

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – JOINT SCRUTINY TASK AND
FINISH GROUP – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Purpose of the Report

1. To invite Members to express an interest in sitting on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

Background

2. In September 2021, 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 from all five committees was sent to Cabinet.
3. Going forward, the five Scrutiny Chairs consider 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, with the Environmental Scrutiny Committee agreeing that they wished to progress scrutiny of the next stages of the RLDP via a Task and Finish Group.
4. Councillor Patel, Chair - Environmental Scrutiny Committee, has offered to lead the Task and Finish Group. The Environmental Scrutiny Committee has an in-depth knowledge of the LDP process gained from receiving the LDP Annual Monitoring Report. Membership of the Task and Finish Group will primarily be taken from the Environment Scrutiny Committee, with all Scrutiny Committees offered the opportunity to propose Members from their own Committee to also sit

on the Group. This will ensure that all Committees are represented and can scrutinise aspects directly related to their Terms of Reference.

5. The Task and Finish group needs to be established as soon as possible to plan and commence work around the RLDP Strategic Options, scheduled to go out to consultation in November 2021. The intention is to complete and report any findings and recommendations on this stage back to Cabinet by the end of February 2022.
6. 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

7. Committee Members may express an interest to sit on the RLDP Task and Finish Group that will consider the next stage of the RLDP process.

Legal Implications

8. 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 expressions of interest, 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

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 expressions of interest, 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) Seek and agree expressions of interest in sitting on the Replacement Local Development Plan Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

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