

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Select Committee No 1 – Townships

04 September 2007

Present at the Meeting:

Councillor J Birch (Chair)
Councillor B Bourne
Councillor PA Tushingham

- .1 **Apologies for absence:** Councillors H.L. Cadman, J. Hilton, R. Splaine and S. Loudon
- .2 **Urgent business:** None
- .3 **Terms of reference:** Agreed
- .4 **Feedback from Participatory Budgeting Seminar:** Councillor Birch gave the group an overview of the PB seminar run by the PB unit. Councillor Birch reflected that many of the good practice examples were already underway in Wigan. However there were some good examples to learn from and contacts made with different authorities and within the PB unit. James and Liz to contact PB unit to arrange for them to come and speak to Select Committee towards the end of October.
- .5 **Project Plan and suggested visits to other authorities:** Select Committee agreed with suggested timetable for the review. We will undertake the learning phase of our work including visits to best practice areas by mid October. Simon Dale outlined some of the Authorities he has made contact with regarding visits and Councillor Birch indicated authorities recognised as good practice during the seminar. The Select Committee have asked that we arrange a visit to the North East due to the similarities in community and the good practice being developed. Sian Jay had a suggested approach for the visits outlining the information we would like to gather. The group made some suggestions and Sian will amend accordingly. Councillor Tushingham raised the importance of communication in engaging our residents and this is something we will include in the visits. Officers to arrange a local visit first followed by a visit to the North East.
- .6 **Future meetings:** It was agreed that we would not meet again until we have started the visits. We will give members as much notice as possible before the visits take place and we will arrange a meeting during that time.

Chairman