



Report of the Convener

Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 8 March 2022

Annual Work Plan Review

Purpose:	As the municipal year ends, it is good practice to reflect on the Panel's work, experience, and effectiveness.
Content:	A summary of the year's activities and achievements is provided.
Councillors are being asked to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflect on the year's work; and• Share ideas to improve the effectiveness of scrutiny
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1. Background

- 1.1 As this is the final meeting of this municipal year, the Panel is invited to reflect on the year's scrutiny work, experience and effectiveness. Any ideas that will improve the effectiveness of the scrutiny of Development & Regeneration, and scrutiny generally, are welcome.
- 1.2 To aid Panel members, a summary of the year's work is attached.
- 1.3 Some of the questions the Panel may want to consider:
 - Have things worked well within the Panel over the past year?
 - Has the Panel's work focused on the right things?
 - What, if anything, could be done better?
 - What have we learnt that will help us to improve and develop future scrutiny?

2. Panel Overview

- 2.1 The Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel has been responsible for ongoing monitoring of Council performance in relation to development and regeneration, including the 'health' of the city centre, wider economic development across Swansea, and discussion about progress on the Swansea Bay City Deal.

- 2.2 The Panel has a membership of 15 councillors. Attendance levels at meetings has been a very healthy 88% (i.e., on average 13 out of 15 members attending every meeting).
- 2.3 In accordance with the agreed Scrutiny Work Programme, the Panel has met every two months. During the 2021/22 municipal year, five meetings were held on 1 July, 7 September, 2 November, 25 January and 8 March. Meeting discussions have regularly been reported on by the local press, indicating the Panel has been focussed on issues of public interest.
- 2.4 To support regular monitoring of key development and regeneration activity the Panel has received the 'Project Update Dashboard Report' report at each meeting, providing overview of all projects and assessment of progress, highlighting, for example, notable achievements, relevant risks, any major issues /delays, etc. This provides a regular 'health check' on development and regeneration activity to facilitate challenge by the Panel. The Panel has then, where necessary, drilled down on specific work, to provide a more in-depth level of scrutiny. This has included discussion over the past year, on: local City Deal projects; the Swansea Arena development (this included site visit in October 2021); City Centre Travel Plan; Swansea Business Improvement District; Foreshore Developments; and the South West Wales Regional Economic Delivery Plan.
- 2.5 The Panel has written to relevant Cabinet Members, to convey its views including suggested action, arising from meeting discussions. Letters, and responses where requested, were reported back to the Panel for comments and discussion as necessary.

3. Future Scrutiny Work Programme

- 3.1 Some specific development and regeneration topics have been identified that it has not been possible to consider in the available time and may be appropriate to carry forward into future work plan.
- 3.2 The continuation of a Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel, or otherwise other arrangement, will be a matter for Councillors in the new Council year, following the Council elections in May.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Completed Work Plan 2021-2022

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel Completed Work Plan 2021-22

<p>Meeting 1</p> <p>Thursday 1st July</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirmation of Panel Convener 2. Dashboard Report Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager 3. Annual Review of Work Plan 2020-21 and Draft Work Plan 2021-22
<p>Meeting 2</p> <p>Tuesday 7th September</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swansea University: Update on City Deal Investment Professor Steve Wilks – Swansea University Provost 2. Dashboard Report Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration Huw Mowbray - Property Development Manager
<p>Arena Site Visits</p> <p>4 - 11 October</p>	<p>Group tours of the Arena led by Lee Richards, City Centre Team Leader (Development & Physical Regeneration)</p>
<p>Meeting 3</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd November</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Centre Travel Plan update Cllr Mark Thomas – Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement & Infrastructure Management Stuart Davies – Head of Highways and Transportation Mark Thomas - Group Leader Traffic & Highway Network Management Matt Bowyer - Principal Telematics Engineer 2. Dashboard Report Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration Huw Mowbray - Development and Physical Regeneration Strategic Manager

<p>Meeting 4</p> <p>Tuesday 25th January</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swansea Business Improvement District (BID) Russell Greenslade - Chief Executive, Swansea BID 2. Foreshore Developments Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Cllr David Hopkins - Cabinet Member for Delivery & Operations Geoff Bacon – Head of Property Services 3. Project Update Report (for Information only)
<p>Meeting 5</p> <p>Tuesday 8th March</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. South West Wales Regional Economic Delivery Plan Cllr Rob Stewart – Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance & Strategy Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Phil Holmes - Head of Planning and City Regeneration Clare James – Economic Development Manager 2. Project Update Report Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration Huw Mowbray - Development and Physical Regeneration Strategic Manager 3. Impact of Brexit on Rural Development Programme and Funding Update (Post 2023) – For information only

To be scheduled (inclusive of suggestions from Work Planning Conference 2020)

- Destination Management Plan / Tourism & Leisure
- Tidal Lagoon / Blue Eden
- Relocation of Council depots
- Auditor General for Wales Review of Town Centre Regeneration
- Historic / Listed Buildings
- Foreshore Developments