CITY & COUNTY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL **AGENDA ITEM: 5**
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE **19th May 2015**

GREENER GRANGETOWN – FINAL CONSULTATION PHASE

Reason for the Report

1. To provide Members with the opportunity to be a part of the final phase of the Greener Grangetown consultation exercise, for example, looking at proposed street designs and proposed delivery timelines.

Background & Previous Scrutiny

2. The Committee scrutinised an item titled 'Greener Grangetown – Delivery Plans' on the 8th April 2014. The papers for the meeting are attached to this paper as **Appendix 1**. The paper provided details on:

- The geography and community of Grangetown;
- The proposal of the proximity of Grangetown to the River Taff to rethink the surface water management strategy in the area and trigger a range of wider benefits for the community;
- The partnership Cardiff Council, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and Natural Resources Wales to deliver the project;
- The benefits of Greener Grangetown and sustainable water management;
- The concept of Water Sensitive Urban Design as a catalyst for maximising the benefits from surface water rather than disposing of it directly into the sewer system;
- Details of the report commissioned on the 'Greener Grangetown' project;
- The location of the project was set out in a clearly defined map of the area;
- The tasks required to deliver the project;
- The different options considered during the evaluation process;
- The various techniques proposed for use in the project;

- Legal considerations around ownership and maintenance of the scheme;
- Details of the outcome of the feasibility study;
- Potential financial and other benefits from the scheme;
- Finances and timescales;
- The consultation phase of the exercise;
- The challenges facing the project.

3. Following the meeting the Chair of the Committee wrote a letter to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability; this set out the comments and observations of the Committee and has been attached as **Appendix 2**. The main comments were:

- The Members were very impressed with the aims and ambitions of the Greener Grangetown project;
- They passed on their congratulations to the staff and asked if they could visit the scheme once completed in 2015;
- They were assured that the key issue of parking will be a central theme of the consultation exercise and that local resident input will shape the final design of the scheme.

4. After years of feasibility studies, planning and testing the Council has reached the final consultation stage. This consultation process started on the 11th May 2015 and will last for six weeks. After taking on the comments and observations of the consultation exercise a series of final designs will be prepared for tender. It is anticipated that the work on the scheme will begin in November 2015.

5. As a part of the six week consultation phase the Committee will have the opportunity to review:

- A short presentation video on the Greener Grangetown scheme which describes the nature of the scheme and the benefits that it will bring to Cardiff;
- The street designs for the Greener Grangetown scheme which are being circulated as a part of the consultation exercise;
- The consultation methodology being applied against the proposals for the scheme, for example, the stakeholders who are involved with the process;

- Future timelines for delivery of the scheme;
- Future internal and external benefits for the Council and Cardiff.

Way Forward

6. Councillor Ramesh Patel (Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability) has been invited to attend for this item. He will be supported by officers from the Strategic Planning, Highways, Traffic & Transport Directorate.

Legal Implications

7. 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

8. 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 contents of the attached reports**;**

ii. Consider whether it wishes to make any comments to the Cabinet to take into consideration when it receives the Performance report.

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13th March 2015