

Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee

Meeting held 12 June 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Ben Miskell (Chair), Alexi Dimond (Deputy Chair), Craig Gamble Pugh, Ian Horner, Janet Ridler, Richard Shaw, John Wright and Christine Gilligan Kubo (Substitute Member)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew Sangar and Ruth Mersereau. Councillor Christine Gilligan Kubo attended as a substitute member.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 There were no declarations of interest.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 13 March and 15 May 2024 were approved as a correct record.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

7.1 The Principal Democratic Services Officer submitted a report containing the Committee's Work Programme which detailed all known, substantive agenda items for forthcoming meetings of the Committee to enable the Committee, other Committees, officers, partners and the public to plan their work with and for the Committee.

7.2 The Committee were informed that a Member work planning session would take place in July to discuss the work programme and consider the Committee's priorities for the next year. Officers agreed, in consultation with the Chair, to investigate scheduling an additional meeting in April 2025 to assist with managing the Committee workload.

7.3 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee:-

1. agrees the Committee's work programme, as set out in Part 2 of Appendix 1, including any additions and amendments identified in Part 1;
2. considers any further issues to be explored by officers for inclusion in the next work programme report, for potential addition to the work programme;

and

3. notes any referrals from Council (petition and resolutions) detailed in Section 2 of the report be noted and agrees the proposed responses.

8. 2023/24 FINAL BUDGET OUTTURN MONITORING REPORT

8.1 The Head of Accounting presented a report that set out the Council's final budget outturn position for 2023/24.

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee notes the updated information and management actions on the 2023/24 Revenue Budget Outturn, as described in the report.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 The Council is required to both set a balance budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. No other alternatives were considered.

9. CLOUGH DIKE, DEEPCAR: CULVERT REPAIR / REPLACEMENT

9.1 The Flood and Water Service Manager presented a report that provided an update on a failed culvert in Sheffield City Council ownership at Clough Dike in Deepcar that had been presenting a significant risk of flooding for some years and required ongoing and reactive operations to prevent a repeat of the flooding of 9 homes in November 2019. The temporary arrangements, although having avoided a repeat of the property flooding, were expensive, circa £80k per year, and at high risk of failure. October 2023's Storm Babet had come very close to a repeat of property flooding.

9.2 A bid for £1,390,163 of Flood and Coastal Risk Management grant-in-aid funding and £112,000 of Local Levy to the Environment Agency to fully fund the project had been successful and the Council were able to progress to a permanent fix of the failed asset.

9.3 Officers agreed to provide further information on the total cost of the spend to date on the culvert at Clough Dike. Officers also agreed to bring an update to a knowledge briefing with Members on the condition of the other culverts in Sheffield City Council ownership.

9.4 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee notes the successes set out in this report and supports the progression of the project into delivery.

9.5 Reasons for Decision

9.5.1 As well as the strong economic case for this, now fully funded, permanent repair the wider risks associated with the current arrangement already laid out in this report further support the need for change.

9.5.2 The removal of our ongoing revenue liability for the flood mitigation and the significant reduction in flood risk to people and property further recommends the need for this work.

9.6 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.6.1 A copy of the Outline Business Case as submitted to the Environment Agency is available on request. The short-listed options appraisal considered 2 possible methods of culvert repair which were both shown to be cost beneficial over continuing the current arrangements.

9.6.2 Full details of the proposed works are available on request. The works will consist of caisson excavation of the blockage and remediation of the remaining culvert using ultraviolet cured in place pipe lining techniques (UV CIPP). The section of collapsed culvert will then be replaced allowing the entire concrete section of culvert to be remediated using a UV cure in place liner.

10. **DEVONSHIRE QUARTER: REGENERATION UPDATE**

10.1 The Principal Development Officer presented a report that provided an update on the ongoing regeneration schemes within the Milton St neighbourhood, as identified within the City Centre Strategic Vision, which was emerging as a new residential area within the wider Devonshire Quarter. The report sought a steer from Members on a proposed land disposal strategy to ensure a balanced mix of housing and presented proposals from the owners of the Grade II* Listed Beehive Works to bring that building back into use as a mixed-use commercial hub at the heart of the neighbourhood.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee:-

1. notes the progress with housing development shown in the update report at Appendix A,
2. notes the future land disposal strategy outlined in Appendix B to ensure a balanced mix of housing within the Milton St neighbourhood; and
3. notes the proposals outlined for Beehive Works at Appendix C and supports the continued work of Council officers with the owners and other partners, including Historic England, to develop a viable business plan to bring the buildings back into commercial use.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 Focussing the Council's future land disposal strategy on achieving a more balanced residential offer aligns with the guiding principles for regeneration in this area as set out in the Priority Neighbourhood Frameworks, which envisage a mixed demographic in the Milton St neighbourhood. The guiding principles emphasise the importance of retaining the former industrial feel – celebrating the historic assets – and the proposed rejuvenation of Beehive Works as a commercial building, including maker spaces, would enhance the sense of place and preserve a historic identity for the emerging neighbourhood.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 Rather than balancing the residential offer within the neighbourhood, the Council could focus its disposal strategy – in term of land use and phasing – on maximising capital receipts. However, this may not make the same contribution towards delivering the City Goals, Council Plan or City Centre Strategic Vision.