

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 NOVEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor Howells(Chairperson)
Councillors Henshaw, Parkhill, Robson, Sattar and Stubbs

30 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Gavin Hill-John.

31 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

32 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

33 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of a number of Appendices for the following items as they contained exempt information as detailed in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

34 : SECURING INVESTMENT INTO COUNCIL-OWNED HERITAGE BUILDINGS

The Chairperson advised Members that this item is to enable pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on securing the future of Cardiff's heritage buildings. The scope of the scrutiny was to examine the recommendations to Cabinet, the financial assumptions in the report, whether there are any risks to the Council, the timeline and the next steps for securing the future of our heritage buildings.

The Chairperson welcomed Cllr Peter Bradbury, Cabinet Member Culture & Leisure, Cllr Russell Goodway, Cabinet Member Investment & Development, and Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development.

The Chairperson moved that the presentation and discussion of this item be heard in closed session as it contained confidential information by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chairperson moved that Committee resolve to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED: that the views of the Committee would be discussed during the way forward section of the meeting and a letter sent to the Cabinet Member in due course.

35 : LAND AT HARBOUR DRIVE

The Chairperson advised that this item was to enable pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on acquiring a strategic site in Cardiff Bay, known as Britannia Park, and selling a portion of this land. The scope of the scrutiny was to examine the recommendations to Cabinet, the financial assumptions in the report, whether there are any risks to the Council, the timeline and the next steps for acquiring and selling this land.

The Chairperson welcomed Cllr Russell Goodway, Cabinet Member Investment & Development, and Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development.

The Chairperson moved that the presentation and discussion of this item be heard in closed session as it contained confidential information by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chairperson moved that Committee resolve to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED: that the views of the Committee would be discussed during the way forward section of the meeting and a letter sent to the Cabinet Member in due course.

36 : MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR ARENA

The Chairperson advised Members that this item was to enable pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on the multi-purpose indoor arena. The scope of our scrutiny was to examine the recommendations to Cabinet, the financial assumptions in the report, whether there are any risks to the Council, the timeline and the next steps for delivering the arena.

The Chairperson welcomed Cllr Russell Goodway, Cabinet Member Investment & Development, and Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development.

The Chairperson moved that the presentation and discussion of this item be heard in closed session as it contained confidential information by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chairperson moved that Committee resolve to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting at this point.

RESOLVED: that the views of the Committee would be discussed during the way forward section of the meeting and a letter sent to the Cabinet Member in due course.

37 : COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Members were provided with a correspondence update and were advised that the correspondence was up to date as of the October Scrutiny meeting, there were just two responses awaited from that meeting.

Members were provided with the 'Council Workshops & Innovation Premises' Inquiry draft report and were advised that this was their opportunity to advise of any changes required or to approve the draft report for submission to Cabinet. The Chairperson wished to thank Angela Holt Principal Scrutiny Officer for her work and support with the inquiry and he also thanked the members of the Task and Finish Group for their contribution. Committee agreed for the draft report to be submitted to Cabinet following the completion of the Chairs' Foreword.

Members were advised that on 19 February 2019, the Committee meeting would be dedicated to the consideration of the Corporate Plan and Budgetary Proposals 2019/20. All Members of the Council would be offered the opportunity of a briefing on these issues. The Scrutiny Officer asked Committee Members if they required any further targeted training on scrutinising the Corporate Plan and Budgetary Proposals. Some Members indicated that they would welcome refresher training and others asked for the training slides from last year to be circulated. Members also felt that it would be useful to have specific training on how best to scrutinise capital programme proposals and capital financing costs.

Members were updated with regards to the work plan and advised that a work programme report would be brought to Committee scheduled for the 6 December 2018.

38 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None received.

39 : WAY FORWARD

Members discussed the information received and identified a number of issues which the Chairman agreed would be included in the letters that would be sent, on behalf of the Committee, to the relevant Cabinet Members and Officers.

40 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Joint Scrutiny meeting with the Environmental Scrutiny Committee 19th November at 5.30pm in CR4, County Hall.

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee 6th December 2018 at 4.30pm in CR4, County Hall.

The meeting terminated at 7.15 pm