

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Background

1. This report provides Members with a correspondence update report.

Correspondence update

2. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered. At the Committee meeting on 11 January 2018, Members received a report detailing the correspondence sent and received this municipal year.
3. Attached as **Appendix A** is a correspondence schedule which provides an update since then, containing the following information:
 - i. Date the letters were sent;
 - ii. To whom the letter was addressed;
 - iii. The key recommendations set out in the Chair's letters;
 - iv. Date the response was received; and
 - v. The response of the Cabinet Member(s) to those recommendations.
4. The schedule attached at **Appendix A** shows:
 - i. *Response Awaited* – from Councillor Goodway to the Chair's letter following scrutiny of updated proposals re the Bus Station and Central Train Station, considered at Committee on 7 December 2017.
 - ii. *Response Received* - from Councillor Bradbury to the Chair's letter following scrutiny of the GLL Leisure Centres Partnership, considered at Committee on 7 December 2017.

- iii. *Response Received*– from Councillor Thorne to the Chair’s letter following scrutiny re Libraries, considered at Committee on 11 January 2018
 - iv. *No Response Required* – from Councillor Goodway to the Chair’s letter following scrutiny re the Economic Development Green Paper, considered at Committee on 11 January 2018
 - v. *Response Received* – from Councillor Weaver to the Chair’s letter following scrutiny of the draft Corporate Plan 2018 -2021 and the Budgetary Proposals, considered at Committee on 12 February 2018 – letters attached in full at **Appendix B**.
 - vi. *No Response Required* – to the Chair’s letter, following scrutiny of proposals for the multi-purpose indoor arena at a special Committee held on 13 February 2018.
5. Copies of the Chair’s letters and any responses received can be found on the Council’s website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled ‘*correspondence following the committee meeting*’.

Way Forward

6. During their meeting, Members may wish to note the contents of this report and **Appendix A**.

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 content of the letters contained in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**.

Davina Fiore

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