

## ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 MARCH 2020

Present: Councillor Howells(Chairperson)  
Councillors Henshaw, Gavin Hill-John, Robson, Sattar and Stubbs

### 29 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lay, Gordon and Parkhill.

### 30 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

### 31 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that: Information contained in the Appendices to the following two reports are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 of part 4 and paragraph 21 of part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

### 32 : JAMES STREET REGENERATION

The Chairperson advised Members that this item enabled pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet on James Street. The report provided details of a derelict piece of land on James Street and seeks approval to acquire this to further regeneration of the area. This includes proposals to upgrade the Council's existing workshops at Royal Stuart and Douglas Buildings. The scope of the scrutiny is to examine these, the recommendations to Cabinet, whether there are any risks to the Council, the timeline and the next steps.

The Chairperson welcomed Cllr Goodway – Cabinet Member for Investment & Development, Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development, Chris Barnett Operational Manager Major Projects & Eirian Jones Principal Surveyor Economic Development Strategic Estates to the meeting.

The Chairperson invited Cllr Goodway to make a statement in which he said that there was a welcome opportunity to acquire the site which had been derelict for a very long time. The Council were now in a position to make a deal with the Housing Association to develop the land for the purposes set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That this item was not for publication as it contained exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 of part 4 and paragraph 21 of part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED – That the Chairperson write on behalf of the Committee to the Cabinet Members conveying the Committee's observations during the way forward.

33 : LAND AT CALLAGHAN SQUARE - TO FOLLOW

The Chairperson advised Members that initially, this item was to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of a report to Cabinet but the report was not available to come to Committee. On this occasion, the Chairperson decided to accept the offer to provide a briefing presentation on the proposed way forward regarding land at Callaghan Square, but was clear that, this will not count as pre-decision scrutiny as Committee do not have the report to Cabinet to scrutinise.

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34 : CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL - UPDATE

RESOLVED: To note the update report.

35 : FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Principal Scrutiny Officer advised Members that the work programme ran from May to July as there was no meeting scheduled for April.

Members noted the amount of item planned and that there were an additional two items, namely Dumballs Road and International Sports Village also.

Members were advised that there were currently lots of pre-decision items scheduled for May, but noted that due to the nature of pre-decision items, some were likely to slip. Members did, however wish to ensure that the Cardiff Bus item remains on the May agenda.

Members discussed the date of the next meeting and noted that it clashed with the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and considered it best to reschedule the date. A date of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 was agreed.

36 : CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED: To note the report.

37 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None received.

38 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING- TBC

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 4.30pm.

The meeting terminated at 5.35 pm