

**Urban Renewal Specialist Strategic Partnership (UR SSP) Meeting Minutes
Marketing Suite Municipal Building, Kinsway Widnes WA8 7QF**

3.pm Tuesday 9th November 2010

Attendees

Cllr Ron Hignett (Chair)	HBC/Member
Wesley Rourke	HBC/Operational Director – Employment, Economic Regeneration & Business Development
Anne Moyers	HBC/ Policy Officer
Dick Tregoea	HBC/Strategic Director – Environment
Hayley Dooley	HBC/Care Partnerships Manager, Job Centre Plus
Clare Griffiths	PlusDane Group
Claire Bunter	Environment Agency
Chris Koral	NWDA
Dawn Follett	HBC Admin (minutes)
Martin Gladwin	PlusDane Group

Item 1: Minutes & Matters Rising

There were apologies from Pat Audoire (HBC, Urban Renewal SSP Co-ordinator) and Janitha Redmond (Homes & Communities Agency) and Clare Bunter – Environment Agency

There were no actions or matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and these were accepted as a true record.

Item 2: Presentation – Pilot Retrofit Project: Pre-1919 Housing Stock.

A presentation was given by Martin Gladwin from Plus Dane Group which included a review of 3-D Model. (Presentation Attached).

Question and Answer session took place regarding presentation.

Item 3: LSP Business

An update on LSP Business was given by Ann Moyers:

Events

An Equalities Event was taking place on 29th November 2010. The event will be held at the Stobart Stadium. Invitations with details will be sent out to SSP members shortly.

There is a Development Day to be organised and will take place early next year (date & venue TBC).

NI Reporting

Anne Moyers gave an update on the indicators relevant to the SSP priority for the Quarter Ending September 2010.

Item 4: Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) Update.

Item 4 could not take place due to apologies from Janitha Redmond, Area Manager/ Outer Merseyside Area, Homes and Communities Agency.

Item 5: Impact of Comprehensive Spending Review.

Wesley Rourke outlined the briefing note included with the agenda on Environment and Regeneration in Halton and some discussion took place around this.

Wesley also gave a summary on the Local Growth White Paper which was published on 29th October 2010.

The paper gives a loose blueprint for the form and functions of LEPs and also details the procedure of winding down the RDAs.

The first round of bidding to the RGF opened with the publication of the White Paper. Public sector only bodies are not eligible to bid.

Alongside these changes, the paper summarises alterations to the planning system including new Community Right-to-Build powers and the commitment to present to Parliament a streamlined national planning framework.

Clare Griffiths, informed the meeting that Housing Stocks were low and it was unlikely that there would be any new starts in the next 2 years. There will be a need to look at different ways of building houses in the borough.

Dick Tregga informed the people around the table that when WNF goes, the purpose of the SSP will change. That there would be an impact on people in posts funded by WNF but expectation of service delivery will remain high priority.

Item 6: Sustainable Communities Strategy 201-2026 Consultation.

Anne Moyers distributed a policy report as background information used to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy.

A draft copy of the SC Strategy will go out for an 8 week consultation at the end of November in conjunction with the Transport Plan and The Core Strategy. The final SCS will be implemented from April 2011.

Item 7: Members Agenda Items

There were no member's agenda items.

Item 8: Any Other Business.

None

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1st February 2011
Time: 3pm
Venue: Marketing Suite, Municipal Buildings

