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AGENDA

Committee ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023, 5.00 PM

Venue CR 4, COUNTY HALL - MULTI LOCATION MEETING

Membership Councillor Wong (Chair)
Councillors Berman, Brown-Reckless, Cunnah, Henshaw, Jenkins,
Lloyd Jones, Naughton and Thomson

*Time
approx.*

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

To be made at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

3 EURO's 2028

5.00 pm

To Follow

Pre-decision scrutiny of report to Cabinet

This report is not for publication under Schedule 12A Part 4 paragraph 14 and Part 5 paragraph 21 of the Local Government Act 1972

4 Atlantic Wharf

5.30 pm

To Follow

Pre-decision scrutiny of report to Cabinet

Appendices 2-6 & 8-13 of this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg

- 5 Replacement Local Development Plan - Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group - Expressions of Interest (Pages 5 - 8)** 6.30 pm

To seek and agree expressions of interest in sitting on the Replacement LDP Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

- 6 Draft Scrutiny Annual Report (Pages 9 - 14)** 6.40 pm

To consider this Committee's draft pages in the Scrutiny Annual Report

- 7 Urgent Items (if any)**

- 8 Way Forward** 6.50 pm

- 9 Date of next meeting**

25th April 2023, 4.30pm.

Davina Fiore

Director Governance & Legal Services

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

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**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2023

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – JOINT SCRUTINY TASK AND
FINISH GROUP – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Purpose of the Report

1. To invite Members to express an interest in sitting on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

Background

2. The Replacement LDP is a crucial strategic document which governs the future development and economic growth of Cardiff till 2036. It is a key driver for investment, competitiveness, growth and environmental protection in Cardiff and will have implications for the wider city region.
3. In September 2021, the five Scrutiny Committees individually considered the first stage of the Replacement LDP - *Vision, Issues and Objectives and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report* - prior to its consideration by Cabinet. Following these meetings, a collective letter capturing all concerns and observations from all five committees was sent to Cabinet.
4. In October 2021, all five scrutiny Committees approved the establishment of a joint task & finish group, comprising the Chairpersons of the five Scrutiny Committees plus a volunteer from each Committee, to consider the next stage of the Replacement LDP, the Strategic Options. The Task Group met on several occasions, resulting in 2 letters to Cabinet setting out key findings and recommendations relating to consultation and engagement, strategic and delivery options, and accessibility, inclusivity and environmental sustainability.

The Preferred Strategy

5. The next stage of the Replacement LDP is the Preferred Strategy, which will set out the preferred level of housing and jobs growth for the plan and the spatial strategy to deliver this growth. It will also contain a number of draft strategic key policies – such as sustainable transport, protecting the environment and delivering quality new development – which will inform the preparation of a Deposit Plan.
6. Welsh Government guidance requires the Preferred Strategy to be founded on a robust and up to date evidence base; this is tested during the independent examination of the Deposit Plan.
7. The draft Preferred Strategy will be consulted on July - September 2023, finalised by the Council's Cabinet in Autumn 2023 and will then be considered for approval by Full Council.

The Scrutiny Process

8. It is essential that the Preferred Strategy is subject to robust scrutiny prior to being finalised by Cabinet.
9. The Scrutiny Chairs have agreed that a task and finish group be established, consisting of the Chairs of the five Scrutiny Committees and two volunteers from each committee.
10. The Task and Finish group needs to be established as soon as possible to plan and commence work around the RLDP Preferred Strategy, scheduled to go out to consultation in July 2023.
11. The Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group have yet to be set but will be established by the Task and Finish Group and presented to the 5 Scrutiny Committees for agreement.

12. Members might wish to consider the potential benefits of joining the task and finish group. Some of these benefits will include:

- Becoming involved in the scrutiny of a key strategic corporate and statutory document which has major implications for the future of Cardiff.
- Gaining an in-depth awareness of the issues underpinning the LDP and its process.
- Gaining experience of the Task and Finish process and the dynamics of working with Members from the Council's other four Scrutiny Committees.

13. It is proposed that the task group will meet from March 2023 onwards. Following approval of the Preferred Strategy, it is anticipated that the task and finish group will continue to meet periodically, to undertake scrutiny of future stages of the Replacement LDP.

WAY FORWARD

14. Committee Members may express an interest to sit on the RLDP Task and Finish Group that will consider the next stage of the RLDP process.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

15. 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 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 of 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

16. 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

17. The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Seek and agree expressions of interest in sitting on the Replacement Local Development Plan Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

DAVINA FIORE
Director of Governance and Legal Services
15 March 2023

**CYNGOR CAERDYDD
CARDIFF COUNCIL**

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2023

**ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT PAGES - JOINT
SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

Background

1. This report seeks Members' approval of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee pages of the joint Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23, attached as **Appendix A**.

Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-23

2. The Council's Constitution requires all Scrutiny Committees to report annually to the Council on their work during the past year and make recommendations for future work programmes. Since 2020/21 there is one combined Scrutiny Annual Report capturing the work of the five scrutiny committees. For Members information, the 2021/22 Scrutiny Annual Report is available [here](#).
3. The Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 will be considered by Full Council in June 2023. It is currently being drafted and will be presented to all Chairs of Scrutiny for consideration, prior to the end of their term of office in May 2023.
4. In preparation for the final draft report, each committee is requested to agree the pages that will be included for that committee. Draft pages are therefore attached at **Appendix A** for this committee's review, amendment, and approval. The pages set out committee membership, purpose, and key achievements over the year.
5. Members' views are also sought on topics they wish to recommend for future scrutiny by this committee, to be included in another section of the Annual Report on Future Scrutiny Priorities 2023/24. These suggestions will be

presented to the next Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee for their consideration during their work programming for 223/24.

6. In addition to the above, the final Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 will focus on the difference scrutiny has made to residents, visitors, staff, and businesses over the year. It will also aim to improve stakeholder understanding and interest in Scrutiny, explain how Scrutiny facilitates engagement and encourages public participation, and highlight the value of Member-led/ stakeholder informed decision making.
7. If agreed by Council, the report will be available for download bi-lingually from the Council's website, in standard or large print version and will also offer a translation in other minority languages if requested.

Way Forward

8. During the meeting, Members can consider the draft Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee pages for the Scrutiny Annual Report and suggest any amendments required as well as suggest topics for future scrutiny.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Consider, if necessary amend, and approve the draft Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee pages of the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23, attached at **Appendix A**, and
- ii. Suggest topics for future scrutiny by this committee.

DAVINA FIORE

Director of Governance and Legal Services

15 March 2023

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ECONOMY & CULTURE COMMITTEE PAGE - Draft copy for Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Our Membership – photos to be sourced from library

Councillor Pete Wong (Chair)

Councillors Rodney Berman; Catriona Brown-Reckless; Stephen Cunnah; Jane Henshaw; Peter Huw Jenkins; Helen Lloyd Jones; Daniel Naughton; Sara Robinson; Leonora Thomson

Youth Council Representative – Zack Hellard (*photo to be provided*)

Our Purpose

- The Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee drives improvement across economic development, regeneration, parks, leisure, sports, libraries, hubs, culture, events, venues and tourism.
- We hold to account those in charge, to make sure decisions are transparent and right for Cardiff.
- We listen to people who live and work in Cardiff, using their views and experiences to inform our scrutiny to help ensure the Council and partners deliver the right services for citizens.
- We make recommendations to enhance the use of resources, performance and service delivery.

Our Achievements

- **Shaping Cardiff's Post Pandemic Economic Recovery** – Aware of changing work and retail patterns, Members used the Ask Cardiff survey, a Scrutiny Research survey, an FSB Cymru survey, and face to face evidence sessions to seek views on how the Council could best help, bearing in mind its limited resources. Members heard from remote and co-worker individuals and providers, small businesses, independent artists, traders in local and district centres, city centre businesses, residents, and key bodies including Creative Cardiff, For Cardiff and the Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru. Members also explored the 15-minute city concept, looking to learn lessons from how this has been applied elsewhere. The Inquiry made 19 recommendations, focusing on how best to move forward on the 15-minute city and how to respond to specific areas highlighted by stakeholders. The report was submitted to Cabinet in March 2023 and a response to the recommendations is awaited.
- **Supporting public engagement** – As well as enabling the public to engage with their Inquiry, the Committee responded positively to requests to address the Committee. On the proposed way forward for St David's Hall, Members received a presentation from Cardiff Civic Society and 20 submissions made by members of the public via Scrutiny Viewpoints. In addition, Members received a petition and address from Cardiff Civic Society on the Museum of Cardiff budget consultation option. Committee Members also received written representations from

AWEN@thelibrary, the Whitchurch Library Charity Group, and from the Save Maindy Velodrome campaign group.

- **Preparing to Scrutinise** – in recognition that 8 out of 9 committee members were new to the committee, Members attended confidential briefings on the Atlantic Wharf, Red Dragon Centre, Indoor Arena and International Sports Village, and a briefing on progress with implementing the Allotment Strategy, supporting the National Park City, and addressing the areas agreed by the previous motion to Council on *‘Making Cardiff Healthier, Greener and Wilder’*. Members also visited the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, the International Sports Village site, and Bute Park Heritage Centre. **POTENTIALLY, ADD IN FLATHOLM.**
- **Scrutinising Major Projects** – Members scrutinised the next stages of regeneration projects, including Cardiff Bay, International Sports Village, Atlantic Wharf, Red Dragon Centre, and Llanrumney. Members recommended as much non-confidential information as possible be put into the public domain, to provide access for interested stakeholders and the general public.
- **Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)** – Members scrutinised the approach to accessing SPF monies, including proposed projects and governance arrangements, and explored how SPF monies will be used to tackle inequalities by working synergistically with existing schemes.
- **St David’s Hall** – Members devoted several hours to scrutinising proposals on the future management of St David’s Hall. Members considered written submissions from members of the public and received a statement from Cardiff Civic Society. Members made four recommendations, three of which were accepted in full by Cabinet, with the remaining recommendation partially accepted. These led to the expert acoustics report being put into the public domain, something interested stakeholders had requested.
- **Playgrounds/ Play Areas** – Members discussed the refurbishment of playgrounds and play areas across the city, noting the palpable sense of purpose and progress since the last scrutiny in October 2020, and that sites are being future-proofed.
- **Community Sport in Cardiff** – In September 2022, Cabinet accepted in full five out of six recommendations and partially accepted a further recommendation made by this Inquiry undertaken by the previous Committee. In April 2023, Members received an update on progress in implementing these recommendations. **Update post-April mtg.**
- **Update post-April mtg** – due to receive update on Physical Activity & Sport Strategy implementation, and GLL.
- **Corporate Plan, Budgetary proposals, performance and budget monitoring** – Members examined the proposed Corporate Plan and Budget. During the year, Members were briefed on budget and performance monitoring reports and did not identify any areas of concern.