



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Planning Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor P Lloyd (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

P M Black
M H Jones
M S Tribe

Councillor(s)

P Downing
S E Keeton
T M White

Councillor(s)

A J Jeffery
M B Lewis
R A Williams

Officer(s)

Gareth Borsden
Ian Davies
Tom Evans
Jonathan Wills

Democratic Services Officer
Development Manager
Placemaking and Strategic Planning Manager
Lead Lawyer

Also present

Councillor D H Hopkins – Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): R D Lewis and N L Matthews

26 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

27 Adoption of the Swansea Local Development Plan 4th Annual Monitoring Report 2022-23 (AMR 4).

The Placemaking and Strategic Planning Manager presented a report which informed Members of the findings of the 4th LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) covering the period 2022-2023, and sought approval to formally submit it to Welsh Government.

He stated the report presents the findings of a key part of the statutory development plan process, and sets out how the aims, objectives and policies of the Swansea Local Development Plan have been implemented for the period 2022-2023.

A detailed verbal update relating to the main areas outlined in the circulated report was provided.

Members made comments and asked various questions of the Officer, who responded accordingly. Some minor factual updates will be made to the AMR document prior to its submission to Welsh Government, reflecting matters raised by Members during the discussion.

Resolved that

- 1) the findings of the 4th AMR, as summarised in this report and set out in full in the AMR document (attached at Appendix A to the report), be noted;
- 2) the final version of the 4th AMR be approved for submission to Welsh Government in accordance with statutory requirements;
- 3) the Head of Planning and City Regeneration, or appropriate delegated Officer, be authorised to make any outstanding typographical, grammatical, presentational or factual amendments to the 4th AMR prior to its submission and publication.

28 Planning Annual Performance Report 2022-2023.

The Head of Planning & City Regeneration presented for information the Annual Performance Report.

The report is seen by Welsh government as important mechanism for monitoring Local Planning Authorities performance against a key set of national performance indicators.

The report is also an important tool for benchmarking the performance of Local Authorities across Wales. The draft report for the period April 2022-March 2023 was detailed at the appendix to the report.

The actual performance figures, the improvements achieved over the past few years and the issues to be further addressed were all detailed in the report, along with a series of appeal decisions from applications that decisions had been made on, contrary to officer recommendations.

Members asked questions on various issues relating to the report to which the officer responded, some detailed information requested would again be circulated to Members following the meeting.

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm

Chair