

COUNCIL:

28 MARCH 2019

**REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR INVESTMENT &
DEVELOPMENT (COUNCILLOR RUSSELL GOODWAY)**

DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY

Reason for this Report

1. For the Draft Economic Strategy to be debated in Full Council in advance of its formal approval by Cabinet.

Background

2. In late 2017 the Economic Strategy Green Paper: More and Better Jobs was published to initiate a three-month public consultation exercise. The paper considered a range of issues for the city's economy, including proposed projects. The document also outlined a proposed spatial strategy for the future development of the economy.

Issues

3. The consultation process was a qualitative exercise which aimed to secure input to the Councils Economic Strategy from a broad range of communities and stakeholders. Responses were received from the following representatives and a report on their contributions and views is attached as Appendix 1:
 - Local Councillors
 - Large businesses
 - SMEs
 - Local residents
 - Organisations representing the city's diverse populations
 - Third sector organisations
 - Business Improvement District
 - Neighbouring local authorities
 - City-region organisations
 - Business representative organisations
 - Universities
4. Following on from the Green Paper consultation it is proposed to debate the proposals put forward in the Draft Economic Strategy at Full Council. The debate will provide an opportunity for all local members to make a contribution to the final development of this important piece of strategic

Council policy and for the views and comments of all local members to be properly considered before the final report is approved by Cabinet.

5. It is intended that the final draft of the will be presented to Cabinet for approval at the Cabinet meeting scheduled for March 2019. In advance of that, the paper will be the subject of pre-decision scrutiny by the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for Recommendations

6. To allow for Full Council to debate the draft Economic Strategy to inform its development ahead of consideration at a subsequent Cabinet meeting.

Legal Implications

7. As and when individual proposals within the draft Economic Strategy are developed legal advice should be obtained, legal implications may arise if and when the matters referred to in the draft paper are implemented, with or without any modifications. The Green paper was subject to consultation. Consultation gives rise to the legitimate expectation that the outcome of the consultation will be duly considered when subsequent decision are made. Accordingly, in considering this matter due regard should be had to the consultation feedback received.
8. In considering this matter and in developing the proposals regard should be had, amongst other matters, to:
 - (a) the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards;
 - (b) the Councils' duties under the Well –being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; (Consideration to aspects concerning the Act are described in Appendix *), and
 - (c) Public sector duties under the Equalities Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties Councils must in making decisions have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected characteristics. Protected characteristics are: a. Age; b. Gender reassignment; c. Sex; d. Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality; e. Disability; f. Pregnancy and maternity; g. Marriage and civil partnership; h. Sexual orientation; i. Religion or belief – including lack of belief.

Financial Implications

9. The report seeks to debate draft Economic Strategy – Building More and Better Jobs at Council and therefore has no direct financial implications.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council considers the draft Economic Strategy and provide comments to inform the final document.

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The following Appendices are attached:

Appendix 1: Economic Green Paper Consultation Summary

Appendix 2: Economic Green Paper

Appendix 3: Draft Economic Strategy

Appendix 4: Draft Cardiff Economy Today Report