

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**Subject:** Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel Quarterly Report  
**Committee:** Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel  
**Date:** 23 November 2009  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Kevin Wiggins (Transport)  
Councillor Ted Fry (Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development)  
**CMT Member:** Anthony Payne (Director for Development & Regeneration)  
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### **Executive Summary:**

This report sets out a review of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the second quarter of 2009/2010.

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### **Corporate Plan 2009-2012:**

The Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel provides strategic scrutiny of the following Corporate Improvement Priorities and key areas:

- CIP5 - Providing better and more affordable housing
  - CIP11 - Improving access to the city
  - CIP12 - Delivering Sustainable Growth
  - The strategic and operational activities of the Department for Development & Regeneration
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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

**Including finance, human, IT and land**

None

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**Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**

None

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### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

That the report is noted

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### **Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

N/A

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### **Background papers:**

Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny minutes and forward plan

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**Sign off:** N/A

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### Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel Quarterly Report

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a review of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the second quarter of 2009/10, incorporating the meetings of 20<sup>th</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 respectively.

#### 2. Scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

- 2.1 The Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel is primarily concerned with the strategic scrutiny of the following Corporate Improvement Priorities and key areas:
- o CIP5 - Providing better and more affordable housing
  - o CIP11 - Improving access to the city
  - o CIP12 - Delivering Sustainable Growth
  - o The strategic and operational activities of the Department for Development & Regeneration
- 2.2 The detailed terms of reference for the panel are contained in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The panel consists of the following members and officers

Title	Name	Attendances (2 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	D.Viney	2
Councillor (Vice Chair)	M.Coker	2
Councillor	R.Ball	2
Councillor	M.King	0
Councillor	Martin Leaves	2
Councillor	D.Reynolds	1
Councillor	B. Roberts	2
Councillor	J.Nelder	2
Councillor	G.Wheeler	2
Lead Officer	G.Peele	2
Democratic Support	H.Rickman	2

- 2.4 The Panel, through effective strategic and operational scrutiny, supports the following cabinet members and CMT officers

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Planning, Strategic Housing & Economic Development)	Ted Fry
Cabinet Member (Transport)	Kevin Wiggins
Director for Development & Regeneration	Anthony Payne

- 2.5 The panel has a budget of £2,000 to support the scrutiny work.

### **3. Key achievements to date**

3.1 The panel met on two occasions during the period of this quarterly report. Meetings have been well structured, managed efficiently and well attended by panel members. A positive contribution has been made to support an effective strategic and operational overview, in particular the following achievements have already been made:

- The July meeting received the Director for Development & Regeneration who gave a presentation on the key drivers and objectives for the delivery of the CIPs and potential areas where the Growth & Prosperity Overview & Scrutiny would add value
- The panel has approved a work programme focusing on the CIP's and progress of key strategies, planned growth for the city ,economic development and carbon reduction commitment
- The agreed work programme focuses on helping to develop policy where the Council can tackle impacts of the recession, maintaining an oversight of progress on long term growth targets/projects, ensuring the Council understands the significance of on going strategic housing role following housing stock transfer and providing an oversight and advice on key partnership issues
- The panel is also managing and resolving it's tracking resolutions promptly. A Task and Finish group assembled during the previous year has continued to meet to complete the health & safety review of the Hoe Foreshore
- The September meeting focussed on Worklessness and the role of the Council as viewed by external partners. JobCentreplus , Working Links, Employment & Skills Board and DRCP gave presentations to the panel to set the scene for the review.
- The achievement of the panel so far this year has been helped by the understanding of issues by the Chair / Vice Chair, supported by scheduled meetings with senior officers within the Department for Development & Regeneration.

### **4. On the Horizon**

4.1 The work programme for the quarters 3 and 4 includes the following;

- To receive information from officers on what the Council as an employer is doing to support the worklessness agenda and to invite external partners to a follow up meeting to share the panels recommendations
- To receive an update on the Carbon Reduction Commitment
- To consider the right of the Council to exercise a veto on the BID proposal
- To receive and review the LDF Annual Monitoring Report
- To receive an understanding of the Strategic Housing role of the Council and to recommend future Overview and Scrutiny involvement

- To review the current Skateboarding bye-law in the city centre

## **5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the progress of the Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny panel is noted by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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2nd November 2009

## **Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

### Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel

#### Terms of Reference

- To review new and existing policies and consider how they may be improved and developed;
- To monitor the budget and performance of the Cabinet Member, Department and partners to ensure that the priorities for the area are being delivered upon;
- To monitor performance against the relevant Corporate Improvement Priorities;
- To review Policies within the Budget and Policy Framework;
- To consider Equality Impact Assessments against new and existing policies;
- To investigate local issues to find out how the council and its partners can improve to meet the needs of local people;
- To make recommendations about service delivery to the Cabinet (via the Board)
- To review and scrutinise the performance of partner organisations
- To set up Ad-Hoc Working Groups as and when required;
- To produce quarterly progress reports to go to the management board

#### Cabinet Members

- Transport
- Safer and Stronger Communities (until Housing Stock Transfer)
- Planning, Strategic Housing and Economic Development
- Street Scene, Waste and Sustainability

#### Directorate

- Development and Regeneration
- Community Services (until Housing Stock Transfer)
  
- Planning
- Transport
- Strategic Housing
- Economic Development
- Sustainability and Climate Change

#### Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIPs)

- Better Homes (CIP 5)
- Waste and Recycling (CIP 10) (This is first part only, i.e long term waste disposal solution)
- Transport (CIP 11)
- Sustainable Growth (CIP 12)

#### LSP Link

- Wealthy Theme Group