

**To The Chair and Members of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK UPDATE AND PROGRESS WITH THE 2011/12 WORK PLAN.**

<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	<b>Wards Affected</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>
The Mayor Councillor M Thompson Councillor R Mullis Councillor C Ransome	All	None

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report gives an update to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on progress with the work plan for 2011/12. It allows the Panel to monitor what developments have been made, work that has been undertaken in relation to the work plan, information, updates and correspondence since the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011. As a live document the work plan allows the Panel to review it in order to develop and reprioritise items where necessary.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. Not exempt

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. It is recommended that the Panel: -
  - a. Receive and comment on the progress made against the work programme (Appendix A);
  - b. Receive the notes as taken from the informal meeting with Prime Contractors including Serco, A4E and Job Centre Plus (to be circulated prior to the formal panel meeting).
  - c. Note the Opportunity Centre's Outcome Report including the recommendations agreed at its meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 (to be circulated prior to the formal panel meeting).

## **BACKGROUND**

4. At its meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011, the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel agreed its work plan for the 2011/12 municipal year. It was accepted that the work plan would need to be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure it remained relevant and reflected the work to be undertaken by the Panel and should take account of planning particularly looking at capacity and prioritisation.
5. Members agreed that the workplan should be focused and only include three or four items that they would look at in more detail. It was also noted that there maybe Forward Plan items that would need to be included onto the work plan during the year.

## **PROGRESS MADE AGAINST THE WORKPLAN**

### Private Sector Housing

6. An informal meeting is being organised to take place prior to the formal meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011. The purpose of this informal meeting is to receive a presentation from officers and meet with Developers and Partners to try and identify what the potential barriers are to private sector housing, how they can be overcome and how we can encourage more private development across the borough particularly in more deprived areas. Members of the panel will be updated on the arrangements for this meeting at the formal panel meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### Financial Update Report – Stadium Management Company

7. There will be an Extraordinary Formal Panel Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 at 2:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a Financial Update Report on the Stadium Management Company.
8. Prior to this meeting, an informal meeting is being arranged at 12:30pm also on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011 for panel members to meet with representatives from users of the Keepmoat Stadium and have the opportunity to ask questions.

### Informal Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011

9. There was an informal meeting that took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, which was attended by representatives from Serco, A4E and Job Centre Plus. This was attended by Members from the Regeneration and Environment and Overview and Scrutiny Panel as well as the OSMC In-Depth Review Panel looking at Tackling Deprivation through People and Place. The notes will be made available prior to the formal panel meeting which will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 as they were unavailable at the time of writing this report.

## Opportunity Centre Outcome Report

10. Please find attached a letter and report in relation to the review and recommendations that were made by Members from the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011. This report has been circulated to all Members of the Panel and Officers involved in the report early September 2011 and was agreed by the Chair of the Panel for it to be sent to the Executive before the end of September 2011. In Appendix A of the report there is an action plan which outlines all the recommendations made and
11. The Panel will be receiving a report on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for them to consider the robustness of the internal review which has been undertaken to look at Opportunity Centres. A further report in March 2011 will update the Panel on progress made against recommendations made by both scrutiny and from the internal review.

### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

12. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to develop a work plan for 2011/12.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

13. This report provides the Panel with an opportunity to develop its work plan for 2011/12 and reflect on progress made.

### **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OBJECTIVES**

<b>Priority Theme</b>	<b>Mayor's Priorities for 2011/12</b>	<b>Implications of this initiative</b>
1. Creating a strong, connected and inclusive economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive forward the Doncaster economy</li><li>• Get the balance of public and private transport right</li><li>• Promote Doncaster as a tourist destination</li><li>• Regenerate Doncaster's town centres</li></ul>	
2. Developing stronger communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage community harmony and cohesion. Treat people as individuals, not by reference to labels and artificial groupings</li></ul>	
3. Increasing and improving housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raise housing standards</li></ul>	
4. Protecting and improving all our children's lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to improve education and skills</li><li>• Build on a strengthening Children's Service</li></ul>	
5. Improving health and support for independent lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage attitudes of self-reliance, self-improvement and mutual respect within Doncaster communities</li></ul>	
6. Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce crime and all forms of anti-social behaviour</li></ul>	

7. Creating a cleaner and better environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to protect the environment from developers, decay and architectural vandalism</li> </ul>	
8. Internal Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure local people get value for money from council services</li> </ul>	

## **RISKS & ASSUMPTIONS**

14. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan devised is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function. Ensuring the work plan is developed with a key set of principles in mind e.g. holding to account, undertaking policy review and development and is focused strategically will help support the development of a robust work programme. The work plan will be reviewed at each ordinary meeting and officers will advise on the capacity available to undertake any additional work. This will provide an opportunity to ensure work plans can be regularly monitored and reviewed.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

15. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those references the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).
16. Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

17. The budget for the support of the Overview and Scrutiny function 2011/12 is not affected by this report, however, the delivery of the work plan will need to take place within agreed budgets.

## **CONSULTATION**

18. No consultation was required for this report.

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	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June 2011</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Informal Meeting)</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (Informal Meeting)</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2011</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2011 (Informal Meeting)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011</b>
<b>Policy Review/ Development</b>		Delivery of Regeneration & Environment through Localism Bill	Opportunity Centres Site Visits and Meeting (meeting to take place out in the community)		Serco, A4E and Job Centre Plus	
<b>Performance</b>	Performance 2010/11 (Qtr 4)					Performance 2011/12 (Qtr 1)
<b>Information Updates</b>	Presentation on the R&E Directorate			LEP/ Enterprise Zones (Briefing Note)		Tourism (Briefing Note)
<b>Scrutiny (Holding to Account)</b>	Cabinet Members Portfolio Updates - Cllr Mullis Cllr Ransome			Cabinet Members Portfolio Updates – Mayor Peter Davies		
<b>Other</b>	R&E Terms of Reference 2011/12					
	R&E Workplan 2011/12			R&E Workplan 2011/12		R&E Workplan 2011/12

	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2011 (Formal &amp; Informal Meeting)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011 (Formal &amp; Informal Meeting)</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2012</b>
<b>Policy Review/ Development</b>	Financial Update on SMC (Formal)  Informal meeting with users of the Keepmoat Stadium	Private Sector Housing Delivery (Informal)	Delivery of Regeneration & Environment through Localism Bill	Environmental Strategy	Opportunity Centres – Look at progress/ impact made against all recommendations
		Opportunity Centres – DMBC Review			
<b>Performance</b>			Performance 2011/12 (Qtr 2)		Performance 2011/12 (Qtr 3)
<b>Information Updates</b>					
<b>Scrutiny (Holding to Account)</b>			Cabinet Members Portfolio Updates - Cllr Ransome		
<b>Other</b>					
		R&E Workplan 2011/12	R&E Workplan 2011/12	R&E Workplan 2011/12	R&E Workplan 2011/12