place
- Additional project management support brought in for parks and open spaces
- Consultant teams in place for major sites
- Formal consultation on restructure complete
- Revised JD's Evaluated early next week
- EMD sign off thereafter
- Restructure live by target date of 1st April

Economic Strategy

- Refresh of current strategy April 2015
- New strategy being commissioned by S Ribble on behalf of Central Lancs authorities
- Business survey to be commissioned as first stage, complete July
- Main strategy going out to tender September
- Draft available before Christmas