

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)	Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 7 November 2017
Subject:	Town Centres (Scrutiny Review Working Group) Report		
Report of:	Head of Regeneration and Housing	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Regeneration & Skills		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To draw to a conclusion the Town Centres (Scrutiny Review Working Group) periodic reporting mechanism and note the new reporting mechanism.

Recommendation(s):

(1) That this report is noted.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To comply with the decision of Cabinet for an update report and confirm the new reporting arrangements.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Not applicable.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no revenue cost implications arising from this report.

(B) Capital Costs

There are capital cost implications arising from this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): There are no resource implications arising from this report.
Legal Implications: There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications arising from this report.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Not applicable.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not applicable.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable.
Place – leadership and influencer: The Town Centre Frameworks provide a high-level vision for future investment and a direction of travel for Bootle, Crosby and Southport. Action Plans have been drawn up illustrating the work streams and themes that will be progressed for each Town Centre but delivered by numerous stakeholders.
Drivers of change and reform: Not applicable.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: The Town Centre Frameworks provide a high-level vision for future investment and a direction of travel for Bootle, Crosby and Southport. Action Plans have been drawn up illustrating the work streams and themes that will be progressed for each Town Centre but delivered by numerous stakeholders.
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable.
Cleaner Greener Not applicable.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD4911/17) has been consulted and notes no direct financial implications arise from the recommendations of the report. The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 4195/17) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 On 26th February 2015, Cabinet resolved to accept the Final Report of the Town Centres Working Group Final Report. The report recommended that its recommendations be monitored and reported back to Overview and Scrutiny every six months.
- 1.2 The Head of Investment and Employment provided a comprehensive update to Overview and Scrutiny on 8th November 2016, stating completed actions or highlighting actions that are now redundant as a result of other actions. The report also noted the changes to the senior Management Structure of the Authority and where thematic responsibilities now rested.

- 1.3 Significant progress has been made in relation to the town centres. A high level vision for future investment and a direction of travel had been prepared and published for each of the following Town Centres:
- Bootle Town Centre Investment Framework, published 1st October 2016
 - Crosby Development Strategy, published 5th November 2015
 - Southport Development Framework published 1st November 2016
- 1.4 Action Plans have been drawn up for Bootle Crosby and Southport, illustrating the work streams and themes that will be progressed for each Town Centre. Each Action Plans is a long-term living document and will evolve as new opportunities and developments emerge. The work streams identified for each Town Centre are being actively progressed.
- 1.5 As discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny meeting of 4th July, Cabinet Member Regeneration and Skills will report on Town Centre progress going forward.