

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 SEPTEMBER 2019

Present: Councillor Howells(Chairperson)
Councillors Henshaw, Gordon, Gavin Hill-John, Parkhill,
Robson, Sattar and Stubbs

21 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Simmons.

22 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

23 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

24 : WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Members of the Committee were provided with the additional information they requested at their work-programming forum, held on 4 July 2019, to enable them to undertake final prioritisation and rationalisation of potential items and agree an approved Work Programme 2019/2020.

The Principal Scrutiny Officer outlined all of the options available to Members and additional items to be included on the work programme were agreed as follows:

- Allotments
- Playing Pitches Strategy
- Culture
- Parks
- Bus Station
- Cardiff Commitment
- City Hall
- St David's Hall
- Heritage Buildings

Task Groups

- Tourism – Cllrs Howells, Gordon, Henshaw, Robson and Parkhill
- Community Sport – Cllrs Howells, Hill-John and Stubbs

Members also considered it would be useful to try to schedule at least one policy development/ review per committee meeting, so that committee time is used effectively if pre-decision items slip off the agenda. Members requested that officers

be informed that the Committee would wish to know the reasons why items slip, in order to identify any underlying issues that the Council could resolve.

The Chairperson added that he had received a request from the Youth Council for a representative to be invited to sit on this Committee. This happens already on the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee and has worked well. The Chair clarified that they would not be official members of the committee but are present at the invitation of the Chair and can observe and contribute to the work of the Committee. They would only be present for non-confidential, public items. The Chair explained he was minded to agree to this request as it would be of benefit to this Committee to ensure that things are looked at from a Young Persons' perspective. It would also help the work the Council is doing to embed a child rights approach and develop a child friendly city. Members of the Committee agreed with this and tasked the Principal Scrutiny Officer to make contact with the Youth Council and work with them to support their representative.

25 : FORWARD WORK PLAN

RESOLVED: to agree the updated Committee Forward Work Plan and approve it for publication on the Council's internet.

26 : CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: UPDATE REPORT

The report provided Members with details of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) meeting held on 24 June 2019.

Members noted that Councillor Patel was the Cardiff Representative and had expressed concerns over the level of scrutiny supported at the meetings, and that it could be more robust.

The Chairperson added that Scrutiny Chairs had expressed similar concerns and were writing to the Chair of the City Deal noting the issues such as lack of witnesses and meetings and also that the committee is under resourced.

The Chairperson considered it might be useful if the committee writes its concerns in a letter to Councillor Patel too; Members of the Committee agreed with this.

RESOLVED: to note the update provided on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Cardiff Capital Region City Deal meetings on 24 June 2019 and 23 September 2019.

27 : CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: to note the report.

28 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None received.

29 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3 October 2019 at 4.30pm.

The meeting terminated at 5.35 pm