

Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee Work Programming Forum (Remote)

26-7-2021 – 4.00pm - via Teams

Present: Cllr Howells, Cllr Henshaw, Cllr Parkhill, Cllr Robson, Cllr Stubbs

Decisions Taken

Remit from Restart of Scrutiny Report to Council – July 2020

Pre- Decision Scrutiny

Scheduled Report to Cabinet	Decision Taken
LDP - Vision	<p>Prioritise for scrutiny when available, as long as contain significant issues/ recommendations that require pre-decision scrutiny.</p>
Pentwyn Leisure Centre	
Indoor Arena FBC	
Merchant Place/ Cory's building	
James St appropriation	
ISV – Development Agreement/ Acquisition	
St David's Hall – cultural regeneration	
Norwegian Church	
Music Strategy Update (inc Busking Strategy)	
GLL / Local Partnerships Report	
Physical Activity Sport Strategy (inc swimming strategy and playing pitch strategy)	
Atlantic Wharf – Red Dragon Centre BC	
Dumballs Road CPO	
Velodrome FBC	
Recovery & Renewal	
Norwegian Church	
Allotment Strategy Review	
Corporate Plan & Budget	
Atlantic Wharf – MSCP Business Case	

Priority Items – Cabinet Members & Directors

Cllr Bradbury	Suggestion	Decision Taken
Sport Wales Regionalisation	Inquiry/ Round Table scrutiny	Agreed: Short Inquiry – scope and complete by October 2021.
Events Recovery	Similar scrutiny to Music Sector Impact of Covid – ask Events sector re future of events in Cardiff	Agreed: Short Inquiry – round table discussions – scope and complete by December 2021.
GLL/ Leisure	Annual Performance Review	Agreed: schedule alongside items GLL attending for
Venues Recovery	With easing of lockdown, will know by late Autumn how council venues are recovering. If problem, deep dive to examine future for venues.	Agreed: If required, precisely scope deep dive to ensure scrutiny adds value. Link to request for heritage building update briefing – see later note.

Capital and S106 programmes	Monitor progress	Agreed: Monitor outside committee via budget monitoring and request bespoke report to provide more detail on these areas under Cllr Bradbury portfolio.
Cllr Goodway/ Cllr Thomas/ Cllr Thorne/ Cllr Merry		
None received		

Time-Critical/ reputational

Topic	Decision Taken
Impact of Covid-19	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Recovery Task Force 	Agreed: Request briefing – seek clarification re which Cabinet Member Task Force reports to.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support hospitality and retail post covid 	Should be covered by scrutiny of overarching topics – LDP/ Recovery & Renewal/ Economic Recovery Task Force
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Centre recovery 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District & Local Centres 	
LDP	Agreed: Pre-decision in Sept. Await outcome of Scrutiny Chairs discussions re possible T&F for future stages.
Cardiff Bus Station/ Interchange	Not Agreed – Members feel not able to influence/ have an impact on design or operation and therefore not a good use of committee's time.
Metro Central (Central Station)	Agreed: Schedule update if substantive
Castle Street	Agreed: liaise with officers to ensure comes to scrutiny in time for Members to be able to inform proposals.
City Deal	Agreed: briefings as previously
WAO Review of Leisure Services	Agreed – schedule update alongside relevant pre-decision report
Shared Regulatory Services – Audit Wales recommendation to strengthen scrutiny across 3 local authorities	Agreed – work with other L.A.s to strengthen scrutiny.
Let's Make Cardiff Greener, Healthier and Wilder	Agreed: Request update report

Other Committee Items previously prioritised

Topic	Decision Taken
Levelling Up Fund	Agreed: as available
Canal Quarter	Agreed: as available
Culture in Cardiff Inquiry	Agreed: Cabinet Response due

Other Items prioritised

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Brexit	Agreed: request briefing on impact on economy of Cardiff and service delivery (in E&C terms of ref) and how tackling/ mitigating impact.
Tourism	Agreed: bring Tourism Strategy/ new approach to Committee
Hubs & Libraries	Agreed: make space in work programme for any items relating changes/ improvements
Council Heritage Buildings	Agreed: request briefing to update Members on situation since report to Cabinet Nov 2018. Links to pre-decision items re St David's Hall & Norwegian Church and links to Venues Recovery item.

Other Items to Monitor

- **Budget Monitoring**
- **Performance Monitoring**
- **Audit Wales Local Government Study 2021-22 'Town Centre Regeneration'.**

Schedule of Items discussed at Work Programming Forum 26/7/21

Topic	Other Info	Type	Decision Taken
Pre-Decision Scrutiny:			
September:			
LDP – Replacement LDP – first stage	<p>Consideration of feedback from consultation on draft Vision, issues and objectives and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and approval of final versions.</p> <p>Possible T&F with reps from all Committees to look at later stages of LDP – precise arrangements to be determined.</p>	Pre-decision scrutiny	Prioritise for scrutiny when available, as long as contain significant issues/ recommendations that require pre-decision scrutiny.
Pentwyn LC	March 2021 – <i>‘Members request that the due diligence reports and Equalities Impact Assessment are brought to this Committee prior to final proposals being agreed and implemented’</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Indoor Arena FBC	Nov 2020 – <i>Wish to scrutinise - further due diligence on the preferred bidder, how arena meets needs of active, affordable and sustainable travel, and the proposed car park.</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Merchant Place/ Cory’s building	Committee was not supportive of previous recommendation to Cabinet re this scheme.	Pre-decision scrutiny	
James St appropriation	March 2020 - <i>Members wish to be kept informed of progress with this site’</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
ISV – Development Agreement/ Acquisition	<p>March 2021 - <i>the width should be a minimum of 3 metres wide and preferably 6 metres wide. Members wish to scrutinise these proposals.</i></p> <p>July 2021 - <i>an operator - area we intend to explore further when we scrutinise the report to Cabinet on the ISV in September.</i></p>	Pre-decision scrutiny	

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October:			
St David's Hall – cultural regeneration	Loss of income due to covid lockdowns PRAP Perf Panel observation <i>'Attendance at Council Venues – slide 77 - discussed the impact of covid pandemic on attendance, the need to plan for recovery and whether pandemic has permanently affected viability of venues, particularly if/ when Government subsidy goes. Chairs noted that there may well be a permanent impact but, equally, may resolve when social distancing measures removed. In the meantime, Chairs note this is captured as a risk for the Council.'</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	Prioritise for scrutiny when available, as long as contain significant issues/ recommendations that require pre-decision scrutiny.
Norwegian Church	Previous emails from Norwegian Society	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Music Strategy Update (inc Busking Strategy)	Previously scrutinised Sound Diplomacy report and proposed Music Strategy. Also, in Dec 2020, scrutinised impact of lockdowns on music sector in Cardiff.	Pre-decision scrutiny	
November:			
GLL / Local Partnerships Report	March 2021 - <i>Members are interested to understand what these variations to contract will be and what their impact on service users and local residents may be. Therefore, Members request that these be brought to this committee for scrutiny prior to implementation</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Sport, Health and Physical Activity Strategy (inc swimming strategy and playing pitch strategy)	See later info re Audit Wales Leisure Report	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Atlantic Wharf – Red Dragon Centre BC	July 2021 - <i>We will make space in our work programme to accommodate pre-decision scrutiny of the various aspects of the Atlantic Wharf regeneration and look forward to receiving some of these in the Autumn.</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Dumballs Road CPO		Pre-decision scrutiny	

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Velodrome FBC	July 2021- <i>We look forward to receiving an update on this when we consider the broader ISV report in September</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	Prioritise for scrutiny when available, as long as contain significant issues/ recommendations that require pre-decision scrutiny.
December:			
Recovery & Renewal	May 2021 – <i>‘Members welcome that the consultation will be used to finesse the final strategy, due to be reported to Cabinet this autumn and we look forward to scrutinising it.’</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Norwegian Church	Previous emails from Norwegian Society	Pre-decision scrutiny	
January:			
Allotment Strategy Review	Feb 2021 – <i>‘This is something that interests this Committee, and we will bear this in mind when setting our work programme for 2021/22’</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
February:			
Corporate Plan & Budget		Pre-decision scrutiny	
Atlantic Wharf – MSCP Business Case	July 2021 - <i>We will make space in our work programme to accommodate pre-decision scrutiny of the various aspects of the Atlantic Wharf regeneration and look forward to receiving some of these in the Autumn.</i>	Pre-decision scrutiny	
Monitoring Reports outside Committee			
Performance Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Performance Reports - Library Standards - GLL Performance 	Review via email, any issues identified brought to Committee Meeting with Cllr Bradbury - Have a standing item on GLL Annual Performance Review – P.I.s, wellbeing, overall assessment.	Monitoring	Agreed - Review via email, any issues identified brought to Committee GLL - schedule alongside items GLL attending for.
Budget Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Month 4, 6, 9, outturn 	Review via email, any issues identified brought to Committee. Mtg with Cllr Bradbury - Steve Morris - Capital and S106 programme – progress this year/ risks	Monitoring	Agreed - Review via email, any issues identified brought to Committee

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			Capital/ s106 - Monitor outside committee via budget monitoring and request bespoke report to provide more detail on these areas under Cllr Bradbury portfolio.
Inquiry Response:			
Culture in Cardiff – response to Inquiry Recommendations and new Strategy	Links with Cultural Production Partnership with WMC	Inquiry Response	Agreed – schedule as Available
Other Topics to be prioritised – Timing to be determined:			
Already highlighted need for scrutiny			
Leisure – Audit Wales report & Follow-Up report	Links to Sport, Health & Physical Activity Strategy as well as work with GLL and Pentwyn LC March 2021 - <i>Given the need to focus committee time on the contract variations, Members were not able to give the report and response the attention they merit and therefore Members wish to carry out further scrutiny'</i>	Policy Review	Agreed – schedule update
Shared Regulatory Services	Need to strengthen and join up scrutiny across 3 L.A.s SRS Business Plan highlights reducing resources and c-19 as main pressures on work – backlog in inspections, rise in online businesses including ghost kitchens, plus c-19 management.	All	Agreed – work with other L.A.s to strengthen scrutiny.
Sport Wales Proposals	Nov 2020 – <i>'It is our intention to carry out detailed scrutiny on this and the likely ramifications for sport in Cardiff and to prioritise scrutiny of their proposals as these become clearer'</i> Cllr Bradbury meeting – invite Sport Wales and ask them to explain benefits, opportunities and risks re new approach. Possibly seek other local authorities' views. Look at long-term ramification for sport development.	Policy Development	Agreed: Short Inquiry – scope and complete by October 2021.

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Metro Central	Feb 2021 – <i>‘With regard to City Deal, Members sought clarification regarding the Metro Central project. Members wish to receive an update on this project, preferably with Network Rail also in attendance, and wish to understand proposals for ensuring better integration with other transport means, such as taxis.’</i>	Policy Development & Review	Agreed: Schedule update if substantive
Bus Interchange	Previous scope agreed Views of bus companies and bus users gathered Delayed at request of CEx following discussions with TfW	Policy Development & Review	Not Agreed – Members feel not able to influence/ have an impact on design or operation and therefore not a good use of committee’s time.
Let’s Make Cardiff Greener, Healthier and Wilder	Motion to Council Previous Scrutiny May 2021 – City Tree Farm etc.	Policy Dev & Review	Agreed: Request update report
Castle Street	June 2021 - <i>Members wish to undertake further scrutiny of the proposed permanent scheme and ask that this be brought to Committee early enough for Members to be able to inform the development of the permanent scheme</i>	Policy Review	Agreed: liaise with officers to ensure comes to scrutiny in time for Members to be able to inform proposals.
Levelling Up fund -	June 2021 - <i>This Committee wishes to see details of these bids and requests these to be made available for scrutiny well ahead of submission, to enable our comments to be considered and acted on</i>		Agreed: as available
Canal Quarter		Policy Review	Agreed: as available
Other:			
City Deal		Policy Development & Review	Agreed: briefings as previously

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Impact of Brexit	<div>Understand the impact of Brexit on Cardiff's economy, public services and communities and develop the city's response, including the shape of any successor programmes for European Funding streams in Wales.</div> <div>Well being Plan</div>		Agreed: request briefing on impact on economy of Cardiff and service delivery (in E&C terms of ref) and how tackling/ mitigating impact.
LDP: E&C terms of ref topics e.g. employment space, music ecology, parks & green spaces, blue spaces, regeneration	Possible T&F with reps from all Committees to look at later stages of LDP – precise arrangements to be determined.	Policy Development	Agreed: Pre-decision in Sept. Await outcome of Scrutiny Chairs discussions re possible T&F.
Economic Recovery Task Force		Policy Development & Review	Agreed: Request briefing – seek clarification re which Cabinet Member reports to.
Support hospitality and retail sectors post-covid			Should be covered by scrutiny of overarching topics – LDP/ Recovery & Renewal/ Economic Recovery Task Force
City Centre recovery post covid			
District & Local Centres			
Work Spaces, Innovation & Start Up, Tech Central			Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Night Time Economy			Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Tourism	Annual Wellbeing Report - Domestic, staycations, more localised offer – PRAP Perf Panel observation 'Tourism Strategy – discussed timing and the need for this to be iterative, setting out clear statement of intent so provide clarity to the sector on priorities, with ability to strengthen as landscape evolves.'	Policy Development	Agreed: bring Tourism Strategy/ new approach to Committee

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	WG – ‘consult on legislation permitting local authorities to raise a tourism levy’		
Events	<div>Continue to deliver major events in the city, building on the success of the Champions League Final, in partnership with Welsh Government and the private sector</div> <p>Well being Plan PRAP Perf Panel observation ‘Events – note critical part of Cardiff’s economy and our offer to visitors – need to get this moving again – critical that market Autumn Internationals to maximise added value. Cllr Bradbury meeting – hold similar scrutiny as Music Sector scrutiny – post covid future role for Cardiff re events.</p>	Policy Development	Agreed: Short Inquiry – round table discussions – scope and complete by December 2021.
Venues	<p>PRAP Perf Panel observation - ‘Attendance at Council Venues – slide 77 - discussed the impact of covid pandemic on attendance, the need to plan for recovery and whether pandemic has permanently affected viability of venues, particularly if/ when Government subsidy goes. Chairs note that there may well be a permanent impact but, equally, may resolve when social distancing measures removed. In the meantime, Chairs note this is captured as a risk for the Council.’</p> <p>Mtg with Cllr Bradbury – Venues (SDH, Museum, City Hall, Castle etc.) – lot of this closed because of c-19, need for service recovery, determine how income based services survive after WG hardship funding ceases/ furlough ends etc. Late Autumn should know if it is an issue</p>	Policy Development	Agreed: If required, precisely scope deep dive to ensure scrutiny adds value. Link to request for heritage building update briefing – see later note.
Volunteering	<div>Promote volunteering and social action, including development of a city volunteering portal</div> <p>Well being Plan</p>	Policy Development & Review	Not prioritised due to pressures from other items

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Cardiff Commitment	<div>Make sure young people are prepared for and given opportunities to participate in the world of work through delivery of the 'Cardiff Commitment', in partnership with the private and third sector</div> <div>Well being Plan</div>	Policy Review	Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Employment Support/ Into Work Support/ skills hub/ Green Jobs/ Adult Community Learning			Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Regeneration Projects	<div>Maelfa Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme Channel View Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes based on ideas submitted by Ward Members.</div> <div>Corporate Plan</div>		Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Parks & Public Spaces			Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Hubs & Libraries			Agreed: make space in work programme for any items relating changes/ improvements
Central Quay, Capital Quarter, Callaghan Square, Cardiff Parkway, Science Campus (Coryton), Creative Enterprises, Womanby Street, Mount Stuart Square,			Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Secure investment into Council's Historic Assets			Agreed: request briefing to update Members on situation since report to Cabinet Nov 2018. Links to pre-decision items re St David's Hall & Norwegian

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			Church and links to Venues Recovery item.
Cardiff Harbour Authority	Work ongoing with WG re new settlement, informed by previous work, which came to committee 2019-20.		Not prioritised due to pressures from other items
Town Centre Regeneration – Audit Wales Local Government Study 2021-22		Policy Development	To be circulated to Members when report available

Consultation

Changes for Cardiff budget consultation 2021-22 Top 3 priorities included:

Leading an economic recovery through supporting businesses and workers and delivering our major regeneration schemes
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