

## WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**CABINET MEETING**  
**21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CORPORATE SERVICE AND**  
**PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

### **CORPORATE PLAN FROM 2008**

At its meetings on 5<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008, the Committee considered briefing papers from the Head of the Chief Executive's Office, as the basis for discussion of possible Aims and Priorities to be included in the new Corporate Plan.

The papers included details of the outcomes from the Corporate Plan Review Panel and two Corporate Plan Workshops for Members and Officers, which had been facilitated by the Audit Commission. The paper before Members on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 set out options for Aims and Priorities, which had been compiled in the light of Members' views expressed at the 5<sup>th</sup> February meeting. The Committee focussed on the Aims and Priorities, at this stage, as they needed to be identified in conjunction with the Council's budget strategy, to be approved by the Council on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Members debated the options and agreed the Aims and Priorities to be proposed, as detailed in the recommendation below. They added a reference to "Responsive" to the Aim of "A Well Run Council" to convey to the public the Council's listening and caring qualities. Members were also concerned that the indicative Priority of "Town Centre Regeneration" under the Aim of "A Vibrant Local Economy", did not reflect the needs of rural areas. Hence the Committee agreed, instead, to recommend a Priority of "District-wide Regeneration".

The Aims, selected by the Committee, are intended to reflect the Council's duty to promote social, economic and environmental wellbeing, and to make efficient use of its resources. The Priorities have been chosen to provide a focus for Council activity and to ensure that resources are allocated accordingly.

### **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL**

**Approval be given to the following Corporate Aims and Priorities for inclusion in the new Corporate Plan:**

**1. Corporate Aim**  
**A Better Quality of Life**

**Priority**  
**More Affordable Housing**

**2. Corporate Aim**  
**A Vibrant Local Economy**

**Priority**  
**District-wide Regeneration**

**3. Corporate Aim**  
**A Sustainable Environment**

**Priority**  
**Reducing waste to landfill and increasing recycling**

**4. Corporate Aim**  
**A Well Run and Responsive Council**

**Priority**  
**Improving efficiency and value for money**

**MIKE OBORSKI ‘NO BARRIERS’ AWARD SCHEME**

The Committee consider a briefing paper from the Head of the Chief Executive’s Office which included Terms of Reference and other documents associated with the formal establishment of the Mike Oborski “No Barriers” Award Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to promote best practice in relation to access for people with disabilities, by recognising local organisations which have provided significant access facilities or other benefits in this context.

The recommendations below are the culmination of the work of the No Barriers Review Panel which drew up the arrangements for the scheme, over a series of meetings since September 2007.

**RECOMMENDED TO CABINET TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL**

**The following be adopted as set out in Appendices A to D of the briefing paper to the Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008:**

- 1. The Mike Oborski “No Barriers” Award Panel Terms of Reference.**
- 2. Award Panel membership.**
- 3. Award Panel guidance document.**
- 4. Nomination / Application Form.**

The Appendices referred to above have been circulated electronically with this report and public inspection copies are available on request.