

CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 MAY 2023

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks to provide the Committee with an update in relation to the recommendations made by the Committee since May 2022.

Scrutiny Recommendations following Chairs Letters

2. Since May 2022, the start of this administration the Committee has made 24 recommendations following Scrutiny Committee Meetings:

Directorate	RECOMMENDATIONS	
	Open	Closed
Planning Transport & Environment	2	16
Economic Development	0	6
TOTAL	2 (8.3%)	22 (91.7%)

3. Of the 22 closed recommendations:
 - 14 (64%) were Accepted
 - 7 (32%) were Partially accepted
 - 1 (4%) were Not Accepted
4. No Cabinet response has been received in relation to the two recommendations and additional requests made following the meeting held in April to discuss the permanent solution to Castle Street and Road User Payment options.

Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Task Group

5. The first meeting of the RLDP task group was held on 3 April 2023 to provide task group Members with baseline information about the timeline for the RLDP, the context in which it is being prepared, the work that has already taken place, the draft Preferred Strategy and the next steps. Members were also briefed on the scrutiny scoping process, the PICK process, and the need to focus on areas where scrutiny can have most impact.
6. A scoping meeting is being arranged for late June/ early July, where Members will be able to use the then-published draft Preferred Strategy to prioritise areas for scrutiny. Work will then take place in July and August to identify relevant good practice and external witnesses and to arrange meetings with witnesses.

Proposed Visit to Flatholm

7. The chair has proposed joint scrutiny, with the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee. This would include a visit to Flatholm; officers have advised that it would be best to visit September onwards, after the seagulls' breeding season.
8. Given the limited capacity of the boats available to take visitors to Flatholm, there is space for two or three members of this Committee to be part of the visit. Members are requested to note that the boat used is a fast-rib, which is unsuitable for those with a bad back.
9. Ahead of the visit, preparatory work will be undertaken, including scoping terms of reference, gathering required information, and identifying and contacting external witnesses.
10. On the basis of the above, expressions of interest are sought from committee members who wish to be part of the visit and scrutiny of Flatholm.

Way Forward

1. During the meeting, Members may wish to:
 - i. reflect on the recommendations/ correspondence update.
 - ii. note the updates provided on the task group.
 - iii. express an interest and/ or agree nominations for the Flatholm scrutiny.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

13. The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Reflect on the update on recommendations / correspondence.
- ii. Note the updates provided on the task groups.
- iii. Agree nominations for the Flatholm scrutiny.

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4th May 2023