

# Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission

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## Recommendation

No recommendations sought.

### The significant issues in the report are:

The City Leap have requested to attend Scrutiny in order to update Members on the scope and potential opportunities that the [City Leap Prospectus](#) has brought.

We feel that it is important that Scrutiny are informed of the governance arrangements and have an opportunity to input into 'red lines' for the City Leap project, a) because of the potential scale/impact of the opportunities and b) because this is a fast paced project and approvals for recommendations will be sought in March 2019 Cabinet.



## **1. Summary**

Bristol is leading by example in taking action on climate change and the Council is committed us to being a carbon neutral city by 2050, with aspirations for this to be changed to 2030. Since 2005, the Council has delivered a wide programme of energy efficiency and investment initiatives, investing tens of millions of pounds in renewable energy generation and energy efficiency and meeting our 2020 corporate carbon reduction target three years early.

Via the City Leap Prospectus, we are seeking long-term partners to work with us to achieve our shared goals and build a resilient city where no one is left behind.

City Leap is a series of energy and infrastructure investment opportunities that the council will be publishing over the coming months and years and represents a big step towards a resilient future. This will not only create a healthier and fairer city for all our residents, but also allows us to share our success. It will help to create jobs, maintain our economic competitiveness, de-carbonise the city, build strong partnerships and empower people to take their future into their own hands.

## **2. Context**

Following the publication of the Prospectus, 180 expressions of interest were received from the industry.

Having met with the majority of these organisations as part of the soft market testing exercise, the project team are now in a position where there is a good understanding of the appetite in the industry for partnership working to tackle key city objectives.

The City Leap Team are developing a detailed Options Appraisal which considers what type or partnership would be most advantageous for the City and would like to involve Members in the progress of this work.

## **3. Policy**

Corporate Strategy 2018 – 2023

## **4. Consultation**

### **a)Internal**

All Member briefing 15 and 22 November 2018

### **b)External**

Extensive public engagement done as part of the first phase of City Leap including: community meetings, meetings with the business community, briefings for key city institutions (UWE, UoB, Western Power Distribution etc).

## **5. Public Sector Equality Duties**

5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker

considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
  - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
  - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
  - tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

5b) An equality impact assessment was done 1 month ago for the project, at this stage there are no impacts on any equalities. Another impact assessment will be done as part of the March Cabinet paper.

**Appendices:**

None

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**Background Papers:**

None