

## **Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel Update**

### **1. Remit of the Panel**

The overarching purpose of the Panel is to ensure that the Council's development and regeneration projects are monitored including the 'health' of the city centre, wider economic development across Swansea, and initial discussion about progress on the Swansea Bay City Deal.

### **2. Introduction**

The Panel is focused on contributing to the development and regeneration process by providing a critical friend for the Cabinet, and helping to ensure accountability.

### **3. Key Activities**

The Panel held three meetings between August 2017 and February 2018. The meetings varied in subject as the Panel have, this year, been trying to get an overview of the development and regeneration picture in Swansea.

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil Holmes (Head of Planning &amp; City Regeneration) attended to give an overview of projects in Swansea and focussed on the City Deal</li> </ul>  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martin Nicholls (Director – Place) and Ben Smith (Head of Financial Services &amp; Service Centre) attended to give a strategic and financial overview of the projects currently underway</li> </ul>   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huw Mowbray (Development and Physical Regeneration Strategic Manager) and Clare James (Economic Development Officer) attended to give an informal, closed briefing session on the business case in relation to the Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District</li> </ul> |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huw Mowbray and Ben Smith have been invited back to discuss progress and plans on development and regeneration projects outside of the City Deal</li> </ul>  |

### **4. Achievements / Impact**

The Panel are still at a very early fact finding stage. As yet, no Cabinet Member has been asked to attend as the Panel are still trying to gather information on specific projects so they can give meaningful feedback.

The Panel this year has had to wait for developments as they happen so progress has not been as quick as the Panel would have liked.

The Panel are splitting and assessing the City Deal impact on Swansea specifically, from the wider impact of the City Deal and this will remain an ongoing task.

The Panel are awaiting sight of the Five Case Business Model for the Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District. It had been requested previously but the Panel will wait until the feedback from Governments has been incorporated into an updated version. It is expected by the end of March/beginning of April.

The Panel are aiming to look at all upcoming proposed development projects.

## **5. Future Work Programme**

The Panel will be hoping to include the following items in next year's work programme.

- Swansea Enterprise Zones and Business Parks
- Planning and Student Accommodation
- City Deal – An Update
- Housing Developments in Swansea
- SA1 – An Overview

## **6. Action required by the Scrutiny Programme Committee**

The Panel's work may require the frequency of meetings to increase from 4 per year to 6 per year. The progress which is now being made in various projects in Swansea means there is more opportunity and material to scrutinise.