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CARDIFF COUNCIL

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2018

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE (ISV): UPDATE

Appendix A of this report is exempt from publication as it contains confidential information by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of part 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Purpose of Report

1. To enable Members of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of a report to Cabinet on the 15 March 2018 regarding the International Sports Village.

Background

2. In 2001, the administration's 'Ambitions for Cardiff' strategy document contained a commitment to "*progress the development of the £240m International Sports Village as the centre piece of Cardiff's plans to become a regional capital of sporting excellence*". The commitment to this project was reiterated in the Ambitions for Cardiff 2002-03 as "*progress the development of the International Sports Village as the centrepiece of Cardiff's plans to become a European Sports/Leisure destination*".
3. As part of the regeneration project, the Council acquired ownership of tranches of land on the ISV site, which remain in Council ownership. Since then, a mixture of public and private sector investment has resulted in the following developments:

- Cardiff International Swimming Pool
 - Cardiff International White Water Centre
 - Ice Arena Wales
 - Residential and Retail developments
 - Pont y Werin Bridge.
4. Cardiff Council's Capital Ambition five-year plan contains a commitment to *'Set a refreshed vision for Cardiff Bay as a leisure destination, by securing a new visitor attraction, with the possible creation of a permanent "beach style" facility and revitalising the strategy for the International Sports Village.'*
 5. The current Forward Plan for Cardiff Council's Cabinet states that a report regarding the ISV is scheduled to be taken to Cabinet on 15 March 2018 and that *'The report will outline proposals for next steps and seek to delegate authority to progress the delivery plan.'*
 6. The report to Cabinet will form **Appendix A** of this report and is marked *'to follow'*. The report to Cabinet contains four appendices, some of which are marked as confidential, for the reasons stated at the top of this report. Members are requested to keep this information confidential, in line with their responsibilities as set out in the Members Code of Conduct and the Cardiff Undertaking for Councillors. Members will be able to ask questions regarding these appendices during closed session.

Scope of Scrutiny

7. This item will enable Members to:
 - a. Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on the International Sports Village - *to follow*
 - b. Explore with witnesses key factors shaping future plans and any risks to the Council
 - c. Explore with witnesses the fit between these discussions and the wider Cardiff Bay regeneration plans
 - d. Gain an understanding of the next steps and timelines involved.

Way Forward

8. The Chair will move that this item be considered in closed session allowing Members and witnesses to discuss the information to be provided at the meeting, which is deemed commercially sensitive.

9. Councillor Russell Goodway (Cabinet Member: Investment and Development) has been invited and may wish to make a statement. Neil Hanratty (Director – Economic Development) will attend and will provide a short presentation. They will also be available to answer any questions that Members may have.

Legal Implications

10. 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

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 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.

Recommendation

12. The Committee is recommended:
 - a) Note the contents of the report, presentation and discussions during the meeting;
 - b) Consider whether it wishes to make any comments to the Cabinet.

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