

**JOINT MEETINGS OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
REGENERATION / ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS SCRUTINY
COMMITTEES**

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

3 March 2017

Chairperson: Councillor A.Llewelyn

Councillors: M.Crowley, D.W.Davies, Mrs.R.Davies,
C.P.Golding, A.Jenkins, E.E.Jones, M.Jones,
D.Keogh, Mrs.M.A.Lewis, A.Llewelyn,
Mrs.K.Lloyd, C.Morgan, J.D.Morgan,
Mrs.S.Paddison, D.M.Peters and A.Taylor

Officers In Attendance C.Morris, D.M.Adlam and Miss.C.Davies

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors M.L.James, E.V.Latham,
Mrs.S.Miller and A.J.Taylor

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Agreed that Councillor A. Llewelyn be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

2. **PRE-SCRUTINY**

The Committee Scrutinised the following matter:

Cabinet Board Proposals

2.1 **Consideration of the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Consultation, Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), the Design Consultation Draft SPG and the Highway Technical Design Guide for Residential and Commercial Developments Consultation Draft.**

Members considered the Consultation Draft Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPG, the Consultation Draft Design SPG and the Consultation Draft Highway Technical Design Guide for Residential and Commercial Developments.

It was noted that the use of Supplementary Planning Guidance was a means of setting out more detailed topic or site specific guidance on the way in which the policies of the Local Development Plan will be implemented.

Members queried why there was no Equality Impact Assessment included. Officers confirmed that a screening exercise had been carried out which concluded that there was no requirement for a separate Equality Impact Assessment, given that this was undertaken as part of the Sustainability Appraisal at the LDP stage.

Members asked was there any progress on the Tidal Lagoon which is a joint venture between us and City and County of Swansea. Officers confirmed that this would be an excellent project with positive outcomes for the area; however the Councils are still awaiting a formal response from Welsh Government to the Hendry Review.

Members also expressed concern over the future of the biomass plant in Margam.

Following scrutiny the Committee were supportive of the proposals to be considered by the Cabinet Board.

CHAIRPERSON