

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS - REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
JOINT TASK AND FINISH GROUP - NOMINATIONS**

Purpose of the Report

1. To ask Members to put forward and agree nominations to sit on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Task and Finish Group.

Background

2. In September 2021, each of the five Scrutiny Committees individually considered the draft report titled *Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan: Vision, Issues and Objectives and Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report* prior to its consideration by Cabinet. Following these meetings, a collective letter capturing all concerns and observations of all five committees was subsequently sent to Cabinet.
3. Going forward the five Scrutiny Chairs considered it would be good practice to pool scrutiny expertise from all committees and continue a culture of collaboration. This was supported by the Scrutiny Committees at their September meetings, including this Committee who agreed that they wished to progress Scrutiny of the next stages of the RLDP via a Task and Finish Group whereby there is cross-representation from all 5 Scrutiny Committees in order to ensure that all aspects affected by the RLDP are able to be considered.
4. During the Committee's discussions the Chair offered to lead the Task and Finish Group given the fact that the Environmental Scrutiny Committee had an in-depth knowledge of the LDP process due to them receiving the LDP Annual Monitoring Report. It was also proposed that for this reason, the Membership for the Task

and Finish Group be primarily taken from the Environment Scrutiny Committee but that all Scrutiny Committees be offered the opportunity to propose Members from their own Committee to also sit on the Group. As stated above, this would ensure that all Committees are represented and have the opportunity to scrutinise aspects directly related to their Terms of Reference.

5. Due to the timescales associated with the RLDP there is a need to establish this Task and Finish group as soon as possible in order to plan and commence any work around the RLDP Strategic options which is scheduled to go out to consultation in November 2021.
6. The intention would then be to complete and report any findings and recommendations on this stage back to Cabinet by the end of February 2021.
7. The Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group have yet to be set but will be established by the Task and Finish Group and presented to the 5 Scrutiny Committees for agreement.

Way Forward

8. The Committee is asked to put forward nominations and subsequently agree Members from the Environmental Scrutiny Committee to sit on the RLDP Task and Finish Group that will consider the next stage of the RLDP process. Members are also asked to agree a collaborative approach by inviting representatives from the four other Scrutiny Committees to also sit on the Task and Finish Group.

Legal Implications

9. 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 seek and agree nominations, 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

10. 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 seek and agree nominations, 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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Put forward nominations and subsequently agree Members from the Environmental Scrutiny Committee to sit on the RLDP Joint Task and Finish Group in order to progress scrutiny of the next stage of the RLDP process;
- ii) Agree a collaborative approach by inviting representatives from the four other Scrutiny Committees to sit on the Joint Task and Finish Group.

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