

**Notes of the ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE  
BREAKOUT SESSION held at the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL  
WORKSHOP, STADIUM OF LIGHT, TUESDAY, 20TH MAY, 2008**

**Present:**

Councillors Kelly, Miller, Richardson, Rolph, Wakefield and Wood

**Also Present:**

Keith Lowes – Head of Planning and Environment  
Burney Johnson – Head of Transport and Engineering  
Peter High – Head of Environmental Services  
Rhiannon Hood – Assistant City Solicitor  
Matthew Jackson – Democratic Services Officer

**Observing:**

Mike Lowe - Assistant Head of Performance Improvement  
Annette Stansfield - IDeA

**1. Identification of Key Areas for Review and Scrutiny  
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Workshop 2008**

Mr Keith Lowes, Mr Burney Johnson and Mr Peter High set out key issues facing their services for the year ahead and the group considered potential topics for review.

During discussion the following areas were highlighted:-

**Planning and Transport**

- Making Sunderland an attractive and inclusive city with a high quality physical environment
- Improving the quality and maintenance of the gateways to the City
- Climate change and carbon management planning
- Conservation and security
- Improving levels of cycling and cycling provision
- Residents Parking Zones
- Civil Parking Enforcement
- Highways Asset Plan and Traffic Management
- Travel Plans
- Coordination of the work of the Utilities
- Maintenance and adequacy of footpath network
- Council policy on Unadopted Streets

- Road safety and reducing the level of accidents
- Adequacy of public transport and bus services

### **Environmental Services**

- South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Strategy and improving public engagement
- Improving the quality of the local environment
- Continuing to improve recycling rates and public perceptions of the service.
- Tackling Fly tipping – enforcement and education
- Quality of Public Conveniences