

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Reasons for this Report

1. To update Members on scrutiny of the Replacement LDP.

Replacement Local Development Plan - Joint Task & Finish Group

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 this Scrutiny, a collective letter was sent to the Cabinet capturing the concerns and observations of all five committees.
3. The five Scrutiny Chairs considered it would be good practice to pool scrutiny expertise and continue a culture of collaboration when considering the Replacement LDP. As a result, it was agreed to progress scrutiny of the next stages of the Replacement LDP via a Task and Finish Group, with cross-representation from all five Committees.
4. The Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Committee proposed his Committee lead the task group and membership, whilst primarily taken from the Environment Scrutiny Committee, is open to representation from all Scrutiny Committees.

5. During the Community & Adult Services October meeting, Committee Members were invited to express an interest in joining the RLDP Task & Finish Group to represent this Committee, with Cllr Sue Lent declaring an interest to join.
6. The next stage of the RLDP is the consultation around the proposed Strategic Options. Members are to note, the Strategic Options will be out for a 10-week consultation in late November 2021 until January 2022 and will be used to develop and inform the Preferred Strategy which is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in September 2022.
7. The first meeting of the RLDP Task & Finish group took place on the 2nd November 2021, where Group Members considered the areas they wished to explore in their examination of the Strategic Options. During the meeting, Group Members also considered and established the Group's Terms of Reference. The output from this meeting is attached at **Appendix A** for Committee Member's reference.
8. Timelines for the work of the task group are to complete and report any findings and recommendations for this stage of the Plan's development back to Cabinet by March 2022.

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

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

Members are recommended to:

- a. Note the update on the Replacement LDP Task & Finish group

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