Question: CQ11.02&03

Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

Question submitted by: Councillor David Wilcox

I would like to ask two questions about this decision pathway:

1. I welcome the creation of this new service to provide a single point of contact for both the general public and councillors, which will hopefully enhance the council's ability to deliver projects for Bristol. I note that it is proposed to remove headcount from Development Management, Traffic & Highways, Parks & Green Spaces and the Energy Programme Manager – I can assume that the EPM is a role made redundant from the sale of Bristol Energy, but what other projects will not now be completed?

Answer

There are no plans to drop any projects.

2. The new regeneration service is setup to provision projects in Central Bristol – the City Centre, Western Harbour, Frome Gateway, Central Bedminster and Temple Quarter. These sites will not meet the strategic requirement for 2000 new homes per year for the next 5 years. So why aren't areas like Lockleaze and Whitchurch where the majority of new homes are destined to be built included in its remit?

Answer

- The Housing Delivery Team is leading on areas where there is housing delivery, and will continue to do so.
- The Regeneration Team will focus on the areas of Growth and Regeneration as outlined in the report.
- These strategic sites will deliver even more homes than the Lockleaze and Whitchurch projects, as well as significant employment space contributions.