

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

3 March 2017

Chairperson: Councillor A.Llewelyn

Councillors: M.Crowley, C.P.Golding, M.Jones, D.Keogh,
Mrs.M.A.Lewis, Mrs.S.Paddison and A.Taylor

**Officers In
Attendance** S.Brennan, P.Walker, M.Collins, Ms.J.Davies,
Ms.L.Willis and Miss.C.Davies

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors M.L.James and A.J.Taylor

1. **MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2017.**

The Committee noted the minutes.

2. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17.**

The forward Work Programme was noted by the Committee.

3. **BUILDING CONTROL - REPORT CARD**

Officers provided members with an overview of the Building Control Report Card, as detailed in the circulated report.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

4. **CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVE - PROSPERITY FOR
ALL - REGENERATION HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

Officers provided members with an overview of the Corporate Improvement Objective, prosperity for all, Regeneration Highlight report, as detailed in the circulated report.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

5. **EUROPEAN AND STRATEGIC FUNDING SERVICE REPORT CARD**

Officers provided Members with an overview of the European and Strategic Funding Service report card.

Members commended the officers on the work that had been undertaken.

Members asked what a GVA impact was. Officers confirmed it stood for Gross Value Added.

Officers were asked if the 9,000 jobs in Swansea Bay were permanent. Officers confirmed that they were sustainable jobs across the region and in addition to those reported in the Regeneration and Economic Development Report Card.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

6. **REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT CARD**

Members considered the Regeneration and Economic Development Report Card.

Members commended the officers on the work that had been undertaken.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

7. **PRE-SCRUTINY**

The Committee scrutinised the following matters:

Cabinet Board Proposals

7.1 Economic and Community Regeneration Performance Indicators for Quarter 3 of 2016/17

Members considered the quarter 3 performance management data for the period 1st April to 31st December 2016 for Environment.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

7.2 Property Asset Management 2016 – 2021

Members considered the Property Asset management report.

Members asked officers to explain the wording 'Council Buildings have been declared surplus for Re-use or disposal on the open market'. Officers confirmed that it was referring to the day centre of Trem – Y – Glyn only and that they would amend the document to be made clearer before publicising it on the website.

Members asked why there had not been a Public convenience Strategy reported to the committee prior to 31st March 2017. Officers informed members that a decision at Board had been taken to leave it until summer time this year.

Officers were asked what the protocol was when public sector assets are sold off. Officers highlighted to Members that Public sectors register their land on e-PIMS (Electronic Property Information Mapping Service) which provides the option of doing a market transaction through public bodies.

Members queried that there was a potential community interest prior to the open market sale in the disposal of some sites. Officers confirmed that there had been a large amount of sites transferred the most in wales. However some sites may come back if the groups that had taken on those sites changed. It was highlighted that some sites that are advertised on the open market sale could be at risk of vandalism.

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

8. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

9. **PRE-SCRUTINY**

The Committee scrutinised the following private matters:

Private Cabinet Board Proposals

9.1 Procurement Tender for the Disposal of the Former Afan Lido Leisure Centre and Overflow car park site

Members received a report which contained information regarding the procurement tender for the disposal of the former Afan Lido Leisure Centre and overflow car park site as detailed in the private circulated report.

Members queried the market value and whether a good offer had been received.

Members queried whether there would be an interest from hotels. Officers confirmed that they advertised that, however there was no interest.

Members considered the options that were detailed within the private circulated report.

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

9.2 Third Quarter Performance Review 2016-17 Celtic Leisure

Members received an update on the performance of Celtic Leisure during the third quarter 2016-17 as detailed in the private circulated report.

It was noted that Mr.Lewis had been appointed Chief Executive in November 2016.

Members commended the £21 for 21 price scheme for younger persons to utilise the facilities.

Following Scrutiny the report was noted.

CHAIRPERSON

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