

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING 16TH APRIL, 2007

Present – Councillors Adia (Chairman), Zaman (Vice-Chairman), Allen, Critchley, Kay (as deputy for Councillor Peel), J. Rothwell (as deputy for Councillor Mrs. Ronson), J. Walsh (as deputy for Councillor Ashcroft), D. Wilkinson and Williamson.

Also in attendance

Mr. K. Davies	-	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. M. Kelly	-	Chief Economic Strategy Officer
Mrs. C. Sutton	-	Head of Strategic Development
Mr. T. Hill	-	Chief Planning Officer
Ms. P. Dixon	-	Principal Project Officer
Mr. T. Crossley	-	Strategic Finance Manager
Mrs. V. Ridge	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ashcroft, Peel and Mrs. Ronson.

Councillor Adia in the Chair.

52. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Policy Development Group held on 12th March, 2007 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

53. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP

It was agreed that the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Improvement Working Group held on 3rd April, 2007 be noted.

54. BOLTON TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS – THE WAY FORWARD

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which summarised the key findings of a review undertaken of the existing Bolton Town Centre management arrangements.

Members were advised that a range of models and approaches had been considered regarding the new town centre management arrangements and it

was proposed that the following key elements be developed and refined to ensure that the new arrangements were fully operational by April, 2008, viz:-

- (i) the creation of a Town Centre leadership group which would be a voluntary partnership;
- (ii) the creation of the Council's Town Centre team which would pull together all key functions;
- (iii) to develop a robust Public Realm Investment Framework; and
- (iv) support Bolton Town Centre Management in examining its future role and help to identify the options available.

It was noted that:-

- (i) the Director of Development and Regeneration will be exploring with key external partners new ways of delivering agreed Town Centre management objectives; and
- (ii) a further report for approval will be submitted to the Executive Members for Development and Regeneration on the proposed way forward in due course.

55. MIPIIM 2007

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which informed members of the initial benefits and impacts generated by Bolton's debut, at MIPIIM 2007, in March, as part of the Manchester City Region delegation.

It was agreed that:-

- (i) the increase in investor/developer profile and interest in Bolton which was generated by the Council's active presence at MIPIIM 200 be noted; and
- (ii) Bolton will fully contribute to the Manchester City Region's presence at MIPIIM 2008.

(The meeting started at 5.30 p.m. and finished at 6.05 p.m.)