

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 November 2019

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes

Civic Complex Cross-Party Working Group Update

Final Decision-Maker	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Lead Member(s)	Councillor David Scott – Portfolio Holder for Property, Major Project and Strategic Engagement
Lead Officer/Author	Lee Colyer – Director of Finance, Policy and Development
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

That the report be noted.

Timetable	
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
Full Council	08 October 2019
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 November 2019

Tunbridge Wells Committee Report, version: March 2019

Civic Complex Cross-Party Working Group Update

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Working Group is an informal group consisting of representatives from the various political parties. It has no decision making powers but was established to consider ways to achieve the purpose set by Full Council. It may make recommendations to the relevant decision makers as appropriate.
 - 1.2 This report provides a 'for information' update on progress.
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Full Council on 08 October 2019 resolved as follows:

"The Full Council recognises and supports the workings of the Cross-Party Group to date and asks that it continue its work, specifically to examine the business case and other aspects for options for the 4 key sites owned by the Council (the Town Hall, Assembly Hall Theatre, Mount Pleasant Car Park and the Great Hall Car Park) together with other sites which might become available.

The Full Council asks that the Cross-Party Group should report to the Full Council meeting on 18th December 2019 and provide interim reports to Cabinet, Cabinet Advisory Boards and the Development Advisory Panel."

- 2.2 Political group leaders appointed members to sit on the working group. The agreed membership is as follows:

- Councillor Scott – Chairman
- Councillor Dawlings – Conservative Group
- Councillor Ellis – Liberal Democrat Group
- Councillor Hayward – Tunbridge Wells Alliance Group
- Councillor Pound – Labour Group

- 2.3 The working group is supported by relevant officers at the request of the working group.
- 2.4 The working group has no decision making powers but can advise and make recommendations to the relevant decision maker as appropriate.

Work of the working group

- 2.5 An update is provided at Appendix A to the report (under separate cover).
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3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 The report is for information and may be noted.
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has no power to impose anything on the working party but may take its own action, if it so wishes.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To note the report. The working party is an effective method to implement the will of Council and therefore no alternative action is recommended at this time.
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5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 5.1 The report is a 'for information' update as to the work of the working party and has not been subject to outside consultation.
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6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	This report is for information and does not propose any policy changes which could result in cross-cutting implications at this time.	Mark O'Callaghan, Scrutiny and Engagement Officer 27 September 2019
Finance and other resources		
Staffing establishment		
Risk Management		
Data Protection		
Environment and Sustainability		
Community Safety		
Health and Safety		
Health and Wellbeing		
Equalities		

7. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with, and form part of, the report:

- Appendix A – Update on the work of the working group (distributed under separate cover)
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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None