

Appendix C: Engagement with Scrutiny

City Leap's engagement with Scrutiny has been a proactive one with initial contact being made during the Expression of Interest window in the summer of 2018.

Knowing the scale of interest that City Leap was generating, the City Leap team were keen to engage the Growth and Regeneration's Scrutiny Commission at an early stage to ensure that there was ample opportunity for questions and meaningful discussion before the project entered into a its options appraisal phase and subsequent Cabinet decision.

In the lead up to the first City Leap briefing at Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission on Thursday 29th November, two All Member Briefing sessions were held; one on the evening of 15th November and the other on the morning of 22nd November. The content within these sessions consisted of a 30 minute presentation from the City Leap team, followed by 20-30 minutes for Member questions. Feedback from multiple Councillors was that these sessions were very informative and a request was made to pass on this positive feedback to the officers delivering the presentations.

The City Leap team then attended Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission on 29th November. This was a partially exempt session to talk through the emerging options and a number of commercially sensitive partnership proposals presented by the market during the Expression of Interest phase. Feedback was sought on the over-arching objectives of City Leap and has subsequently been reflected in the Strategic Objectives for City Leap.

City Leap returned to Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission on Thursday 21st March in an exempt session with an update prior to a Cabinet decision and this was followed by a combined Overview and Scrutiny Management Board/Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny Commission briefing in an exempt session on Monday 1st April. Members of Scrutiny had access to the exempt appendix to the City Leap Cabinet Report as part of this briefing.