

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18 JULY 2017

Present: County Councillor Howells(Chairperson)
County Councillors Ebrahim, Gordon, Gavin Hill-John, Parkhill,
Robson and Sattar

1 : APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee noted that Council at its meeting held on 25 May 2017 appointed Councillor Nigel Howells as Chair and the following Members to this Committee:

Councillors Ebrahim, Gordon, Gavin Hill-John, Parkhill, Robson, Sattar, Singh and Stubbs

2 : TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted the terms of reference.

3 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Stubbs.

4 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 14 February 2017 and 9 March 2017 were noted and were signed by the Chairperson.

6 : WORK PROGRAMMING

Members were asked to discuss and agree priorities for the Committee 2017/18 work programme. The Committee received a report listing potential work programme items drawn from suggestions from Members and Officers, items recommended by the previous Committee and a desk-based review of high level partnership and corporate documents.

The Committee received representations from the Cabinet Members and Directors whose portfolios fall within the remit of the Committee. The Chair requested Cabinet Members to highlight their key issues and challenges and any areas where they believe scrutiny can assist them in driving improvement. Cabinet Members suggested a number of topics for inclusion on the Committee's work programme, including:

Councillor Goodway

- Delivery of a bus station
- Indoor arena
- Cardiff Parkway railway station

- Cardiff East Industrial Strategy
- Green Paper on the Economic Development agenda
- Tourism Strategy
- Review of Sports Village
- Central Square
- Land south of Cardiff Central Railway Station
- Dumballs Road – manifesto commitment to provide council housing
- Bute Street/Lloyd George Avenue / Heavy Rail Line / New York style high line tourist attraction
- St David's Square
- Canal Feeder
- New attractions in Cardiff Bay – e.g. beach facility or open air pool
- International Strategy
- Task and Finish Group on Historic Buildings
- Employment Strategy

Councillor Bradbury

- Safety in Parks
- GLL Leisure Contract
- Sports Development
- Major Events Strategy
- Cardiff Harbour Authority
- Llanishen Reservoir
- Review of Sport in the City
- Parks Refresh

Councillor Merry

- Protecting Adult Community Learning

Councillor Thorne

- Library Standards
- Hubs Programme / Support for Into Work Services
- Impact of Universal Credit / Welfare Reforms

The report provided Members with guidance in terms of prioritisation of items for inclusion in the work programme. Members were also asked to be mindful of Wales Audit Office advice to aim to achieve scrutiny committee meetings that are no longer than three hours in duration by ensuring agendas are manageable and that work occurs outside committee meetings.

Members were advised that in order to meet Wales Audit Office guidance, agendas, on average, should have no more than two substantial items. The 2017/18 programme of meetings agreed that 9 committee meetings be held between September 2017 and May 2018; potentially, this would allow for 18 substantial agenda items.

RESOLVED – That the following priorities and items be included within the Work Programme for 2017/18:

- Economic Development Green Paper
- Multi-Purpose Indoor Arena

- ISV and Cardiff Bay Masterplan
- Cardiff East Industrial Strategy
- Dumballs Road
- Heritage and Historic Buildings
- Cardiff Business Forum

- Leisure Management Partnership Update
- Harbour Authority funding
- Sports/ Physical Activity – task and finish group to be scoped, to include:
 - Parks & Green Spaces – safety, sustainability, access
 - Sports - access and provision

- Adult Community Learning – Welsh Government review of funding

- Welsh Public Library Standards Annual Report
- Society of Chief Librarians national universal offers
- Changes to Employment Services.

7 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on 14 September 2017.

The meeting terminated at 7.30 pm

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