

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report provides an update on correspondence, and an update on various aspects of the Committee's work programme, namely the Museum of Cardiff task group, the Replacement Local Development Plan task group, and the proposed visit to Flatholm.

Correspondence update

2. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered. At the Committee meeting on 18 January 2023 Members received a report detailing the correspondence sent and received up to that meeting.
3. Correspondence has been sent since that meeting and the current position is set out below:
 - i. **Response Awaited** – to the request for additional information, contained in the Chair's confidential letter to Councillor Burke, following pre-decision scrutiny of the St David's Hall report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 12 December 2022
 - ii. **Response Awaited** – from Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member – Investment and Development, to the Chair, Councillor Wong's public letter, following pre-decision scrutiny of the International Sports Village report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 18 January 2023

- iii. **No Response Required** - from Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member – Investment and Development, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s confidential letter, following pre-decision scrutiny of the International Sports Village report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 18 January 2023
- iv. **No Response Required** – from Councillor Owen Jones, Chair - Environmental Scrutiny Committee, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s letter regarding the proposed park and ride at the International Sports Village, considered at Committee on 18 January 2023
- v. **No Response Required** – from Councillor Bridgeman, Chair - Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s letter regarding active travel routes to schools, following evidence received during the Shaping Cardiff’s Post Pandemic Economic Recovery Inquiry, considered by Committee on 18 January 2023.
- vi. **Response Received** – from Councillor Weaver, Cabinet Member – Finance, Modernisation and Performance, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s public letter, following pre-decision scrutiny of the Budgetary Proposals report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 28 February 2023
- vii. **No Response Required** – from Councillor Thomas, Leader, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s public letter, following pre-decision scrutiny of the EURO’s 2028 report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 21 March 2023
- viii. **Response Awaited** – from Councillor Thomas, Leader, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s confidential letter, following pre-decision scrutiny of the EURO’s 2028 report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 21 March 2023
- ix. **No Response Required** – from Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development, to the Chair, Councillor Wong’s public and confidential letters, following pre-decision scrutiny of the Atlantic Wharf report to Cabinet, considered at Committee on 21 March 2023.

4. Copies of the Chair's public letters and any public responses received can be found on the Council's website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled '*correspondence following the committee meeting*'.

Museum of Cardiff Task Group

5. The Chair, Councillor Wong, has agreed that Councillor Shimmin may sit on the task group, in line with the Council's Constitution Scrutiny Procedure Rules. Councillor Wong, Councillor Henshaw and Councillor Shimmin are due to meet on 20 April 2023 to undertake initial scoping for the task group. A verbal update on the outcome of this meeting will be provided at this committee meeting.

Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Task Group

6. The first meeting of the RLDP task group was held on 3 April 2023 to provide task group Members with baseline information about the timeline for the RLDP, the context in which it is being prepared, the work that has already taken place, the draft Preferred Strategy and the next steps. Members were also briefed on the scrutiny scoping process, the PICK process, and the need to focus on areas where scrutiny can have most impact.
7. A scoping meeting is being arranged for late June/ early July, where Members will be able to use the then-published draft Preferred Strategy to prioritise areas for scrutiny. Work will then take place in July and August to identify relevant good practice and external witnesses and to arrange meetings with witnesses.

Proposed Visit to Flatholm

8. As discussed at previous committee meetings, the Environmental Scrutiny Committee wishes to work with this committee to undertake a joint scrutiny of Flatholm. This would include a visit to Flatholm; officers have advised that it would be best to visit September onwards, after the seagulls' breeding season.

9. Given the limited capacity of the boats available to take visitors to Flatholm, there is space for two or three members of this Committee to be part of the visit. Members are requested to note that the boat used is a fast-rib, which is unsuitable for those with a bad back.
10. Ahead of the visit, preparatory work will be undertaken, including scoping terms of reference, gathering required information, and identifying and contacting external witnesses.
11. On the basis of the above, expressions of interest are sought from committee members who wish to be part of the visit and scrutiny of Flatholm.

Way Forward

12. During the meeting, Members may wish to:
 - i. reflect on the correspondence update
 - ii. note the updates provided on the task groups
 - iii. express an interest and/ or agree nominations for the Flatholm scrutiny.

Legal Implications

13. 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 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

14. 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

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Reflect on the update on correspondence
- ii. Note the updates provided on the task groups
- iii. Agree nominations for the Flatholm scrutiny.

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