

Business, Development & Growth

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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