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Committee	ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and Time of Meeting	THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2022, 4.30 PM
Venue	CR 4, COUNTY HALL - MULTI LOCATION MEETING
Membership	Councillor Owen Jones (Chair) Councillors Derbyshire, Gibson, Green, Lancaster, Lewis, Lloyd Jones, Jackie Parry and Wood

- 4 **Local Development Plan Annual Monitoring Report - Presentation**
- 5 **Cabinet Response to RLDP Scrutiny Recommendations - Presentation**

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6th LDP Annual Monitoring Report

10 November 2022



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Background



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- Cardiff LDP adopted January 2016
- Requirement to prepare an AMR and submit to WG by end of October each year after adoption
- 6th AMR based on period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- AMR outlines any changes in policy framework and reports on 107 LDP Monitoring Indicators and 28 Sustainability Indicators
- Provides a comparison with the baseline data from previous AMR's
- Findings help inform the LDP review process which commenced in March 2021



Key findings



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- Majority of indicators shown as green indicating most LDP policies are being implemented effectively with the housing delivery indicators being the main area where they are not being effective as they could
- Employment data shows strong performance with an increase in 8,000 jobs since the first AMR (2016/17)
- Overall over the 16 years between 2006 and 2022 a total of 19,638 dwellings were completed representing 48% of the overall dwelling requirement to 2026 (41,100)
- Housing delivery data demonstrates lag between plan adoption and new homes being completed due to site assembly and time required to secure the necessary planning and S106 agreements
- Construction is now well underway on most of the strategic housing sites with 2,122 new homes completed since the first AMR (2016/17) and across the city as a whole 2,497 homes are currently under construction which indicates completions are likely to be higher next year than the 915 recorded this year
- This has helped drive higher average completion rates in the city over the last 4 years (1,133 pa) – this indicates a potentially more positive position re Cardiff population growth
- Data also shows that affordable housing completions are increasing as a range and choice of new housing sites being to come forward with 1,797 new build affordable dwellings completed since 2014

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New build Housing completions



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Year	Completions (Private)	Completions (Affordable)	% Affordable	Total Completions
2014/15	377	105	22%	482
2015/16	489	244	33%	733
2016/17	547	230	30%	777
2017/18	636	194	23%	830
2018/19	1,115	294	21%	1,409
2019/20	853	250	23%	1,103
2020/21	853	250	23%	1,103
2021/22	685	230	25%	915
Total	5,555	1,797	24%	7,352

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Conclusions & Recommendation



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- Good progress is generally being made in delivering the identified targets and monitoring outcomes
- Identified lag in housing delivery now showing strong signs of enhanced completions
- This provides a strong basis for LDP review + opportunity re growth / equity and wider wellbeing/greening agenda
- Recommendation:

That Council endorse the sixth AMR for submission to the Welsh Government



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Response to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Joint Task and Finish Group Inquiry Report on Replacement LDP Strategic & Delivery Options

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Background

- Joint Task and Finish Group formed in November 2021 to scrutinise the preparation of the Replacement LDP at key stages
- Report covers the latest stage – consultation on strategic and delivery options
- Series of meetings held in winter 2021/22 with Planning Officers, Cabinet Members and consultant forecasters to explore evidence on the options
- Group also undertook a “*Call for Evidence*” with a range of external stakeholders to inform the findings and recommendations
- Findings and recommendations presented to Cabinet for consideration in July 2022



Findings & Response



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- 6 Recommendations: re consultation process, the strategic and delivery options, accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability issues and further scrutiny involvement in the plan preparation process

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Majority of the recommendations are agreed

However (recommendation 1) re consultation process being deficient is strongly rejected:

- Misunderstands the consultation process to date, the amount of consultation which has been undertaken and growth in responses compared with previous consultations.
- Fails to recognise the significant engagement that has and is taking place outside of statutory consultation periods
- No statutory duty to consult on the strategic options, however despite this, the Council decided to fully engage at this stage and at the earlier informal vision, issues and objectives stage



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Findings & Response



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- Consultation was undertaken in full accordance with the Community Involvement scheme agreed with Welsh Government
- To compensate for the lack of face-to face meetings because of the pandemic an extensive campaign was produced to ensure simple messaging on process through social media together with a new bespoke user friendly website, user-friendly online surveys, child friendly short films and user friendly virtual consultation room
- This resulted in 332,000 impressions or views on social media and 7,400 visitors to the LDP website
- Clearly demonstrates that the Council went above and beyond the requirements agreed with Welsh Government and engaged with as many people as possible



Conclusions & Recommendation



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- As the plan develops over the coming years we will continue to provide comprehensive consultation and engagement with residents and stakeholder, specifically targeting those groups and citizens who do not traditionally engage in LDP processes.
- Recommendation:

Cabinet is recommended to approve the response to the recommendations of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee Joint Task and Finish Group on the Replacement Local Development Plan – Strategic and Delivery Options, as set out in appendix 2.



Appendix 2

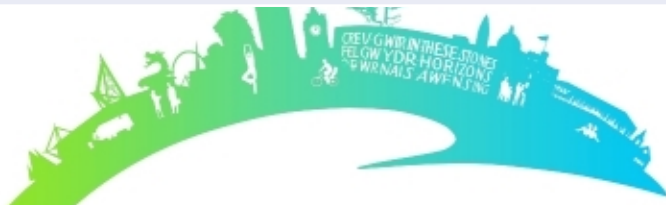


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Recommendation	Accepted, Partially Accepted or Not accepted	Cabinet Response
<p>1. The evidence and key findings in relation to the corporate consultation process for the Strategic and Delivery Options contained within this letter and the attached matrix (<i>Appendix F</i>) are used to inform and develop the consultation process for the Preferred Strategy and all other consultation processes for future stages of the RLDP.</p>	<p>Partially Accepted</p>	<p>This Cabinet Report sets out a response to some of the criticisms of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group that the corporate consultation process was flawed.</p> <p>The report provides a rebuttal to this claim and sets out the process we have followed in particularly challenging circumstances due to Covid and importantly the additional steps we have taken over and above what we have done in the past and how this has been successful in reaching out to the local community.</p> <p>The lessons learnt from this process, together with any other relevant evidence and findings from the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group will be used to inform and develop the consultation process for the Preferred Strategy and future consultation processes on the RLDP.</p>
<p>2. The evidence and key findings on the Strategic and Delivery Options contained within this letter and the attached matrix (<i>Appendix G</i>) are incorporated as formal responses and given equal weighting to those from the corporate consultation process.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Agree that the evidence and key findings of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Strategic and Delivery Options are incorporated as formal responses and given equal weighting to those from the corporate consultation process.</p>



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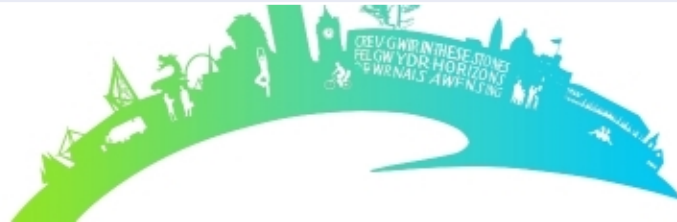


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3. The evidence and key findings in relation to accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability contained within this letter and the attached matrix (<i>Appendix H</i>) are incorporated as formal responses and given equal weighting to those from the corporate consultation process in relation to the Strategic and Delivery Options.	Accepted	Agree that the evidence and key findings of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group in relation to accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability are incorporated as formal responses and given equal weighting to those from the corporate consultation process.
4. The evidence and key findings in relation to accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability contained within this letter and the attached matrix (<i>Appendix H</i>) are used to inform the development of the Preferred Strategy for the RLDP as part of addressing and meeting the needs of the individuals and communities in Cardiff as well as the Council's environmental responsibilities.	Accepted	Agree that the evidence and key findings of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group in relation to accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability are used to inform the Preferred Strategy for the RLDP.
5. That Scrutiny be prioritised in future stages of the RLDP, with early sight of RLDP consultation documents to enable their feedback to be considered prior to them being finalised for publication.	Accepted	Agree that engagement with Scrutiny be prioritised in future stages of the RLDP
6. That all political groups are provided with an early draft of RLDP consultation documents for consideration before being finalised so that they can also provide comment and suggest amendments for incorporation	Accepted	Agree that an early draft of the RLDP consultation documents can be shared with the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group so they can provide comment and suggest amendments for incorporation



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