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Committee: Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel
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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.

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

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

None

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

That the report is noted

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

Growth & Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny minutes and forward plan

Sign off: N/A

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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 20th July and 28th 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:
- 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
- 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

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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