



**The Council's Capacity to Deliver Regeneration Projects  
Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Report**

<b>Scrutiny Committee: Housing, Regeneration &amp; Prosperity</b>		<b>Cabinet Member: Cllr. Eric Carter</b>	
<b>Report: The Council's Capacity to Deliver Regeneration Projects</b>		<b>Response prepared by (name and title): Meredith Evans, Director - Housing, Regeneration &amp; Prosperity</b>	
<b>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr. Harvey Unwin</b> <b>Lead Scrutiny Officer: Fiona Bottrill</b>		<b>Date of Cabinet meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Recommendation</b>	<b>Response and summary of action being taken to implement, or reason for rejection</b>	<b>Date by which action will be taken</b>	<b>Person responsible for action (name and title)</b>
<u>Recommendation 1</u> The Dawley regeneration project is used by other regeneration project teams as an example of good practice in the engagement of elected Members. This should ensure that elected Members are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consulted at the outset of the project</li> <li>• involved in the management of the project and receive regular progress reports</li> <li>• Involved in the review of a project once it is completed</li> </ul>	The level of consultation, approach, progress information and reviews has to be relative to the project or programme being delivered. In essence, one solution does not fit with all projects. It depends upon scale and complexity. On all projects members will be informed about projects in their area and asked for views to shape and influence any proposals. Dawley Borough Towns Initiative relates to a 90 acre regeneration area and improvements to the High Street. The work is a multi-million pound public and private sector investment including new school, retail, residential etc. The consultation was extensive and over a 3 year period working with	Varies according to individual projects	Project lead officer



	the local community, ward members, parish council and regeneration partnership.		
<p><u>Recommendation 2</u> That future projects are not planned to end during the school holiday period when many staff are not available to resolve any final issues at the end of the project.</p>	<p>Project programmes are prepared taking into account many factors relating to client's brief, policy, budget constraints, economies of scale, procurement options practicality of delivery etc. Projects will continue to be delivered during holiday periods as the implications of changing the approach would not be sustainable for all projects.</p>	N/A	N/A
<p><u>Recommendation 3</u> Members recognised that the current regeneration projects are an ambitious programme which requires the commitment of significant resources. Members asked that Cabinet assesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council's capacity to commit to further schemes and the further stages of existing schemes, other than those already planned and budgeted, and that this is reported to the Scrutiny committee</li> <li>• The equity of investment and need for regeneration across the borough so that schemes are seen as fair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council's ability to undertake further regeneration projects will be determined by the wider financial climate and the priorities of the Council that apply at that time. Despite the planned reductions in the number of posts in the organisation, the Council will retain a capacity to undertake these types of projects if required. In addition, Capital projects are able to use a proportion of that funding to enhance additional project resources if needed.</li> <li>• The priority areas for regeneration are identified through the Priority Plan process which is informed by an assessment of the varying needs of communities across the Borough. This process is refreshed each year and is managed by Boards led by the relevant cabinet lead.</li> </ul>	<p>Timetable for review of future priorities not yet confirmed.</p>	N/A
<p><u>Recommendation 4</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are briefed on schemes as part of the</li> </ul>	<p>May 2011</p>	<p>Phil Griffiths</p>



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<p>Risk management of schemes should take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensuring newly elected members are informed about projects in their ward</li><li>• The impact of changes in government policy</li></ul>	<p>approval process for investment or through the priority planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The impact of new/changed government policy is routinely assessed by managers and service providers and appropriate actions taken to respond. This is not specifically a risk management issue.</li></ul>		<p>(Democratic Services) and relevant project leads.</p>
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