

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION
CABINET BOARD**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PROPERTY & REGENERATION SIMON
BRENNAN**

19TH JUNE 2015

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

**INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL STRATEGIES FOR PORT TALBOT
AND NEATH**

Purpose of Report

To present the draft versions of the Integrated Territorial Strategies for the settlements of Port Talbot and Neath and to seek endorsement of these strategies to support project funding applications under the EU West Wales and the Valleys Operational Programme and other funding sources.

Background

The Means consultancy have been appointed to develop Integrated Territorial Strategies (ITS) for the urban areas of Port Talbot and Neath. The purpose of these documents is to present urban regeneration opportunities in the County Borough as part of integrated strategies for the area to facilitate funding bids under the 2014-20 structural funds programme.

Integrated Territorial Strategies

The strategies bring together the proposed actions planned by the public, private and third sectors to improve the towns as a place to do business, live and work. The strategies identify individual projects and present these as a series of interrelated actions as part of a regeneration programme for the towns, demonstrating how these actions contribute to the thematic objectives of the regional Operational Programme. The strategies will assist the Council in making a case for funding from the Programme for the projects identified. They will also assist the Council in applying for funding to other grant programmes. It is intended that the strategies be submitted to the City Region Board for endorsement prior to their finalisation.

The strategies identify projects under the following themes:

- Economy
- Place
- Transport and Connectivity
- Community

Copies of both draft strategies are attached for information.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public sector Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this function does not require an Equality Impact Assessment. Screening of individual projects will be undertaken as these are developed.

Financial Implications

No financial implications in the development of the strategies.

Consultation Outcome

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item. Consultations have been held with key stakeholders over the development of the programmes and individual projects.

Recommendation

That the draft Integrated Territorial Strategies for Port Talbot and Neath are endorsed as the urban regeneration programmes for the towns.

Reasons For Proposed Decision

To assist the Council in accessing EU and other grant funding sources for its identified regeneration priorities for Port Talbot and Neath.

List of Background Papers

Draft Integrated Territorial Strategy for Port Talbot
Draft Integrated Territorial Strategy for Neath
Equalities Impact Screening Assessment

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL STRATEGIES FOR PORT TALBOT AND NEATH

(a) Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health and Well Being	-	Positive
Environment and Transport	-	Positive
Crime and Disorder	-	No Impact

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	Positive
Equalities	-	No Impact
Social Inclusion	-	Positive

(c) Consultation

This item has not been subject to external consultation.