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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Select Committee No. 1 – PACTs

16 October 2008

Present at the meeting:

Councillor J S Birch (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs B Bourne
Councillor B J Fagan
Councillor Mrs P L Holland
Councillor M Klieve

- .1 **Apologies for absence:** Councillor P A Tushingham.
- .2 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2008 were approved as a correct record.
- .3 **Interview on PACT Process with Ms J Ridgway (Service Manager – Community Engagement Team, Neighbourhood Services, Environmental Services):** At the Chair's invitation the Service Manager – Community Engagement Team made a presentation, which updated Members on the evolution and roll-out of the PACT process. Particular reference was made to the following areas:-
 - strategic connections being forged with parallel pieces of policy work (Routes to Involvement and the Democratic Services/Township Review for example) in the interests of optimising efficiency and effectiveness in locality working;
 - the review of PACT boundaries to ensure against ward overlap;
 - refinement of the ward profiling process in reflection on learning from experience;
 - the introduction of street surgeries and focus groups with young people;
 - the tasking and co-ordination process now emerging through 'area tasking' and 'PACT practitioner' groups; and
 - the need of further work on Departmental/partner engagement across the Council and wider Local Strategic Partnership.

The Township Manager and PACT Co-ordinator advised the Select Committee of their experience in leading area tasking and practitioner groups, and the early successes that had been achieved.

The Select Committee requested a Borough-wide list of area managers with agencies signed-up to locality working and support of the PACT process. Members also requested that the Director of Adult Services be invited to a future meeting of Select Committee.

Members asked questions to which the Service Manager – Community Engagement Team responded.

Resolved: The Select Committee:-

- approves that the Community Engagement Team continue to evolve the PACT process, taking into account observations and feedback from Elected Members;
- requests the Service Manager – Community Engagement Team, to provide a list to the Select Committee Members of area managers at the earliest opportunity; and
- requests the Policy Officer to invite the Director of Adult Services to a future meeting of the Select Committee.

.4 Date and time of next meeting: Resolved: The next meeting of the Select Committee be held on 28 October 2008, at 6:00pm in a Committee Room at the Town Hall, Wigan.

Chairman