

Urban Renewal Partnership SSP Meeting Summary 21st April, 2009

Peel Holdings plc: Presentation on the Ocean Gateway Development

Louise Morrissey gave a very informative presentation showing the scope of Peel's aspirations for the region, from Liverpool through to Salford and across the themes of Power, Ports, Airports, Land and Property, Green Environment, Media City and Sustainable Technology, encompassing 50+ projects.

New Environment Sub-group

Dick Tregga gave background surrounding the formation of the new environment subgroup, which was originally required by the LSP as a monitoring function for national and local indicators. However, the scope for the group has been widened to encompass policy development in the wider environment. Two meetings have taken place to date, during which Terms of Reference have been agreed.

Job Centre Plus in Halton: Presentation from Jane Trevor, JCP

Jane Trevor reviewed the impact on the borough of the current economic recession, highlighting the significant increase in reported job vacancies, manufacturing having been hardest hit.

Widnes Waterfront Performance Plan 2009-10

Sara Munikwa, Programme Manager for the Widnes Waterfront development presented the 2009-10 Performance Plan to the UR SSP, in its role as Widnes Waterfront Management Board. This document was duly recommended for approval by the Northwest Development Agency, major funder.

Chair's Report – U.R. Performance & Policy Board (PPB)

Cllr. Ron Hignett, as Chair of both the UR SSP and UR PPB, presented his PPB annual report on achievements over the past twelve months, noting his thanks to officers for their support.

UR Projects Outturn Position & 09/10 Allocations

A report was presented on the urban renewal projects' excellent WNF outturn position.