

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN JOINT TASK AND FINISH
GROUP – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Purpose of the Report

1. To ask Members to note the draft Terms of Reference and approach for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Joint 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 the concerns and observations from all five committees was 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 October meetings, where Members agreed to progress scrutiny of the next stage of the RLDP via a Task and Finish Group with representation from all 5 Scrutiny Committees to ensure that all aspects affected by the RLDP can be considered.
4. At this Committee's meeting 12 October 2021, Councillor Adrian Robson expressed an interest in representing the Committee on the joint task group. This was subsequently agreed by the Chair, Councillor Nigel Howells.
5. The next stage of the RLDP is the consultation around the proposed Strategic Options. These options are going out for a 10-week consultation in late November

2021 until January 2022. Consultation responses will be used to develop and inform the Preferred Strategy which is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in September 2021.

6. The Task and Finish Group held their first meeting on 2nd November 2021, where they considered the areas they wished to explore in their examination of the Strategic Options, the evidence they required and methods of research.
7. Attached at **Appendix A** is a scoping document that contains the Task and Finish Group's draft Terms of Reference, as well as details of their proposed approach for the inquiry, which resulted from their meeting. This will be presented to each of the five scrutiny committees for noting and to the Environmental Scrutiny Committee for agreement, as the host committee for the Inquiry.

Way Forward

8. The Committee is asked to note the attached Terms of Reference and approach of the Joint Task and Finish Group for the inquiry into the RLDP Strategic Options.

Legal Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review, and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendation in this report is to consider and review matters, 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 recommendation in this report is 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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Note the attached Terms of Reference and approach for the Joint Task and Finish Group inquiry into the Replacement LDP Strategic Options.

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