

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : SCHOOLS AND
TECHNICAL SERVICES AND
REGENERATION MEETING

MONDAY, 18TH JULY, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor K O'Connor (In the Chair)

Councillors W R Smith and C Tovey

Co-optee Members: T Bradley, Dr A Clark, D Lewis and A Rees

Ed Foley (Assistant Director Technical Services), Jeremy Morgan (Highways Network Group Manager), Alyn Owen (Economic Development Manager), Mark Taylor (Head of Corporate Property and Physical Regeneration), Mark Thomas (Head of Performance, Partnerships and Audit), Stuart Whippey (Chief Education Officer), Angharad Hobson (Performance, Support and Development Officer) and Sarah Macalister-Smith (Corporate Performance Manager)

Howard Jones (Scrutiny Services Team Leader)

Cheryl Jones (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
172	Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from Councillors C Barry; P Brown and G Price

173	Declarations of Interest	No declaration of interests were made
174	Performance Monitoring (2010 / 11 figures)	<p>The Chair introduced the report.</p> <p>The Head of Estates led the Committee through the corporate priorities that were progressing behind schedule and updated members as to the reasons why.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the officer.</p> <p>The Head of Economic Development led the Committee through the corporate priorities that were progressing behind schedule and updated members as to the reasons why.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the officer.</p> <p>The Head of Economic Development also led the Committee through Item 6 on the agenda – Economic Regeneration in the County Borough as these issues were linked.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the officer.</p> <p>Points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in the way business will be supported • Maximising external funding • Voluntary external funding used / supported • Creation of jobs <p>The Head of Engineering led the Committee through the corporate priorities that were progressing behind schedule and updated members as to the reasons why.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the officer.</p> <p>The Chief Education Officer led the Committee through the corporate priorities that were progressing behind schedule and updated members as to the reasons why.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the officer.</p>
175	Preliminary Flood Risk assessment (PFRA)	<p>The Head of Engineering led the Committee through the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the appropriate officer.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>The Committee note the contents of the report when reviewing the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.</p>
176	Highways Budget	<p>The Highways Network Group Manager led the Committee through the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the appropriate officer.</p> <p>Points raised in discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial options • Recycle of material <p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>The Cabinet Portfolio Member, the Director of Customer Services and Chief Finance Officer be invited to the next available Scrutiny Meeting to discuss funding issues in regard to the Highways Budget</p>
177	Economic Regeneration in the County Borough	<p>This was discussed at Item 03.</p>
178	School Attainment - Introduction	<p>The Chief Education Officer led the Committee through the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the appropriate officer.</p> <p>Points raised in discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain issues not been addressed • Methodology to be shared with all schools
179	Pupil Exclusions	<p>The Chief Education Officer led the Committee through the report.</p> <p>Questions were raised in regard to this issue and were answered by the appropriate officer.</p>
180	Service Management Board Minutes	<p>The minutes of the Service Management Board were approved</p>
181	Committee Forward Work Programme	<p>The Chair led the Committee through the Forward Work Programme</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <p>The following 3 issues be added to the Forward Work Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial budget of the Highways Department • Job creation

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood Resilience
182	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	No other business was discussed