

ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16 NOVEMBER 2020

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

29 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Gavin Hill-John advised that he would be late joining the meeting.

30 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

31 : INDOOR ARENA PROCUREMENT: PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - TO FOLLOW

Members were advised that this item enabled them to scrutinise the next stage in the procurement of the Indoor Arena. The Chairperson welcomed: Cllr Goodway– Cabinet Member for Investment & Development; Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development; Chris Barnett – Operational Manager – Major Projects; Kyle Godfrey – Portfolio Accountant and Representatives from Bevan Brittan LLP – Mark Calverley and Laura Brealey.

Members were reminded that Committee are required to consider the presentation and all Appendices in a closed session to discuss information deemed exempt, in accordance with paragraphs 14 and 16 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED: to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting.

AGREED: that the Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, writes to the Cabinet Member conveying the observations of the Committee when discussing the way forward.

32 : LLANRUMNEY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY - NEXT STEPS: PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - TO FOLLOW

Members were advised that this item is to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of a report to Cabinet that sets out proposals to dispose of land and ring-fence the receipts to enable a road and bridge link to be built from Llanrumney onto the A48. This includes statutory consultation to release land at Ball Close, as well as residential development and a new Outdoor Sports Complex at Mendip Rd.

The Chairperson welcomed: Councillor Goodway– Cabinet Member - Investment & Development; Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development; Chris Barnett – Operational Manager – Major Projects; Eirian Jones – Principal Surveyor and Giles Parker – Head of Property to the meeting.

The Chairperson invited Cllr Goodway to make a statement in which he said that he was excited by the quality of these proposals and by being able to bring them to this stage during the pandemic. He added that the proposals form part of the biggest investment in physical and social infrastructure in Llanrumney since the 1950's and the community deserves it. He stated that the bridge would allow access out of the estate and that there would be jobs created for local people.

The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members in open session, there were no questions.

Members were reminded that Committee are required to consider the presentation and Appendices 2-9 in a closed session to discuss information deemed exempt, in accordance with paragraphs 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED: to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting.

AGREED: that the Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, writes to the Cabinet Member conveying the observations of the Committee when discussing the way forward.

33 : MERCHANT PLACE/ CORY'S BUILDING: PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - TO FOLLOW

Members were advised that this item is to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of a report to Cabinet that seeks authority to acquire land and buildings and undertake soft market testing for redevelopment of the sites. Committee has the opportunity to consider the proposed approach to fund these.

The Chairperson welcomed: Cllr Goodway– Cabinet Member - Investment & Development; Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development; Chris Barnett – Operational Manager – Major Projects; Eirian Jones – Principal Surveyor and Giles Parker – Head of Property for this item.

The Chairperson invited Cllr Goodway to make a statement in which he said that this item refers to two buildings, both having been unoccupied and deteriorating for the past 25 years. Work had been done in the past to protect and preserve the buildings but it had not been possible previously to identify a viable use for them. There had been previous attempts to acquire the buildings but no agreement on price had been reached. This has now changed and there was an opportunity to acquire the two buildings and the land in the footprint and to work with developers to bring the buildings into use.

The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members in open session, there were no questions.

Members were reminded that Committee are required to consider the presentation and Appendix 1 in a closed session to discuss information deemed exempt, in accordance with paragraphs 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED: to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting.

AGREED: that the Chairperson, on behalf of the Committee, writes to the Cabinet Member conveying the observations of the Committee when discussing the way forward.

34 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None received.

35 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2020

36 : CORRESPONDENCE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting terminated at 7.24 pm

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