

Committee Business Report - Correspondence

Reason for this Report

1. To update Members on correspondence arising from recent scrutiny meetings.

Correspondence

2. Following each Scrutiny Committee meeting, the Chair writes on behalf of all Members, to the relevant Cabinet Member and senior officer, summing up the Committee's comments, concerns and recommendations regarding the issues considered during that meeting. The Committee is routinely copied in to the letters when they are forwarded to the Cabinet Member. Depending on the issues highlighted, the letter usually asks for a response from the Cabinet Member to any recommendations made, and sometimes requests further information.
3. For Members information attached to this report at **Appendices 2, 3, 4 & 5** are copies of correspondence following the May and June meetings of the committee, both letters sent and Cabinet responses where received.
4. Where responses are *outstanding* the support officer continues to follow up on the Committee's behalf, particularly where the Committee has made a formal recommendation for monitoring as part of the new model and

database in place to capture the impact of scrutiny. There are occasions, however, that the Committee does not formally request a response.

Committee	Scrutiny	Appendix
18 May 2021	Recovery and Renewal	1a
18 May 2021	Recovery and Renewal – <i>Cabinet response</i>	1b
9 June 2021	Outturn 2020-21	2a
9 June 2021	Outturn 2020-21 – <i>Cabinet response</i>	2b(i) &2b(ii)
9 June 2021	Monmouthshire Procurement	3a
9 June 2021	Monmouthshire Procurement – <i>Cabinet response not requested</i>	
9 June 2021	SEWales Civils and Highways Construction Framework	4a
9 June 2021	SEWales Civils and Highways Construction Framework - <i>Cabinet response not requested</i>	

Legal Implications

- 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 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

6. 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:

- a. Note correspondence between the Committee and the Cabinet.

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