

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report provides Members with a correspondence update report, an update on performance and budget monitoring and seeks Members views on how they wish to engage with the recently launched Investment & Development Green Paper.

Correspondence update

2. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered. At the Committee meeting on 9 November 2017, Members received a report detailing the correspondence sent and received this municipal year.
3. Attached as **Appendix A** is a correspondence schedule which provides an update since then, containing the following information:
 - i. Date the letters were sent;
 - ii. To whom the letter was addressed;
 - iii. The key recommendations set out in the Chair's letters;
 - iv. Date the response was received; and
 - v. The response of the Cabinet Member(s) to those recommendations.
4. The schedule attached at **Appendix A** shows:
 - i. *No Response Required*– from Councillor Thorne to the Chair's letter following pre-decision scrutiny of Employment Services at Committee on 9 November 2017.

- ii. *No Response Required* – from Councillors Thomas and Bradbury to the Chair’s letter following scrutiny of Euro 2020 at Committee on 9 November 2017
 - iii. *Response Received* - from Councillor Bradbury to the Chair’s letter following scrutiny of the Sports Joint Venture Progress Update, considered at Committee on 9 November 2017.
5. Copies of the Chair’s letters and any responses received can be found on the Council’s website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled ‘*correspondence following the committee meeting*’.

Performance and Budget Monitoring

6. At the Committee Meeting on 18 July 2017, Members considered items for inclusion in their work programme. Members decided to receive quarterly performance reports and regular budget monitoring reports for review outside Committee meetings; Members would then raise any areas of concern that were not already included in the Committee’s work programme and these would be scheduled for scrutiny at Committee as required.
7. To date, Members have received the Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 corporate performance reports as well as the Month 4 and Month 6 Budget Monitoring reports. Members have not raised any areas of concern that are not already scheduled for scrutiny.

Investment & Development Green Paper

8. At Council on 30th November 2017, Councillor Russell Goodway launched the Investment & Development Green Paper. The relevant extract from his statement is provided below:

The County Administration is, today, publishing its promised Investment & Development Green Paper "*Building More and Better Jobs*" which will form the basis of an extensive consultation exercise designed to generate a refreshed economic development agenda for our nation's capital city and its hinterland. This honours the commitment set out in the Administration's recently published policy document *Capital Ambition*.

The publication marks the beginning of a three-month consultation period which will allow local residents, businesses and all those that depend on the Cardiff economy the opportunity help shape an ambitious agenda aimed at rebuilding the momentum of Wales' economic dynamo. The Green Paper is available online and can be accessed via the Council's website.

A series of meetings and events will be held over the next three months designed to allow the greatest possible engagement with those who want to influence and inform the development of a White Paper to be published next year. I will seek an opportunity for the Council to debate the Green Paper in January to ensure that every member has the opportunity to contribute to this important exercise.

It is clear that the Council has much to do to rebuild its relationship with the private sector which we will need to rely on to help deliver the ambitious agenda that is so critical to Cardiff and Wales in the post-Brexit era. The Council has done this successfully in the past, but it is dependent on providing confidence and clarity in the direction that our city is heading. This Green Paper will trigger the start of that process.

9. Members have the opportunity to discuss how they wish to be involved in the scrutiny of the Green Paper, for example via a briefing or via a task group.

Way Forward

10. During their meeting, Members may wish to note the contents of this report and Appendix A and agree an approach to the scrutiny of the Investment and Development Green Paper.

Legal Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out

any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- I. note the content of the letters contained in **Appendix A**; and
- II. discuss and agree the approach they wish to take to scrutiny of the Investment & Development Green Paper

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