

Question: PQ11.01&02

Cabinet – 22 June 2021

Re: Agenda item 11 – Regeneration Funding

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Background

I read with interest: "A new multi-disciplinary Regeneration Team will now work across the Council, improving internal systems and co-ordination to provide a single coherent voice for the Council when working with communities, developers, stakeholders and partners in areas of growth and regeneration."

I believe it is important that local councillors, who are elected to represent the people living in their ward, should be involved in issues and decisions affecting their wards. For example, it seems strange to me that the elected councillor is not a member of the Western Harbour advisory group.

Question 1

Please could you explain how you anticipate the new Regeneration Service will work with the elected councillors of the wards affected by regeneration proposals?

Background

You will be aware of concerns about the prolonged employment of the same person as Interim Executive Director of Growth & Regeneration, Interim Project Director, and Project Manager in the Growth and Regeneration Directorate through an agency at a reported cost to the council of £1,450 per day. [E.g.

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/highest-paid-official-bristol-city-3378172>]

Question 2

Will all members of the new Regeneration Service be directly employed by Bristol City Council?

Answer:

1.The Regeneration Team will work with local ward councillors on a project specific basis holding regular briefings to keep them abreast of projects as they develop

2. It is anticipated all member of the Regeneration Team will be employed directly by Bristol City Council