

**COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
10TH MARCH 2010**

Report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources

ITEM 7 FEEDBACK FROM CABINET – RETAIL BUSINESS UPDATE – CHRISTMAS 2009

Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee of the outcomes of the Cabinet decisions taken following consideration of a report in respect of Retail Business Update – Christmas 2009, submitted by the Committee following its meeting held on 20th January 2010.

Action Requested

To note the responses of the Cabinet to the matter submitted by the Committee.

Policy Context

The Council's Value, 'Working Together', commits us to working as one Council and in Partnership with openness and integrity.

Background

At its meeting held on 14th October 2009, the Committee referred to the current economic climate and requested a report in respect of the Retail Business during the Christmas period 2009. Following consideration of the matter at its meeting held on 20th January 2010, the Committee resolved to submit its comments to the Cabinet at its meeting held on 18th February 2010.

An extract from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting is attached at appendix A.

Options Available with Reasons

Option	Reason
Note the information provided	Satisfied with the information provided and no further action is necessary
Monitor implementation (after an appropriate length of time)	Satisfied with the action Cabinet has taken, however, it is important to ensure the recommendations are implemented.
Consider the item further, following the Cabinet's receipt of a further report in respect of the matter.	Satisfied with the information provided, however, it is important to ensure that the recommendations of the Committee are progressed.

Financial and Legal Implications

There are no legal or financial implications.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with this decision.

Background Papers: None

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APPENDIX A

Cabinet minute extract 18th February 2010

148. RETAIL BUSINESS UPDATE – CHRISTMAS 2009

A report of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, setting out recommendations following its consideration of a report in respect of Retail Business Update – Christmas 2009, was submitted (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8(c), Councillor Shepherd, as Chair of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, addressed Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, in respect of Retail Business Update – Christmas 2009, be referred to the Chief Executive for consideration and any further action (if necessary).

Reason

To ensure that the financial and risk implications of the recommendations would be explored prior to any action being taken.