



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Economy & Infrastructure Policy  
Development Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 2.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**  
P Downing  
M A Langstone

**Councillor(s)**  
P R Hood-Williams  
W G Lewis

**Councillor(s)**  
O G James  
T M White

**Officer(s)**  
Caritas Adere  
Phil Holmes  
Martin Nicholls  
Lisa Wells  
Samantha Woon

Senior Lawyer  
Head of Economic Regeneration and Planning  
Director of Place  
City Centre Manager  
Democratic Services Officer

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): P Lloyd and P M Matthews

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**40 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interests were declared:

Councillor V M Evans – Personal – Minute No. 43 – Transportation Strategy – gainfully employed by GWR as mentioned in Minute No. 43.

**41 Minutes:**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 15 November, 2018, be approved as a correct record.

**42 Wind Street Feasibility Study.**

The City Centre Manager presented the draft Wind Street Feasibility Study.

Members' noted that the report had been commissioned jointly between the Council and the Business Improvement District (BID).

The report comprised 36 pages, including the business plan and technical information.

It was noted that the foreword was yet to be drafted. However, it was anticipated that the Leader/Cabinet Member and Chair of BID would provide input.

The City Centre Manager provided a comprehensive summary of the document, the 8 point proposed vision and the costs associated with the Bronze, Silver and Gold proposals.

Key issues arising from discussions included:

- There had been 80-90% support for each of the schemes that have been put forward.
- The total cost of delivering the full scheme is £2.3m.
- The scheme would be delivered in phases over an extended period.
- Highlighting the potential benefits were key in developing the scheme.

The City Centre Manager detailed the timelines in respect of a Cabinet decision and sought comments from Committee Members.

The Chair thanked the City Centre Manager for her informative presentation.

**Resolved** that the draft Wind Street Feasibility Study be circulated to Committee Members requesting any comments to the City Centre Manager no later than Friday, 4 January, 2019.

#### **43 Transportation Strategy.**

The Director of Place referred to a previous Officer update in relation to the regional approach to transport and how this linked to the national transportation plan.

There had been success in securing a grant for £700k to undertake feasibility and work up what a regional transport strategy would look like. The Welsh Government had created 'Transport for Wales' which has an overseeing role on transportation infrastructure in Wales.

Members' noted the review undertaken by Professor Mark Barry regarding journey times and improvements to rail infrastructure.

The Director of Place referred to the white paper prepared by Welsh Government examining concessionary fares and integration with rail network on a regional basis.

Members' asked questions of the Director of Place who responded accordingly.

**Resolved** the Director of Place to identify an individual to provide further information to the Committee.

**44 Green Infrastructure Strategy.**

The Director of Place provided an overview of the Green Infrastructure Strategy review. It was noted that the review would conclude at the end of March/early April.

The Director of Place suggested convening a workshop in which Committee Members could contribute to the development of that strategy.

**Resolved** that the Director of Place will liaise with the Chair regarding dates for a workshop with a suitable speaker.

**45 Update on City Deal.**

The Director of Place stated that a transportation strategy business engagement event had taken place on 6 December, 2018, which had comprised business, local authorities and public sector organisations. Work was continuing in respect of the Swansea project issues with Welsh Government and a further meeting would be convened to clarify some of the issues.

It was noted that the process would need to gather pace in order to be completed by the end of February, 2019, with intention that the City Deal money would follow towards the end of March.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**46 Workplan 2018/2019.**

The Chair presented an updated Work Plan for 2018-2019.

**Resolved** that the updated Work Plan for 2018-2019 be noted;

17/01/19	1. Feedback on River Corridor.
21/02/19	1. Green Infrastructure Strategy – Workshop. 2. City Parking. 3. Site visit to Homes as Power Stations.

The meeting ended at 3.37 pm

**Chair**