

BUSINESS PLAN MONITORING STATEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION DIRECTORATE

FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 2006 to APRIL 2007

1. KEY MESSAGES

Over the past 12 months the Directorate has seen progress in a number of key areas.

Investment in Economic Development enabling us to take forward the Town Centre and Economic Regeneration Strategies. This investment combined with the successful development of the Strategic Regional Site has put Chorley on the map in terms of economic development and inward investment.

With regards to service delivery the planning service has seen tremendous improvements in its service to customers reflected in an increase in customer satisfaction from 61% to 76%. The team are keen to build on this success and are now proposing to put together a 3 year action plan to help us do this.

The team continue to look to ways to work in partnership particularly on an external basis. The work the Planning Policy team are doing with Preston and South Ribble is not only innovative but will help ensure the proper planning of the Sub-Region in the long term.

Progress has been made on a number of key projects including Astley Park, which has now passed to Leisure and Cultural Services; Big Wood with the grant from REMADE which will enable the remediation of this derelict and neglected site; and finally Market Walk Phase II.

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	YEAR END POSITION
Number of green PI's	4
Number of blue PI's	0
Number of red PI's	1
Number of PI's not yet measured	1

2. BUDGET UPDATE

3. SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

Market Walk Phase II – The Heads of Terms have been agreed and discussion has commenced on the Development Agreement and design details.

E-planning – This project has now been completed and gone live.

Economic Regeneration Strategy – The Council and the LSP Economic Sub-Group hosted a visit to the Borough by Bryan Gray – Chairman of NWDA. As a result of this the NWDA Board will be visiting Buckshaw Village and the Strategic Regional Site on the 17 May 2007.

Transport and Service Accessibility Plan – This report has now been completed and presented to members. The next stage is the development of an Action Plan to take the Plan forward.

Astley Park – In view of the future management and maintenance of the Park responsibility for this project has passed to Leisure and Cultural Services.

Householder Design Guidance – This document has been revised and is currently out for consultation.

Accommodation – The whole of the Directorate is now based at Union Street which will help facilitate improved communication between the teams.

Staffing – A number of key posts will become vacant over the next couple of months. We will need to fill these as soon as possible in order to maintain the level of service.

4. PERFORMANCE VARIATION

Indicator Description	Target at 31st March 2007	Performance at 31 March 2007	Comments
% of Planning Applications processed on time- Major	60	73	Green Star
% of Planning Applications processed on time- Minor	65	77	Green Star
% of Planning Applications processed on time - Other	80	88	Green Star
% of Building Plans Determined by Statutory Target	100	Not measured	N/A
Development and Regeneration % invoices processed within 30 Working Days	96.5	86.02	Red Triangle
Development and Regeneration Sickness Absence- Days	9.00	5.82	Green Star

5. CONCLUSION

Overall this has been a positive and successful year for the Directorate and we are looking to build on this in the future

Signature: 

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