



Report of the Convener

To the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 28th
November 2018

Swansea Central Phase 1 Update and FPR7

Purpose:	To update the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel on the current picture
Councillors are being asked to:	Consider the information provided and forward views to the Cabinet Member via a letter from the Panel Convener
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1. Background

- 1.1 This Performance Panel is the Panel which scrutinises the development and regeneration activity of the Council including the 'health' of the city centre, wider economic development across Swansea, and initial discussion about progress on the Swansea Bay City Deal.
- 1.2 The Panel have decided to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the Cabinet report on Swansea Central Phase 1 Update and FPR7.
- 1.3 A range of reports comes regularly throughout the year for oversight and comment. This meeting has been scheduled to discuss the latest update on Swansea Central Phase 1 and the FPR7 report.

2. Cabinet Report

- 2.1 The report of the Cabinet Member for Economy and Strategy is attached.
- 2.2 The Panel are being asked to review the reports attached and feedback any comments to the relevant Cabinet Member via a Convener's letter. The key points will be reported back at Cabinet on 29th November 2018.

3. Role of the Panel

- 3.1 Pre-decision scrutiny provides the opportunity for consultation with non-Executive Members on fully developed proposals, where a clear recommendation exists, before decisions are taken by the Executive.
- 3.2 This meeting will enable the Panel to gain information and develop an understanding of this matter, and, acting as a 'critical friend', to ask questions and comment on the report. This gives scrutiny a valuable opportunity to inform and influence decision-making through debate and challenge.
- 3.3 In terms of key questions, the Committee may want to consider:
- The rationale for the report
 - Robustness of the proposed decision and process
 - Potential impact and implications (including policy / performance / budget issues) and risks
 - How different options have been considered
 - The extent of consultation undertaken
- 3.4 In sharing its views with cabinet this may include giving support, providing other suggestions on the way forward, or flagging up any concerns.
- 3.5 The Panel (through the chair) will have the opportunity to present its views, conclusions and recommendations about the report to Cabinet on 29th November. These views are required to be formally considered by Cabinet before it makes the decision and feedback should be given to the committee including explanation for any rejection of views expressed.

Appendices:

- Swansea Central Phase 1 Update and FPR7