



**REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY AND
PERFORMANCE PANEL**

**Agenda
Item No.
6b**

DATE: 15th DECEMBER, 2004

REGENERATION WORK GROUP

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr M Longhi – (Environment)
Cllr A Andrew – (Regeneration)
Cllr M EPitt – (Housing and Community Safety)

Summary of report:

- This report is to update the panel to request that the groups recommendations be considered

Background papers:

- Notes of Regeneration Working Group
Brief setting and presentation to panel re Transport issue

Reason for scrutiny:

- To carry out a review of the impact of regeneration on the Vision 2008

Signed:

Lead Member Regeneration Working Group: Councillor S Coughlan

Date: 15th December, 2004

Resource and legal considerations:

- Any changes to the process may require changes to the council constitution. A review of the constitution is currently being undertaken

Citizen impact

- Successful scrutiny will contribute to improving the Council's performance and service delivery to service users and other stakeholders.

Environment impact

- Successful scrutiny can assist in shaping policy changes to make environmental improvements.

Performance management

- Scrutiny is an important and integral part of the Council's performance management framework, and can challenge, review and advise on service delivery, council activity and policy and improve results.

Equality Implications

- All citizens with a relevant interest in a matter will have the ability to contribute to the deliberations of a scrutiny panel, when considering a "call in". Scrutiny members can engage with a wide range of service users, partners and other organisations to maximise the benefit of scrutiny.

Consultation:

- The review impacts on a number of the council pledges for the Vision 2008

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1 Background

1.1 The regeneration working group has met on number of occasions. Members and officers have worked to scope down the huge work programme identified at the meeting of your panel on 4th August 2004

1.2 Members revisited the key issues highlighted

- i. Telecommunications Masts is a subject of another working group review.
- ii. West Midlands Transport Strategy (see paragraph 1.3 below)
- iii. Recycling Strategy. This due to be considered in a presentation and discussion at the scrutiny panel on 15th December 2004.
- iv. Antisocial behaviour/community safety. The scrutiny panel received a presentation report at a meeting on 22nd September 2004 and agreed to receive a quarterly review of the improvement plan.
- v. Implication of regeneration on the vision. The impact of regeneration is a mapping exercise of major regeneration projects is being prepared by officers. The results of that exercise will be considered at the working group in spring 2005.
- vi. Planning best value review and improvement plan was submitted to the scrutiny planning meeting on 2nd November 2004 and the panel will receive a report back in spring 2005

1.3 At its meeting on 2nd November the scrutiny panel agreed to focus on transport strategy as the first element of the review and received a presentation on the major transport projects in the borough.

1.4 At its work group 8th December 2004 members discussed the town centre transport strategy, focusing on people movements, the bus centre, the railways and car parks. It was suggested that consultant, Roger Timms, be invited to the Regeneration, Environment, Housing and Community Safety Panel meeting on 26th January 2005, to outline the key regeneration issues in their recent report.

It is envisaged that transportation issues currently affecting or potentially affecting the success of economic regeneration projects within the borough would be identified. The work group agreed to receive more detailed information of the Bradford Place interchange and to monitor the preparation of the local transportation plan at the next meeting.


They further agreed that gateways to the borough should be a priority of the working group. The work group agreed the second priority following the transport strategy should be gateways to the borough and stressed that all pieces of work would be included in the full review of regeneration in Walsall.

Members felt it essential to free up the centre of Walsall by provision of efficient access of transportation as the first area of work whilst followed by gateways whilst the gapping exercise of regeneration projects was being prepared.

2. **Recommendation**

2.1 Regeneration environment housing and community safety panel are recommended to:-

- i. Note process of the working group
- ii. Agree to receive a presentation to its meeting on 26th January 2005 from Rogers Timms Partnership.

	<p>REPORT OF THE:</p> <p>REGENERATION WORK GROUP REPORT TO THE REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL</p>	<p>DATE:</p> <p>15/12/2004</p>
<p>TO CABINET</p> <p>REGENERATION WORK GROUP UPDATE TO THE REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL</p> <p>Having considered the report to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following recommendations are made to Cabinet</p>		
<p>Re: Note process of the Working Group</p>		
<p>Re: Agree to receive a presentation to its meeting on 26th January 2005 from Rogers Timms Partnership.</p>		

**This form provides an accurate record of the meeting of the above named
Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

Chair of Scrutiny name

Signature Date: