

# Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023



**Report of:** Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission Annual Business Report 2023-2024.

**Ward:** N/A

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## Recommendations:

### For the Commission Members to:

1. Note the Commission's Terms of Reference (1.1)
2. Note the Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 municipal year (1.2)
3. Note the membership of the Commission for the 2023-2024 municipal year (1.2)
4. Confirm the three 2023-2024 meeting dates for the Scrutiny Commission (1.3)



## **1. Context and Proposal**

### **1.1 Terms of Reference of the Commission**

At its Annual Council meeting on 9 May 2023 Full Council established this Scrutiny Commission with the following terms of reference:

#### **Terms of Reference - Overview**

The role of the commission is the overview and scrutiny of matters relating to the Growth and Regeneration Directorate including;

Planning; Strategic City Planning, Development Management, City Design, City Innovation and Sustainability;

City Growth, Investment and Infrastructure; Housing Delivery, Economic development, Programme and Project Management (including Temple Quarter, the Arena, Bristol Beacon, Education Capital, Capital Infrastructure, Regeneration, Housing and Transport Programmes / Projects, including the Avonmouth and Severnside Enterprise Area, Housing Deal and Housing Infrastructure Fund), Culture, Property Asset Strategy, Property Management and Property Development and Energy.

Transport; Strategic City Transport, Local and Sustainable Transport and Traffic and Highway Maintenance including the statutory flood risk management scrutiny function.

#### **Functions**

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the Annual Work Programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
  - (a) Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit, with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
  - (b) Input to significant policy developments or service reviews;
  - (c) Review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
3. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the response, implementation and impact of recommendations.
4. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member/s and receive updates from

that member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.

5. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.

### **1.2 Membership of the Commission:**

1. Cllr David Wilcox (Chair)
2. Cllr Andrew Varney (Vice Chair)
3. Cllr Tim Rippington (Lead)
4. Cllr Marley Bennett
5. Cllr Farah Hussain
6. Cllr Emma Edwards
7. Cllr Jenny Bartle
8. Cllr Mark Weston (Lead)
9. Cllr Kevin Quartley

### **1.3 2023-2024 Meeting Dates**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 5.30pm
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 5.30pm (TBC at the meeting)
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 5.30pm (TBC at the meeting)

#### ***Please Note:***

***the Scrutiny Commissions Work Programme for the year can be located at Agenda Item 13.***

## **2. Public Sector Equality Duties**

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.
- ii) 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.

### **3. Legal and Resource Implications**

N/A

#### **Appendices:**

None

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

#### **Background Papers:**

- Full Council, 9 May 2023