



Report of the Convener

Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel

Annual Work Plan Review 2022-23

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. 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 and wider economic development across Swansea.

2.2 The Panel has a membership of 15 councillors.

3. Remit of the Panel

- 3.1 To support regular monitoring of key development and regeneration activity the Panel has received the 'Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring' 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: City Centre Retail, the Tourism Destination Management Plan and the Audit Wales Report on Town Centre Regeneration.
- 3.2 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.

4. Supporting Data

There have been 4 Panel Meetings which were held on 5 September. 14 November, 30 January and 20 March. The final meeting of the municipal year on 15 May was cancelled. 4 Conveners letters have been sent to Cabinet Members. Attendance from the Panel on average has been 73%. Meeting discussions have regularly been reported on in the local press.

5. Future Scrutiny Work Programme

- 5.1 The continuation of a Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel, or otherwise other arrangement, will be a matter for Councillors in the new Council year.

Appendices:

Appendix A - Completed Work Plan 2022-2023

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel Work Plan 2022-23

<p>Meeting 1 5 September 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring 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 • Draft Panel Work Plan 2022/23
<p>Meeting 2 14 November 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring Report • Focussed Topic: City Centre Retail Councillor Rob Stewart – Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance & Strategy (Leader) Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Paul Relf – Economic Development and External Funding Manager Russell Greenslade – Chief Executive, Swansea BID
<p>Meeting 3 23 January 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring Report • Focussed Topic: Tourism Destination Management Plan Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Steve Hopkins – Tourism and Marketing Manager Stephen Crocker – Chair of Tourism Swansea Bay
<p>Meeting 4 20 March 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring Report • Audit Wales Report – Town Centre Regeneration Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism Paul Relf – Economic Development and External Funding Manager
<p>Meeting 5 CANCELLED 15 May 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring Report
<p>Meeting 6 2pm 11 July 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Programme / Project Monitoring Report • Focussed Topic: Project Review - Swansea Arena Cllr Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism

Lee Richards – City Centre Team Leader
 Lisa Mart – Venue Director at Swansea Arena

Possible other specific topics for future meetings:

Topic	Notes
City Deal 'Swansea specific' Projects	would need to complement regional scrutiny
Rural Development Programme / Plan	from previous Panel interest
Historic / Listed Buildings	potential carry over from last year and also mentioned at this year's Work Planning Conference - looking at ones fallen into disrepair and what is happening in terms of redevelopment and restoration
New Build Housing Towers e.g., student accommodation	raised at this year's Work Planning Conference - concern about the support available in terms of health services and education given number of new high-rise dwellings that are being built around the city, for the large number of new people who would be moving into the area. What is the process, who is informed?
SA1 development & supporting infrastructure / services	an issue from Scrutiny public survey – concerns about supporting infrastructure given growth in residential development, e.g., road safety, pavements, public transport links