

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 28th January 2022 by the Executive Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration.

Date notified to all members: 1st February 2022

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 7th February 2022

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 8th February 2022

1. **TITLE**

Sheffield Design Panel

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Executive Member for City Futures: Development, Culture and Regeneration:

- confirms the relaunch of the Sheffield Design Panel with some modest changes in terms of the operational model, including approving a charge to recover costs, as is standard across the country.
- Gives approval to retain and recruit new Panel members to ensure a pool of 30 and to address shortfalls in certain specialisms while positively targeting to achieve diversity within the Panel membership (Appendix 2)
- Confirms the renaming of the Sustainable Development and Design Panel to Sheffield Design Panel

3. **Reasons For Decision**

Based on the research done to date, and from discussions on the priorities identified, a bespoke Sheffield Design Panel is considered the preferred option. This would enable Sheffield to develop a panel that reflects the specific challenges and characteristics of Sheffield, and the council's ambitions for high quality design.

The intended outcomes of this report are:

- confirmation for the relaunch of the Sheffield Design Panel with modest changes including a charge to recover costs.
- approval to retain and recruit new members to address shortfalls in certain specialisms while taking positive action to improve the diversity of the Panel membership.

- Confirms the renaming of the Sustainable Development and Design Panel to Sheffield Design Panel.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Alternatives to restarting Sheffield Design Panel are:

- use of an existing panel – such as Design Council CABE’s national panel or a regional design review panel
- establishing a joint panel – either adapting an existing panel or working with a neighbouring local planning authority

Having assessed both options against the need, the disadvantages outweigh the advantages, especially in terms of added value.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Michael Crofts, Director of Business Strategy and Regulation, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee