

SCRUTINY COMMISSION - MONDAY, 4 MARCH 2024

Report of the Head of Democracy

PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY - CABINET RESPONSE

Purpose of Report

To set out the Cabinet's responses to the recommendations of the Commission on pre-decision scrutiny items.

Action Requested

To note the responses to the recommendations submitted by the Commission on items considered for pre-decision scrutiny.

Policy Context

One of the principles of effective scrutiny, identified by the Centre for Public Governance and Scrutiny, is "provide a constructive critical friend challenge to the Executive".

Pre-decision Scrutiny

Since the meeting of the Commission on 5th February 2024, the Cabinet considered the following items on which the Commission undertook pre-decision scrutiny:

- A. HOUSING STRATEGY
- B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2024 - 27

Details of the Commission's consideration of the items as reported to the meeting of the Cabinet on the 8th February 2024 can be found in the minutes from the Commission's meeting on 5th February 2024.

The Chair of the Commission, Councillor Rattray, attended the Cabinet's meeting on the 8th February 2024 to present the Commission's reports to the Cabinet.

Cabinet Response

The Cabinet considered the Commission's reports and acknowledged the work undertaken and the views of the Commission. In particular, the Cabinet responded as follows to the reports:

HOUSING STRATEGY

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMNT STRATEGY 2024 -27

The Cabinet acknowledged the Commission's view that the document was heavily focused on Loughborough and it was noted that the intention was to look at the needs of the wider Borough as work progressed.

The Cabinet adopted the officer recommendations as set out in the report, which the Commission had supported.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report:

Financial Implications

None.

Risk Management

No risks have been identified in connection with this report.

Background Papers: None

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