

**DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY “WHITE PAPER”**

**INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT (COUNCILLOR RUSSELL  
GOODWAY)**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8**

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**Reason for this Report**

1. To seek authority to publish the draft Economic Strategy “White Paper” in advance of its formal approval by Cabinet to enable a debate at the January 2019 meeting of Full Council.

**Background**

2. In late 2017 the Economic Strategy Green Paper: *More and Better Jobs* was published to initiate a three-month public consultation exercise. The paper considered a range of issues for the city’s economy, including proposed projects. The document also outlined a proposed spatial strategy for the future development of the economy.

**Issues**

3. The consultation process was a qualitative exercise which aimed to secure input to the Council’s Economic Strategy “White Paper” from a broad range of communities and stakeholders. Responses were received from the following representatives and a report on their contributions and views is attached as Appendix 1:
  - Local Councillors
  - Large businesses
  - SMEs
  - Local residents
  - Organisations representing the city’s diverse populations
  - Third sector organisations
  - Business Improvement District
  - Neighbouring local authorities
  - City-region organisations
  - Business representative organisations
  - Universities

4. Following on from the Green Paper consultation, it is proposed to undertake a debate of the proposals put forward in the draft Economic Strategy “White Paper” at the meeting of Full Council on 31 January 2019. The debate will provide an opportunity for all local members to make a contribution to the development of this important piece of strategic Council policy and for the views and comments of all local members to be properly considered before a final report is approved by Cabinet.
5. It is intended that the final draft of the “White Paper” will be presented to Cabinet for formal approval at the Cabinet meeting scheduled for March 2019. In advance of that, the paper will be the subject of pre-decision scrutiny by the Council’s Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

### **Reason for Recommendations**

6. To provide authority for the draft Economic Strategy “White Paper” to be published in advance of formal approval by Cabinet to enable a debate at Full Council.

### **Financial Implications**

7. The report proposes taking the draft Economic “White Paper” – Building More and Better Jobs to Council for debate and therefore has no direct financial implications.

### **Legal Implications**

8. As and when individual proposals within the draft “White Paper” are developed legal advice should be obtained, legal implications may arise if and when the matters referred to in the draft paper are implemented, with or without any modifications. The Green Paper was subject to consultation. Consultation gives rise to the legitimate expectation that the outcome of the consultation will be duly considered when subsequent decision are made. Accordingly, in considering this matter due regard should be had to the consultation feedback received.
9. In considering this matter and in developing the proposals regard should be had, amongst other matters, to:
  - (a) the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards;
  - (b) the Councils’ duties under the Well –being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; (Consideration to aspects concerning the Act are described in Appendix \*), and
  - (c) Public sector duties under the Equalities Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties Councils must in making decisions have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected

characteristics. Protected characteristics are: a. Age; b. Gender reassignment; c. Sex; d. Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality; e. Disability; f. Pregnancy and maternity; g. Marriage and civil partnership; h. Sexual orientation; i. Religion or belief – including lack of belief.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to authorise the publication of the draft Economic Strategy “White Paper” in advance of formal approval by Cabinet to enable submission of this report to, and for the draft “White Paper” to be debated at, the January 2019 meeting of Full Council.

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*The following appendices are attached:*

- Appendix 1: Economic Green Paper Consultation Summary
- Appendix 2: Economic Green Paper