

**CABINET RESPONSE TO THE REPORT BY THE ECONOMY & CULTURE  
SCRUTINY INQUIRY – CARDIFF CENTRAL MARKET AND HISTORIC ARCADES**

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**Purpose of report**

1. To update Members on the Cabinet response to the recommendations made in the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee May 2014 inquiry report 'Cardiff Central Market and Historic Arcades'.

**Background**

2. As a part of the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2013-14, the Committee agreed to consider Cardiff Central Market and Historic Arcades as a topic for in-depth scrutiny. The Inquiry was not completed in this time period and ran into the 2014-15 work programme. The scope of the scrutiny was to provide an overview of Cardiff Central Market and the historic arcades in the city centre, in recognition of the important offer that the independent retailers and small businesses within the Historic Arcades and Central Market bring to the city centre shopping experience.
3. The following terms of reference were used as the basis for this short scrutiny exercise:
  - Understand the Council's role in running and supporting Cardiff Central Market and the city's historic Arcades
  - Understand the importance of Cardiff Central Market and the Arcades to the local economy
  - Explore options for the future of Cardiff Central Market and the Arcades
  - Review good practice from other local authorities in their support and promotion of Markets and Arcades

- Review public opinion and awareness of Cardiff Central Market and Arcades
  - Understand the views of market stall holders and arcade store owners
  - Understand the implications of a potential Business Improvement District proposed for Cardiff Council, and the impact this will have for Central Market and the Arcades.
4. This short scrutiny exercise was part of a suite of work focussing on the economic regeneration of Cardiff undertaken by the Committee to assess the emerging needs of the city's new businesses, also including reports on **Higher Education Innovation in Cardiff** (Autumn 2013) and **Small Business** (Spring 2014).
  5. Members received evidence from a range of sources, including representatives of Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff Central Market Traders Association, Ashdown Phillips, Curzon Real Estate, Cardiff Council, Rules of Play, the National Association of British Market Authorities and Wrexham Council. A public perception survey was also undertaken by the Scrutiny Research Team, with almost 2,000 members of the public providing their views, and each market stall holder and arcade shop owner given the opportunity to give their opinions.
  6. The report for this task and finish inquiry was taken to the Cabinet meeting held on 11 December 2014. The full report for this inquiry can be found at:
 

<http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeeld=151&MeetingId=486&DF=11%2f12%2f2014&Ver=2>

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### **Cabinet Response to Recommendations**

7. A full copy of the Cabinet paper, outlining the recommendations made and the Cabinet response to each, is attached at **Appendix A**.
8. Overall, the Committee made 17 recommendations to the Cabinet. The Cabinet response shows that:

- Eleven of the recommendations are accepted – R1, R3, R5, R7, R8, R9, R10, R12, R13, R14, R15
- Five of the recommendations are partially accepted – R2, R4, R6, R11, R16
- One recommendation was not accepted – R17 (this was in relation to exploring parking options within the city centre).

## **Way Forward**

9. The Leader, Councillor Phil Bale, and Neil Hanratty (Director – Economic Development) have been invited to present the response to the inquiry and present any progress made in addressing the issues raised and recommendations made.

## **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 to receive the Cabinet response and agree the way forward for receiving progress reports on the work required to implement the report's recommendations.

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**29 May 2015**

*The following Appendices are attached:*

**Appendix A:** Cabinet Response to the Report by the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee entitled "Cardiff Central Market and Historic Arcades"