



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Community Assets**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Monday, 20 May 2024 at 4.30 pm

Present: Councillor S J Rice (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
E W Fitzgerald
Y V Jardine
M W Locke

Councillor(s)
J A Hale
A J Jeffery

Councillor(s)
C A Holley
S M Jones

Other Attendees
Cllr David Hopkins

Officer(s)
Geoff Bacon Head of Property Services
Mark Wade Director of Place
Michelle Roberts Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence
Councillor(s): V A Holland, C L Philpott and W G Thomas

18 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

19 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None

20 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 April 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

21 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

22 Stakeholder Consultation - Public, Elected Councillors and Community Councils

All elected Councillors, Community Councils were contacted by email and a Call for Evidence was put on the councils webpages on behalf of the Inquiry Panel, saying:

The Community Asset Transfer Scrutiny Inquiry Panel would like to gain the views of the Public, Councillors and Community Councils across Swansea about your experience/s of Community Asset Transfer. The Panel have several issues they are looking for feedback on and would welcome your views on all or some of these (see attached the Inquiry Terms of Reference for more information). The Panel would appreciate your views on:

- a. What went well?
- b. What was most challenging?
- c. What risks and barriers did you face? How did you overcome or mitigate them?
- d. What guidance, advice and support were you given? Including in relation to funding and applying for grants?
- e. What have been the main community benefits to the transfer you have found since?
- f. Have there been any particular disadvantages or challenges found since the transfer?
- g. What consultation did you (or was) carried out with regard to the transfer?
- h. Do you think the asset transfer process could be improved, if so, how?

Nine submissions were received and included in those were Community Councils, Councillors, organisations and members of the public.

Details of the discussion had, and any further issues raised, will form part of the detailed notes that will be contained within the finding report that Panel members will consider towards the end of the inquiry.

23 Desk Based Research

Councillor Stuart Rice presented a desk-based research report that outlined some examples of different practice elsewhere including for example Southampton, Cardiff and Bristol. The conclusions of the Panel following this discussion will form part of the Panel's findings report.

24 Inquiry Project Plan

The project plan was noted.

The meeting ended at 5.30pm

Chair