

Report to the Executive



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**Department of Communities & Local Government Consultation
“Transforming places; changing lives – A framework for regeneration”**

PURPOSE

- To seek members’ approval of the Council’s response to consultation proposals set out within the Department of Communities & Local Government’s Regeneration Framework White Paper. The Council’s response is attached as [Appendix I](#). An Executive Summary of the Regeneration Framework is attached as [Appendix II](#).

RECOMMENDATION

- It is recommended that Members approve the draft response to DCLG’s Regeneration Framework, as set out in Appendix I of this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The Framework for Regeneration sets out proposals for consultation which aim to re-focus the co-ordination and prioritisation of regeneration investment by Government. The Framework will therefore influence the future delivery of regeneration initiatives across the Borough.
- Respondents are required to submit their formal response to the consultation by 31st October 2008.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

- Background**
- The “Transforming places; changing lives” White Paper is a Regeneration Framework published in July 2008, which sets out the Government’s proposals to re-focus regeneration investment and to shape the delivery of regeneration activity in England. The document has been jointly produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Department for Business, Enterprise, and Regulatory Reform, the Department for Work and Pensions and the Treasury. The proposals seek to target regeneration investment to transform the lives of people in

the most deprived areas, through the following measures:

- co-ordinating and prioritising investment in the right places – through public, private and third sector partnership to deliver a shared vision.
- devolving power, to align investment behind local and regional priorities and support decision making at a local level
- tackling the underlying economic problems within deprived areas, in particular improving rates of work and enterprise.

7. Summary of Key Points

8. A full copy of the White Paper is available in the Members Room. It is also available on-line at:

<http://communities.gov.uk/publications/citieandregions/tranformingplaces>. Overall, the proposals set out within the White Paper are to be welcomed. The Framework proposes greater transparency in the rationale for and prioritisation of regeneration investment, and makes clear the links between regeneration and other key government policy, such as the Worklessness Green Paper and forthcoming Housing White Paper. It is hoped that the Framework will lead to more effective deliver of regeneration programmes through the following:

- devolved decision making – investment priorities to be decided at local and sub-regional level, starting with Councils and local communities;
- a focus on tackling worklessness and encouraging enterprise (including social enterprise) within deprived areas;
- greater cross-sector co-ordination, targeted on tackling place-based factors;
- greater co-ordination of funding approaches between government departments.

9. There are however a number of omissions in the Framework, which the Burnley response seeks to highlight.

- The Framework focuses on measures to improve economic performance in deprived areas. However, this approach does not acknowledge the importance of connecting deprived neighbourhoods to economic growth opportunities located within neighbouring employment sites, towns and cities.
- The White Paper does not set out timescales or indicate how key actions will be resourced.
- The Framework makes a link between deprivation and social housing, but does not highlight the connection with private sector housing, which is a particular concern in Pennine Lancashire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

10. None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. The proposals to increase central government focus on tackling worklessness and

encouraging enterprise in deprived areas will support a range of key objectives set out within the Borough's Economic Strategy and the Sustainable Community Strategy, particularly under Priority 1: Prosperity. Specifically, the proposals will contribute towards the following Vision Indicators:

- increasing the % of Burnley's residents of working age in employment
- business formations per 10,000 population.

12. Prioritising investment to address needs identified by local and regional partnerships aligns with the strategic objectives of Local Area Agreements and Multi-Area Agreements.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. A copy of the White Paper is held within the Development Team, Regeneration and Housing, Parker Lane offices. It is also available on-line at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/citiesandregions/transformingplaces>

FURTHER INFORMATION

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