

**Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Scrutiny
Committee**

(Microsoft Teams Meeting/ Hybrid meeting in Council Chamber)

Members Present:

2 June 2023

Chairperson: Councillor S.Pursey

Vice Chairperson: Councillor T.Bowen

Councillors: A.Dacey, N.Goldup-John and L.Williams

Officers In Attendance D.Griffiths, C.Morris, M.Roberts, J.Stevens, I.Rees, S.Cook and A. Collins, T.Rees.

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors S.Jones, Jeremy Hurley, W.Griffiths.

1. **Chair's Announcements**

There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2023 were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Members also took the opportunity to thank officers for the prompt response to reopening the route between Pontrhydyfen and Cimla for cyclists and pedestrians following the request during the last meeting.

4. **To Consider the Recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Parking Option Review Report 2023**

The chair gave a brief overview of the task and finish group and the context behind it and advised the report from the Task and Finish group was here for members to endorse. The chair informed members that the committee had originally requested a review of

Christmas parking arrangements to consider sustainable transport options around Christmas time. There was also the income generation target of £300,000 which had come from the budget, so the whole parking options for 2023 was looked at.

The chair commented that the sessions were very productive and thanked the officers for their efforts during the sessions. Members were informed that the Task and Finish group had been careful to make their recommendations realistic in the background of the budget and the income target.

The Chair advised the committee that a recommendation had also been missed from the report and put forward the following additional recommendation for cabinet and officers to consider.

That the outcomes of the Task and Finish Group included at Appendix A be endorsed and commended to the Environment, Regeneration and Street scene Cabinet Board. Subject to the addition of the following recommendation:

That the pedestrianised zone hours of operation in the Neath Town Centre be reviewed to consider closing the pedestrianised zone to vehicles in the evenings as well as the daytime.

That the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Transport and Connectivity be invited to the next meeting of the Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Committee to report back on their consideration of the matters that have been put forward.

The report along with the amendment were commended to cabinet board.

5. **Burrows Yard Update Report**

The Chair thanked officers for preparing the report as requested by members and appreciated it is a brief update.

The report was noted.

6. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny**

Members did not scrutinise the public Items on the Cabinet Board agenda.

7. **Urgent Items**

There was none.

8. **Forward Work Programme and Committee Action Log**

The Chair reminded the committee that they had a forthcoming Forward Work Programme session to decide the Forward Work Programme for the upcoming civic year.

Members of the Committee agreed that the following item be included on the Forward Work Programme:

To request a report of Neath Integrated Transport Hub (NITH) inclusive of progress to-date, background to proposal, and the subsequent documents:

- WelTAG 1
- WelTag 2
- Canopy RIBA 2 Report
- Other Background Documents.

That Members are in receipt of the requested documents 14 days prior to the next meeting.

9. **Access to Meetings**

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.

10. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s**

Acquisition of Soars Chapel, Maes Yr Haf, Neath

Following scrutiny, members were supportive of the recommendations to be considered by Cabinet Board.

CHAIRPERSON