

Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Present: Councillor Geoffrey Russell (Chair) and Councillors Terry Brown, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Daniel Gee, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, June Molyneaux, Mick Muncaster and Mrs Stella Walsh

Also in attendance: Councillor Peter Malpas (Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration)

07.CCS.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Henry Counce, Michael Davies, Mrs Doreen Dickinson, Pat Haughton, Thomas McGowan and Mrs Joyce Snape.

07.CCS.44 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest by Members relating to the items on the agenda.

07.CCS.45 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate and Customer Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 25 September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

07.CCS.46 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No members of the public requested to speak at the meeting.

07.CCS.47 CHORLEY MARKETS - MONITORING OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Panel received the report of the Corporate Director (Business) updating Members on the progress made in improving and developing Chorley Markets following the inquiry into their performance during 2004.

Members noted the progress made with the Market Steering Group and that many of the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Inquiry had been incorporated into the Markets Action Plan.

Members discussed the content of the report with Councillor Malpas, the Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration, who clarified several queries.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and a further update be presented to the Panel in six months.

07.CCS.48 SCRUTINY INQUIRIES - EFFICIENCY GAINS AND ABSENCE MANAGEMENT

Councillor Mike Devaney presented the minutes of the Absence Management Sub-Group held on 3 October 2007.

Councillor Terry Brown advised that the Corporate Director of Human Resources would be attending a conference on work place listeners in November and the information from this conference would be presented to the next meeting of the Sub-Group in January 2008.

The Chair presented the minutes of the Efficiency Gains Sub-Group held on 26 September 2007. The Panel noted the commendable achievements of the Council on the efficiency agenda as demonstrated by the documentary evidence presented to the Sub-Group.

The next meeting of the Sub-Group in November 2008 would consider further evidence and questions for the feedback session with the Assistant Chief Executive (Business Transformation and Improvement) at a later meeting.

RESOLVED - That

- 1. Progress on the Scrutiny Inquiries be noted and**
- 2. Best wishes be sent to Councillor Mrs Walsh for a speedy recovery.**

07.CCS.49 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel received and noted the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007 2008 and in particular the items relating to the Panel.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme be noted.

Chair