

Report to: Development and Regeneration
Scrutiny Committee

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Report Title: **Remit of the Committee**

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Purpose: To inform Members of the powers and duties of the Committee.

Background: At this year's Annual Meeting of Council there were some changes to the Executive Portfolios and the Powers and Duties of Scrutiny Committees. Attached is a copy of the revised terms of reference of this Committee.

Also appended to the report is a copy of the portfolios for the Executive Members for Development and Regeneration.

Recommendations: That Members note the remit of the Committee.

Development And Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

- (1) To monitor and review and make recommendations to the Council and/or to the Executive or an Executive Member with regard to all policy and operational matters falling within the purview of the Executive Members with responsibility for Development and Regeneration.
- (2) To consider matters referred to the Committee by members of the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 35.
- (3) To recommend to the Council a programme of reviews to be undertaken by the Committee with regard to matters falling within the purview of the Executive Members with responsibility for Development and Regeneration and to recommend the Council accordingly on the outcome of such reviews.
- (4) To make recommendations to the Council as to such additional/occasional reviews which the Committee wishes to consider outside the annual programme.
- (5) To receive reports on the outcome of Best Value Reviews and Inspectors reports thereon, relating to the functions of the Development and Regeneration Department.
- (6) To receive quarterly reports on the activities of Bolton at Home as they relate to the management agreement with the Council.
- (7) The Committee shall have the power to summon the Executive Members with responsibility for Development and Regeneration and the relevant Chief Officer(s) to attend its meetings to consider and give evidence on matters before the Committee.
- (8) To set up Scrutiny Panels to undertake in-depth reviews of current policies and practices with a view to identifying areas for future policy development (membership to be agreed by the Council).
- (9) The Quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be five.

Subject to the acts and proceedings of the Committee being approved by the Council.

Service Area: Development And Regeneration

Development Portfolio

The designated Executive Member is responsible for all matters relating to the Council's affairs in respect of the Development, Customer Relations and e-government (except any matters specifically reserved to the Council or delegated to any committee or body) in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation. As such, the designated Executive Member is responsible for liaising and, where appropriate, working in consultation with other members of the Executive, particularly where matters within the portfolio affect other aspects of Council business or affect the Borough generally.

The designated Executive Member is responsible for ensuring appropriate consultation with partners and the community on matters relating to development, customer relations and e-government.

The actions and decisions of the designated Executive Member will, at all times, remain within the context of the policy framework established or any variation thereto approved by the Council.

To have overall responsibility for:

- (1) The strategic functions of the Council as local planning authority, except insofar as these fall within the remit of the Planning and Highways Committee or other Executive Member portfolio.
- (2) The initiation, development and monitoring of industrial and commercial development projects and the encouragement of development of land in furtherance of the Council's policies and objectives.
- (3) Co-ordinating transport planning with land-use planning to achieve the aims of the Authority.
- (4) Matters relating to the support for public transport facilities and operations within the Borough
- (5) The preparation of development briefs for, and the implementation of, development projects.
- (6) The development of the town centres.
- (7) To promote the Borough as an inward investment and visitor destination sub-regionally, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- (8) Recommendations with regard to the Town Centre Action Framework
- (9) The preparation, promotion, co-ordination and implementation of the Council's sustainability strategy and support for Agenda 21/Sustainability including liaison with the private sector, voluntary bodies, interest groups and the community generally.
- (10) Matters concerning the provision, development, monitoring and promotion of all forms of leisure, recreation, tourism, events and entertainment in the Borough.
- (11) The promotion, encouragement and development of tourism activities on behalf of the Borough.
- (12) The development of Smithills Estate (but not the Hall).
- (13) Risk management in relation to the services falling within the remit of the Development Portfolio
- (14) Fees and charges for services and activities falling within the remit of the Development Portfolio.
- (15) Considering any recommendations made by the relevant Scrutiny Committee with regard to any matter within the portfolio.

To submit to the Executive (for approval, where appropriate, by Council)

- (1) Recommendations with regard to the preparation of the Council's Local Development Framework.
- (2) Recommendations with regard to the Council's Local Transport Plan
- (3) Recommendations with regard to the Local Agenda 21/Sustainable Development.
- (4) Recommendations with regard to the transaction of all business connected with the pursuit of proposals concerned with the re-development of the main commercial centres within the Borough.
- (5) Recommendations with regard to Compulsory Purchase matters and blight notices as these are within the remit of this Portfolio.
- (6) Recommendations with regard to the Council's Contaminated Land Strategy.
- (7) Recommendations with regard to the Corporate Business Planning Process in respect of functions performed and the services provided.

Regeneration Portfolio

The designated Executive Member is responsible for all matters relating to the Council's affairs in respect of regeneration, economic development and strategic housing (except any matters specifically reserved to the Council or delegated to any committee or body) in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation. As such, the designated Executive Member is responsible for liaising and, where appropriate, working in consultation with other members of the Executive, particularly where matters within the portfolio affect other aspects of Council business or affect the Borough generally.

The designated Executive Member is responsible for ensuring appropriate consultation with partners and the community on matters relating to regeneration, economic development and strategic housing.

The actions and decisions of the designated Executive Member will, at all times, remain within the context of the policy framework established or any variation thereto approved by the Council.

To have overall responsibility for:

- (1) Co-ordination of the Council's response to neighbourhood renewal strategies.
- (2) The furtherance of trade, commerce and general industrial and physical development within the Borough, including assisting with the relocation and development of industry and commerce, the declaration of areas for improvement, the making of grants and loans in respect of business security, environmental improvement, commercial improvement and related matters.
- (3) The encouragement and support of community economic development initiatives.
- (4) The initiation, encouragement and support of measures to support the development of new businesses and micro-businesses.

- (5) The encouragement and support of measures to reduce unemployment, increase employment and improve skills in workplaces
- (6) The promotion, lead and support for the development of appropriate strategies in relation to public and private sector housing.
- (7) To facilitate arrangements with Bolton at Home Ltd and Bolton Community Homes Ltd for the management and development of the Borough's housing provision.
- (8) To monitor the management agreement with Bolton at Home Limited.
- (9) The comprehensive assessment of the housing needs of the entire community and the implementation of policies to meet those needs.
- (10) The development and management of the various council-owned industrial units and the Bolton Enterprise Centre.
- (11) Co-ordination of functions concerning environmental amenity and countryside planning, including conservation and the Council's land reclamation programmes.
- (12) Risk management in relation to the services falling within the remit of the Regeneration Portfolio
- (13) Fees and charges for services and activities falling within the remit of the Regeneration Portfolio.
- (14) Considering any recommendations made by the relevant Scrutiny Committee with regard to any matter within the portfolio.

To submit to the Executive (for approval, where appropriate, by the Council)

- (1) Recommendations with regard to the Council's economic strategy.
- (2) Recommendations with regard to the development of policies aimed at bringing about the regeneration and renewal of the urban and more deprived parts of the Borough.
- (3) Recommendations as to the setting of rents.
- (4) Recommendations with regard to housing strategic plan resources/bid allocation and their coherence with corporate strategies
- (5) Recommendations with regard to development strategies and external funding bids relating to housing regeneration initiatives
- (6) Recommendations with regard to the co-ordination of policies and the activities and spending of service departments insofar as they relate to the economic, physical and community regeneration of the urban and more deprived areas of the Borough.
- (7) Recommendations with regard to the corporate use of housing capital receipts.

- (8) Recommendations with regard to the review and co-ordination of the policies, strategies and activities of the Council and its partners that relate to creative arts and industries within the Borough.
- (9) Recommendations with regard to the development of crossservice bids for external funding for creative arts and industries initiatives.
- (10) Recommendations with regard to Compulsory Purchase matters and blight notices as these are within the remit of this Portfolio.
- (11) Recommendations with regard to the Corporate Business Planning Process in respect of the functions and the services provided.