

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 5.00 pm

To be held at the Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Membership

Councillors Denise Fox (Chair), Ian Auckland (Deputy Chair), Mike Chaplin, Neale Gibson, Mark Jones, Abdul Khayum, Ben Miskell, Robert Murphy, Moya O'Rourke, Colin Ross, Jackie Satur, Ian Saunders, Gail Smith, Martin Smith and Paul Wood

Substitute Members

In accordance with the Constitution, Substitute Members may be provided for the above Committee Members as and when required.

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**ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING SCRUTINY AND POLICY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA
14 MARCH 2018**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 1 - 4)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31st January, 2018
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 7. Implications for Sheffield to Vote to Leave the European Union - Update and Current Position** (Pages 13 - 36)
Presentation from the Policy and Improvement Manager
- 8. Call-in of the Individual Cabinet Member Decision on the Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant, Sharrow Lane** (Pages 37 - 54)
Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer
- 9. Annual Report 2017/18 and Draft Content and Work Programme 2018/19** (Pages 55 - 60)
Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer
- 10. Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Committee will be held on a date to be arranged

(NOTE: Appendix A to the report in Item 8 above is not available to the press and public as it contains exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

If you are present at a meeting of the Council, of its executive or any committee of the executive, or of any committee, sub-committee, joint committee, or joint sub-committee of the authority, and you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)** relating to any business that will be considered at the meeting, you must not:

- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your **disclosable pecuniary interests** under the new national rules. You have a pecuniary interest if you, or your spouse or civil partner, have a pecuniary interest.

- Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner undertakes.
- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
 - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
 - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
 - the landlord is your council or authority; and
 - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
 - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
 - (b) either -
 - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

If you attend a meeting at which any item of business is to be considered and you are aware that you have a **personal interest** in the matter which does not amount to a DPI, you must make verbal declaration of the existence and nature of that interest at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent. You should leave the room if your continued presence is incompatible with the 7 Principles of Public Life (selflessness; integrity; objectivity; accountability; openness; honesty; and leadership).

You have a personal interest where –

- a decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing (including interests in land and easements over land) of you or a member of your family or a person or an organisation with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the Authority's administrative area, or
- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously.

You should identify any potential interest you may have relating to business to be considered at the meeting. This will help you and anyone that you ask for advice to fully consider all the circumstances before deciding what action you should take.

In certain circumstances the Council may grant a **dispensation** to permit a Member to take part in the business of the Authority even if the member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to that business.

To obtain a dispensation, you must write to the Monitoring Officer at least 48 hours before the meeting in question, explaining why a dispensation is sought and desirable, and specifying the period of time for which it is sought. The Monitoring Officer may consult with the Independent Person or the Council's Audit and Standards Committee in relation to a request for dispensation.

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Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development
Committee

Meeting held 31 January 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Denise Fox (Chair), Ian Auckland (Deputy Chair),
Mike Chaplin, Neale Gibson, Mark Jones, Abdul Khayum, Ben Miskell,
Robert Murphy, Moya O'Rourke, Colin Ross, Ian Saunders, Gail Smith,
Martin Smith and Paul Wood

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jackie Satur.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30th November 2017, were approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of the words 'which could be used as matched funding to draw down some of the Defra grant.' at the end of the second bullet point in paragraph 7.14 (Protecting Sheffield from Flooding – Programme Update). Arising from consideration of the minutes, it was noted, in relation to paragraph 5.2.1 (Public Question from Annette Taberner), regarding the Streets Ahead Programme, that a written response had not yet been provided but was presently being drafted by officers.

4.2 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th December 2017, were approved as a correct record, subject to the replacement of the word 'two' with the word 'too' in the first sentence of the 7th bullet point in paragraph 6.5 (Support for Small Businesses in Sheffield).

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 Jenny Carpenter, representing Sheffield Climate Alliance, asked questions as follows:-

- Why was there no mention of food or agriculture in the Green City Strategy, particularly in relation to eating less meat?
- In relation to air quality, would the measures restricting the movement of

heavy goods vehicles be sufficient to reduce pollution?

- Could the Sheffield Climate Alliance be represented on the Green City Strategy Partnership Board?

5.2 In response, Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability) indicated that he would cover these issues in his presentation which was to follow.

6. GREEN CITY STRATEGY, INCLUDING TRANSPORT VISION AND CLEAN AIR STRATEGY

6.1 The Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Place, on the Green City Strategy, to which was appended information on the Transport Vision and the Clean Air Strategy. The report was supported by a presentation given by Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability), which covered each of these areas. Also present for this item were Tom Finnegan-Smith (Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure) and Mark Whitworth (Interim Head of Sustainability).

6.2 Green City Strategy

6.2.1 Councillor Scott highlighted the need for action, the new approach being adopted for Sheffield and the commitment to partnership. He went on to describe the Strategy's objectives which were as follows:-

- (a) Climate Change – Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience.
- (b) Sustainable and Affordable Energy.
- (c) Transport and Mobility.
- (d) Air Quality.
- (e) A Green and Innovative Economy.

6.2.2 In response to the questions asked by Jenny Carpenter under item 5 (Public Questions and Petitions), Councillor Scott indicated that food would be included in the final Strategy document, with the challenge being around the carbon aspects of food and social justice. He added that he wanted the Sheffield Climate Alliance to be represented on the Green City Partnership Board, which needed to have “teeth” and have involved, challenging discussions. He would pick up on the air quality question in the relevant section of his presentation.

6.2.3 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- With regard to insulation, it was estimated that 13% of the economy was wasted to energy loss and there was a significant challenge in the private-rented sector which was to be given priority in this regard. It was also thought that any measures could be incorporated into any Selective Licensing system.
- It was hoped to bring forward an Energy Strategy for the City, which would

include the Council and cover issues such as solar power, bio fuel harvesting and heat storage systems. A plan for consultation would also include wind power.

- Climate change raised a number of challenges and there was a need to build on the City's history of clean air as a guide to the future. People's anxiety about and ignorance of climate change was recognised and it was necessary to ensure that individuals were aware of how they could be personally affected and how much it mattered. Community climate change champions were encouraged, as was appropriate work in schools.
- Sheffield had more cycle lanes than any other city, which were not segregated, but confident cyclists were able to deal with that.
- A range of ideas were being considered with regard to improving air quality by changing older buses and lorries, with a study being planned to look at this issue. A further issue was how to join up with other cities and taxi licensing authorities. It had been found that 2% of journeys in the City were by taxi and that this accounted for 10% of emissions. A loan scheme was being considered to replace older taxis and a more geographical approach was required in areas such as Broomhill and the Railway Station, which had particular air quality issues.
- It was acknowledged that very few Council buildings had solar panels and options would be assessed in the Energy Strategy, but it should be recognised that these options were constrained by issues such as buildings being listed or subject to funding arrangements. It was felt though that the Council needed to lead by example.
- It was important to take time to get the Green City Strategy document right and then form an Action Plan, with the emphasis being on driving initiatives.
- Transport in the City needed to be right, so that people would use public transport or cycle.
- In the next calendar year a bid would be submitted to the Government's Green Buses Fund and an Individual Cabinet Member Decision would be taken in the near future on anti-idling. The actions outlined in the Clean Air Strategy set out the case for improving air quality.
- A coherent plan would be forthcoming in the next six months with regard to taxis and their effect on air quality.
- The Green Commission report would be placed before the Cabinet in March and the resulting plan would be ready before the end of the Municipal Year. It was important to get an agreed vision to generate actions.
- The plan was to guide action, with the Motorists' Forum and the Council reducing its own energy consumption being cited as examples. There had

never been an Energy Strategy for the City before and this would present a more clear, coherent vision.

- It was not accepted that the reduction in the Passenger Transport Executive levy was affecting climate change and neither was the Streets Ahead Trees Programme. It should be noted that 5,000 street trees would be replaced as part of this programme, but even a quadrupling of street trees would not have a major effect on air quality.
- The Green City Partnership Board would have more “teeth” than previous environmental boards. It would be a tight formal body with wide representation and have an independent Chair.

6.3 Transport Vision

6.3.1 Councillor Scott continued his presentation by highlighting the emerging transport challenges in the City and emphasising the need to be future ready. This vision needed to be purposely bold, ambitious and credible, and set out the options available and outputs required. The aim should be for reliable and clean journeys for everyone in a flourishing Sheffield and this vision would be set out in a document to be brought forward later in the year.

6.3.2 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- It was felt that the deregulation of bus services had been a failure, with providers not putting customers at the forefront.
- The ability to act on taxi emissions would depend on the outcome of a Government bid for funding and, when this was known, standards would be discussed with the taxi trade.
- The early measures funding bid included an agreement for matched funding from the bus companies.
- The Council’s Licensing Service could set standards for taxis, but was unable to stop taxis from elsewhere with lower standards. This highlighted a need to be more assertive with other authorities.
- Councillor Steve Wilson was the Cycling Champion for the City.
- Councillor Scott regretted the end of the Sheffield City Region Transport Committee and confirmed that he attended the Passenger Transport Executive Board meetings, adding that the Board was arranging for much more discussion with the transport leads in South Yorkshire. He also indicated that he would take any Member suggestions to the Passenger Transport Executive.
- In relation to the Bus Partnership, it was agreed that passenger numbers had not grown and that it had not delivered the full range of benefits promised.

Having said that, bus fares were the cheapest in the Core Cities and simpler ticketing had been introduced.

- Councillor Scott confirmed that he had visited MAGTEC, which was a local company manufacturing electrical vehicle drive systems, and that the Council was a partner in clean bus technology.
- With regard to taxis coming into Sheffield from outside the area, the challenge was that Sheffield had higher standards and it was thought that the election of a Mayor for the region would be helpful in bringing all parties together to ensure a consistent standard.
- The ambition for lower taxi emissions was the same whether the bid for Government funding was successful for not.
- The bus operators were open to working with the Council in relation to the reduction of emissions from their vehicles.
- It was confirmed that Leeds had a low emission zone with prioritised investment.
- The business case for new local rail stations, including Waverley, was connected to economic drivers.
- Shifts in tram technology, such as battery power alleviating the need for overhead cables, were being worked on. In relation to extending the tram network, it was necessary to incorporate learning and assess how changing technology could enhance this, but this would need to be properly modelled.

6.4 Clean Air Strategy

6.4.1 Councillor Scott then resumed his presentation by focusing on the Clean Air Strategy, making particular reference to the clear UK public health crisis and economic impact, and the fairness and social justice aspects. He went on to emphasise that clean air was a key element of a growing inclusive economy and that the scale of changes could be controversial, but were right given the challenge being faced. In conclusion, he referred to the key principles which were to be followed in order to improve air quality in Sheffield, which were also contained in the report.

6.4.2 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- Air quality issues relating to HGVs needed to be factored in and there needed to be more control of the routes on which such vehicles were allowed. A proper plan was needed to exclude HGVs from any roads, but it was noted that enforcement was a Police responsibility, with resources being an issue in this regard.
- The proximity of industry to housing and the emission issues associated with

this needed to be dealt with through the Local Plan and representations were being made with regard to this.

- Poor air quality correlated with congested roads, but the national information used by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) differed from local information, with monitoring in Sheffield being found to show poorer air quality than that held by DEFRA.
- Measures to drive out polluting vehicles included car-pooling and sharing, allowing low emission vehicles to travel in bus lanes and the use of clean air zones. There was also the obvious effect of a reduction in speed leading to a reduction in pollution levels.

6.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability), Tom Finnegan-Smith (Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure) and Mark Whitworth (Interim Head of Sustainability) for their contribution to the meeting;
- (b) notes the contents of the report and presentation and the responses to questions; and
- (c) requests that a report on the Green City Strategy be presented to a future meeting of the Committee once the Strategy has been finalised and an Action Plan developed.

7. SHEFFIELD PARKING STRATEGY

7.1 The Committee received a report from the Executive Director, Place, which had formed the basis of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability's decision to approve the Sheffield Parking Strategy. A copy of the draft Sheffield Parking Strategy was appended to the report.

7.2 The report was supported by a presentation on the Sheffield Parking Strategy given by Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability), which covered the need for a strategy, changing needs and priorities and working with local people. In addition, Councillor Scott highlighted five areas of work which focused on the City Centre, residential and local centres, improving air quality, the customer experience and enforcement.

7.3 Also in attendance for this item were Tom Finnegan-Smith (Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure) and Mark Whitworth (Interim Head of Sustainability).

7.4 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- The issue of parking in residential streets adjacent to the Park and Ride sites would be looked at.

- In relation to parking in residential streets around Dore Station, consideration would be given to reducing the time for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order so that more could be done. There was also a need to have an objective as to who was to be helped.
- The dates, frequency and patterns of work of the Traffic Wardens was being reviewed.
- The signage relating to Controlled Parking Zones was regulated.
- The approach to pavement parking needed to be pragmatic and sensible, with consideration being given to better protection of verges and the narrowness of some of the pavements in the City. It should be noted that the Police could not enforce parking on the footway and that regulatory authority was required to erect signing to prevent this.
- Appendix 'A' to the draft Strategy set out the key principles, which included parking bays being of mixed use and that no time limits would be used.
- A standard tariff for parking charges would be used, with users now being able to pay by phone and consideration being given to the upgrading of the payment machines.
- There were no statutory guidelines regarding making off-street parking a priority.
- Councillor Scott would look into the issue of the number of privately operated on and off-street parking spaces within Sheffield City Centre which were on Council land and report back to Councillor Paul Wood who had raised this matter.
- It was important to have a robust, transparent system with regard to priorities and take time to get the right information.

7.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Councillor Jack Scott (Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability), Tom Finnegan-Smith (Head of Strategic Transport and Infrastructure) and Mark Whitworth (Interim Head of Sustainability) for their contribution to the meeting;
- (b) notes the contents of the report and presentation and the responses to questions; and
- (c) requests that the Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability sends usage, occupancy rates and prices for each of the Park and Ride sites in the City to the Policy and Improvement Officer for circulation to Committee Members.

(NOTE: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 26 of the Council's Constitution

and the provisions of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Chair decided that the above item be considered as a matter of urgency in order for the report to be considered at the earliest possible opportunity, although it had not been possible to give five clear days' notice that the item was to be considered.)

8. WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

8.1 The Committee received a report of the Policy and Improvement Officer which set out the Committee's Work Programme for 2017/18.

8.2 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) approves the contents of the Work Programme 2017/18; and
- (b) notes that:-
 - (i) the next Committee meeting would include an update item on the implications for Sheffield of the vote to leave the European Union and, if there was anything to report, an item on the Sheffield Retail Quarter; and
 - (ii) the Policy and Improvement Officer would check the timetable for the Local Plan, with a view to scheduling an item on this for a future Committee meeting.

9. WESTERN ROAD FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - FORMAL CABINET RESPONSE

9.1 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the Western Road First World War Memorial Committee Recommendations – Formal Cabinet Response Report, which was received as an Information Only item; and
- (b) requests that any Committee Members with any questions on this report, submit these to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Streetscene.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday, 14th March 2018, at 5.00 pm, in the Town Hall.

EEW Scrutiny Committee:

Brexit update and implications for Sheffield

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14th March 2018



Sheffield City Council



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Brexit: progress to date

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National Impact

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(Potential) implications for Sheffield

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Forthcoming issues and next steps

Brexit:

progress to date

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Negotiations

There are **three** parallel strands to the negotiations:

Separation: and the movement toward an orderly withdrawal, starting March 2019.

Transition: the timing for and detailed negotiation of a large number of factors, including obligations and benefits, from March 2019 – December 2020.

What next: for arrangements post-Brexit, with a deadline of October 2018 for agreeing the scope of what could be negotiated in terms of future relationships between the EU and UK.

In respect of future relationships, current discussions revolve around two central issues: Trade; and Diversion (i.e. where other existing structures and regulations may differ between the EU and UK following Brexit). There are four pillars to these discussions:

Market access, and under what future terms this might happen.

Cooperation in selected areas of existing collaboration, for example research and innovation.

Arrangements for cooperation on security and judicial functions.

Political cooperation on issues that extend beyond the EU, for example on foreign security.

Welcome to
**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

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Theresa May speech at Mansion House

Key points

Trade – Government seeking a tailored / bespoke trade deal for the UK

Customs – proposed either a ‘customs partnership’ (mirror EU rules) or ‘highly streamlined arrangement’ (use tech to minimise border checks)

EU agencies – seek associate membership of key agencies (chemicals, medicines, aerospace)

Irish border – reiterated that would not accept a ‘hard border’ but didn’t set out any new solutions either.

Passporting – ability of financial services to sell services across EU (ie. City of London) will not continue in current form.

5 principles for new trade relationship with the EU

1. there must be “reciprocal and binding commitments to ensure fair and open competition”
2. there must be an “arbitration mechanism that is completely independent
3. there will have to be an ongoing dialogue and means of consultation.
4. there will have to be an agreement on data protection.
5. the EU and the UK must maintain the links between their people.

Countdown to Brexit: key events

15 2017: EU leaders agree that talks can move to second phase

Mar 22-23: EU summit likely to approve terms of transition

Oct 18-19: EU summit likely to decide to approve/reject framework for trade deal

Mar 2021: Possible end of transition period

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Jan 2018: Talks begin on UK's transition period

Apr: Talks begin on framework of new trade deal between UK and EU

Mar 29 2019: UK due to leave the EU; start of transition period

What does the Transition period mean?

Statement from the European Commission that this should end on 31st December 2020

UK Government position extends into 2021

UK would continue to be subject to all existing and any new EU laws during this period (Single Market, Customs Union, ECJ)

UK would still be required to comply with the 4 freedoms – goods, services, capital and labour - during this period

Seen as vital to maintaining economic stability in the face of a 'hard Brexit' before full terms of the Brexit agreed

National Impact

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Assessment and analysis

Forecasted post referendum scenarios have not materialised as anticipated, however:

Oxford Economics outline that No deal Brexit scenario would cost the UK economy £125bn by 2020 **but** would also cost the EU £99.5bn

The Office for Budget Responsibility has downgraded UK growth expectations for the next five years.

OECD - UK went from the top of the G7 growth league to the bottom in the year following the Brexit vote

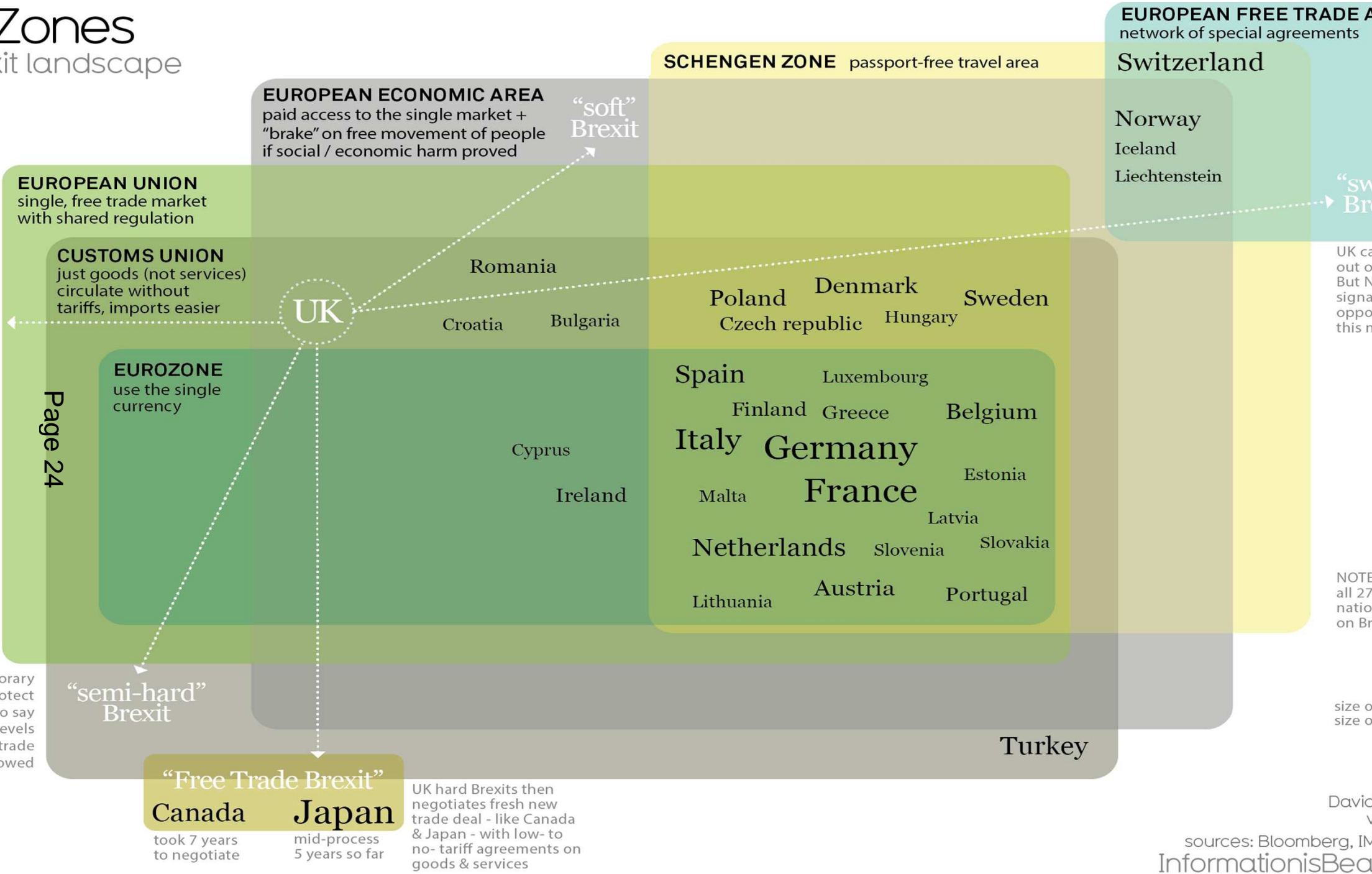
The Centre for Economic Policy Research calculates that the Brexit vote has already cost the UK economy £300m a week

The Centre for Economic Performance says that the Brexit vote has cost the average household £404 a year

The Nursing and Midwifery Council says applications from EU nurses to work in the UK have fallen by 89% since the referendum

Trade Zones

exit landscape



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(potential) implications for Sheffield



Impact on local growth? - study by LSE and Centre for Cities

Findings

Every local authority area is predicted to be negatively affected – reduced GVA (esp. under ‘hard’ Brexit due to trade costs).

Cities are likely to be hit harder than non-urban areas.

Cities with more employment in private-sector knowledge intensive services (KIBS), (esp. in the South), are predicted to be hit hardest *initially*.

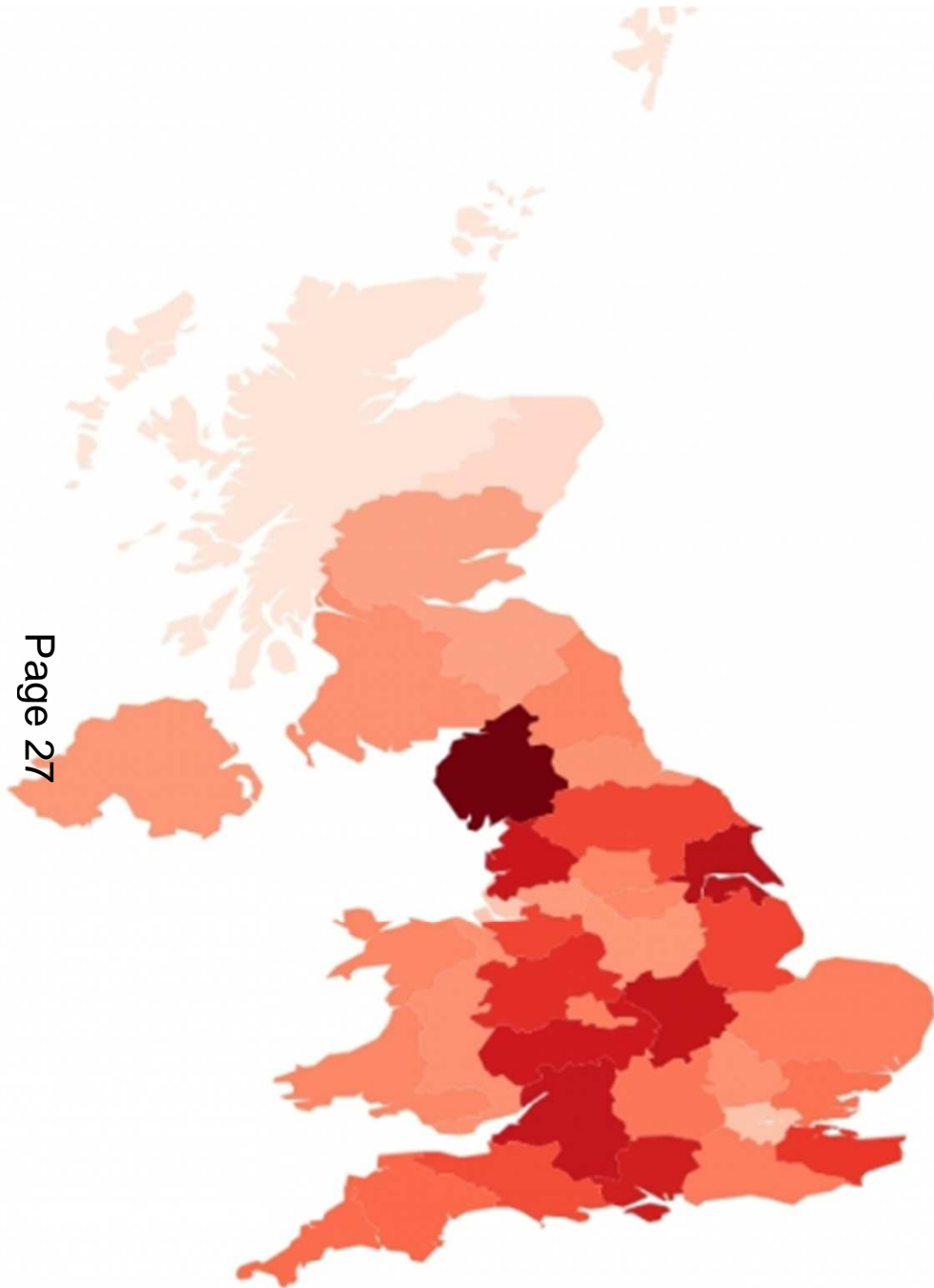
Research suggests that areas most negatively affected by Brexit were more likely to vote remain in the 2016 referendum:

- But these places may find it easier to adapt to Brexit in the longer term
- Potential parallels with the 2008 crisis – felt initially more in South East which then recovered more strongly
- Limited impact on existing income disparities between places

Rank under Hard Brexit	City	Hard Brexit (%)	Soft Brexit (%)	Rank under Soft Brexit
1	Aberdeen	-3.7	-2.1	
2	Worthing	-2.8	-1.5	
3	Reading	-2.8	-1.4	
4	Swindon	-2.8	-1.5	
5	Slough	-2.8	-1.4	
6	Edinburgh	-2.7	-1.4	
7	London	-2.6	-1.3	
8	Aldershot	-2.6	-1.3	
9	Leeds	-2.6	-1.3	
10	Ipswich	-2.6	-1.3	

Rank under Hard Brexit	City	Hard Brexit (%)	Soft Brexit (%)	Rank under Soft Brexit
53	Blackpool	-2.0	-1.0	
54	Swansea	-2.0	-1.1	
55	Telford	-2.0	-1.1	
56	Luton	-2.0	-1.1	
57	Mansfield	-2.0	-1.2	
58	Wakefield	-1.9	-1.1	
59	Hull	-1.8	-1.0	
60	Burnley	-1.7	-1.1	
61	Barnsley	-1.7	-0.9	
62	Crawley	-1.1	-0.7	

Source: CEP analysis, 2017

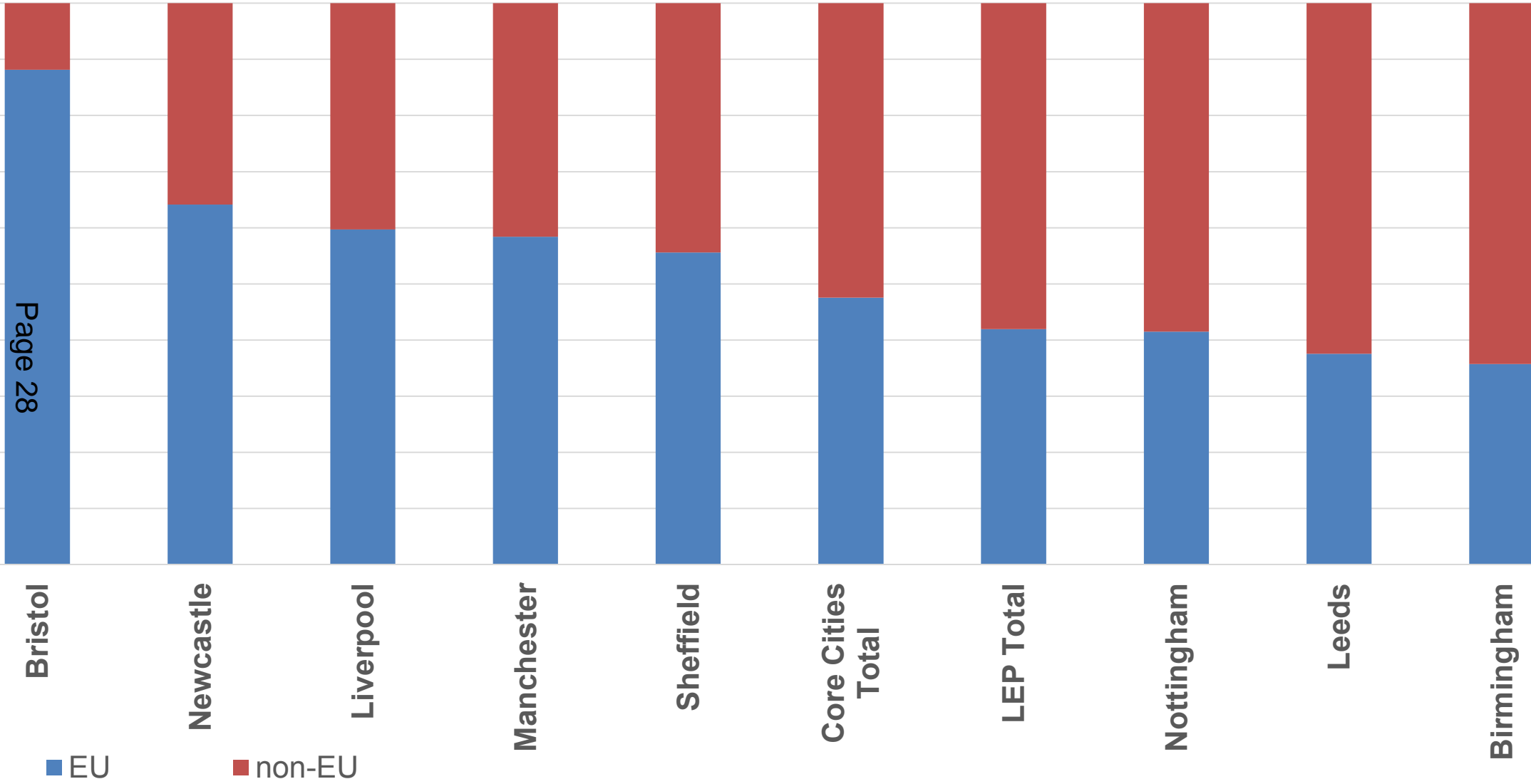


Economic exposure to Brexit across UK nations and regions in terms of share of local labour income

- The Institute for Public Policy Research North calculates that Brexit is set to have nearly twice the impact on the North of England than it would have on London.
- More than 10% of the region's economy is dependent on trade with the EU.

and non-EU exports 2015

(Source HMR)



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Economic impact on Sheffield

London School Economics (LSE) modelled impacts of post Brexit GVA of local economies

Brexit Scenario	Core Cities average	Birmingham	Bristol	Cardiff	Glasgow	Leeds	Liverpool	Manchester	Newcastle	Nottingham	Sheffield
Soft	-1.2%	-1.1%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.2%
Hard	-2.4%	-2.1%	-2.6%	-2.5%	-2.4%	-2.6%	-2.4%	-2.4%	-2.2%	-2.4%	-2.1%

What do councils think the impact of Brexit will be on their areas

The New Local Government Network (NLGN) recently undertook a survey of council leaders / chief execs

Impact

- **12%** believed Brexit would have a positive effect on their economies
- **61%** believed Brexit would have a negative or very negative impact on their regions

Support for places

- **4%** said they were receiving adequate support from Government
- **68%** thought it was insufficient

Geographical differences

- Councils in the South East least pessimistic about impact of Brexit
- Real concerns about impact by councils in the North East.

Previous areas of interest – EU Funding

The UK will continue to participate in EU programmes until 2020

The UK may wish to participate in some EU budgetary programmes post-2020 as a non-Member State.

Development of multi year **Shared Prosperity Fund** to replace EU funding (EU funding totals £8.4bn and £164m in SCR) and support “sustainable, inclusive growth”

Previous areas of interest – Freedom of movement

Migration to and from the UK

12 months after Brexit vote

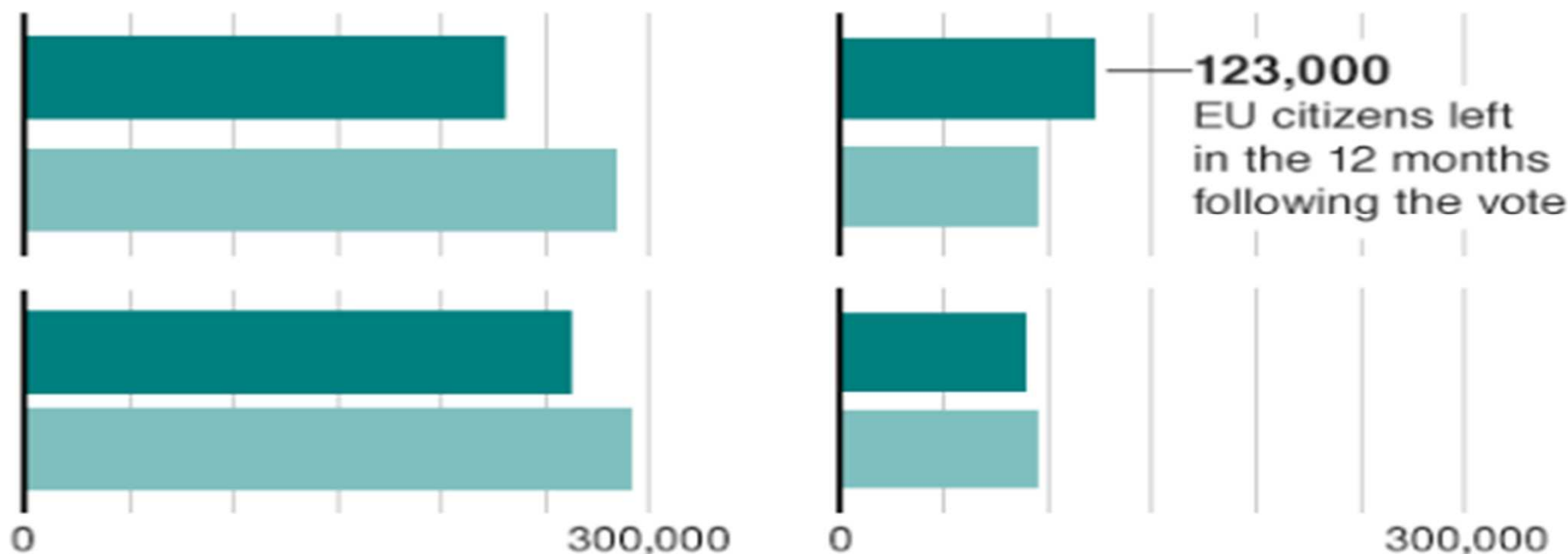
12 months before Brexit vote

People arriving

People leaving

EU citizens

Non-EU citizens



Source: ONS Quarterly Migration Statistics, November 2017

BBC

making the case for UK cities in the Brexit debate

Core Cities Cabinet met:

- **Michel Barnier** (European Chief Negotiator for Brexit)
- **Guy Verhofstadt MEP** (former Belgian PM and European Parliament's rep in Brexit negotiations)
- **Daniel Termont** (Mayor of Gent and President of EUROCITIES network)

Current Brexit debate is missing the significant economic and social role that cities play in the UK

Lack of profile for cities within wider debate on Brexit, is in danger of compounding some of the issues that were expressed in the referendum i.e. being left behind

Direct relations between cities within international networks are increasingly solving problems on the ground that nations states cannot e.g. inclusive growth, climate change, social cohesion

Real flows of economy, knowledge, skills and innovation are between cities and their institutions – not just nations.

Look to maintain access to collaborative EU programmes like Horizon 2020

Brexit:

Forthcoming issues

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l to be resolved

There are still some significant issues to be addressed during upcoming negotiations, including:

Trade – May: “*we will not accept the rights of Canada and the obligations of Norway.*” A bespoke model?

Immigration – more selective approach based on UK’s social and economic needs?

Customs – Government have proposed either a customs partnership or a “*highly streamlined customs arrangement*”? The EU response has been sceptical.

Are you as Members seeing any emerging trends in your wards?

- e.g. economic changes, starting to see a shift in demographics, impact on cohesion

Are there any specific areas/questions that Members feel would benefit from further discussion?



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Wednesday 14th March 2018

Subject: Call in of Individual Cabinet Member decision on “Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant, Sharrow Lane, Sheffield”

Author of Report: Alice Nicholson, Policy & Improvement Officer
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Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet Member decision	X
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

1.0 Background

1.1 On the 23rd February 2018 Cabinet Member for Finance took the following decision:

Decision:

That the Chief Property Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to negotiate final sale terms and enter into all necessary legal documentation to facilitate the disposal of Mount Pleasant and Hub buildings on Sharrow Lane to Hermes Care.

1.2 The Call-In notice is attached to this report as Appendix 1. Additional documents for this item include the Individual Cabinet Member Decision Record and the original report of Executive Director Place to Cabinet Member for Finance, note there is a restricted enclosure appendix A to that report and not for publication.

1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by this Scrutiny Committee.

1.4 The Call-In notice states that the reason for the Call-in is "*That the decision has been based on accurate costings and the appropriate process adhered to.*"

2.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

2.1 As per the Scrutiny Procedure rules, scrutinise the decision and take one of the following courses of action:

- (a) refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
- (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
- (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be fed back to the decision maker or added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

(If a Scrutiny Committee decides on (a), (b) or (d) as its course of action, there is a continuing bar on implementing the decision).

2.2 The Scrutiny Procedure rules state that if a decision is referred back, it is referred back to the individual or body that made the decision. In this case the decision maker is the Leader of the Council.

Background Papers

- Appendix 1 - Call in notice dated 27.02.2018
- Individual Cabinet Member Decision Record dated 23.02.2018
- Report of Executive Director, Place to Cabinet Member for Finance dated 22.02.2018

Category of Report: OPEN

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

CALL-IN PROCESS FOR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

I SIM STEINKE (Name of Member in Block Capitals)

under the provision of Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16, wish to call-in Item No.

relating to DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT MOUNT PLEASANT SHARROW LANE

of the ^{DECISION} meeting of ICM - OLIVIA BLAKE (meeting title)

on 22/2/18 (date) for consideration by the

ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL WELLBEING Scrutiny Committee.

The relevant Scrutiny Committee will be indicated on the Checklist within the report relating to this matter.

Reason for Call-In

THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN BASED
ON ACCURATE COSTINGS AND THE
APPROPRIATE PROCESS ADHERED TO.

Signed Sim Steinke Date 27/2/18

I have obtained the following signatures of the other Members who wish to call-in this item:-

Name (in Block Capitals)	Signature
1. <u>ALISON TAYLOR</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
2. <u>Michael Chaplin</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
3. <u>MOHAMMAD MAROOF</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
4. <u>MARK JONES</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

(NOTE: Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16 requires five Members, including two from the appropriate Scrutiny Committee to 'call-in' an Executive decision for scrutiny. This can be done **up to 4 working days after the decision publication.**

The five signatures required for the call-in process must be submitted by the deadline date, but need not all be on one form.

Completed forms to be returned to the
Head of Democratic Services (Room G13/14, Town Hall),
by the deadline referred to above.

The request will be logged and forwarded to Policy and Improvement Team for action.

Amended 8 July 2013

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Author/Lead Officer of Report:
Tammy Whitaker, Head of Property Services

Tel: 2053230

Report of: Laraine Manley Executive Director Place
Report To Olivia Blake Cabinet Member for Finance
Date of Decision: 22nd February 2018
Subject: Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant Sharrow Lane Sheffield

Is this a Key Decision? If Yes, reason Key Decision:-	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
- Expenditure and/or savings over £500,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
- Affects 2 or more Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to?	Finance	
Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to?	Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	
Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given?	EIA 179	
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-		
"The report is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."		

Purpose of Report:

The report seeks authority to dispose of Mount Pleasant and Hub Buildings on Sharrow Lane to Hermes Care for the development of Elderly care facilities. This sale will achieve the preservation and enhancement of the buildings, enabling the Council to achieve a capital receipt, bringing forward the development of the buildings to secure the long term future of these nationally important grade II * Listed Buildings.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Chief Property Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to negotiate final sale terms and enter into all necessary legal documentation to facilitate the disposal of the land identified edged red on the attached plan to Hermes Care.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: Paul Schofield
	Legal: David Sellars
	Equalities: Anne Marie Johnstone
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	EMT member who approved submission: Lorraine Manley
3	Cabinet Member consulted: Olivia Blake Cabinet Member for Finance, Ben Curran, Cabinet Member for Planning and Development
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Decision Maker by the EMT member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.
	Lead Officer Name: Tammy Whitaker
	Job Title: Head of Property Services
Date: 6 th February 2018	

1.1 BACKGROUND

- 1.2 Mount Pleasant is an 18th-century mansion situated on Sharrow Lane. The house is a grade II* listed building, and has been described as “one of the best 18th century houses in Sheffield”. The House, stables and Hub Buildings have been largely vacant since 2009 when their use as a community centre ceased and the building was declared surplus. The building is in a poor state of repair and requires substantial investment to bring it back into use.
- 1.3 During the recession of 2009-2012 the buildings were “soft marketed” and expressions of interest were sought. Only one expression of interest was received. SCC agreed to enter into an exclusivity agreement with a developer to enable them to work up a scheme. A formal offer and terms for disposal were finally agreed in December 2014.
- 1.4 In November 2015 the developer went into receivership. Given an uplift in the property market and interest from other parties, SCC decided to market the property.
- 1.5 Deliverability, funding and finance are key to finding a solution for the building. In the past the Council has disposed of listed buildings which have remained undeveloped with the Council having little power to enforce the refurbishment obligations without incurring substantial cost. Key to the delivery of the refurbishment of Mount Pleasant is therefore the ability of any purchaser to cash flow the project without having recourse to finance which requires an interest being secured in the building. It is envisaged that once any project has reached a point where refurbishment is substantially complete then the purchaser will be granted a lease against which finance can then be obtained.
- 1.6 **Marketing and Assessment of Tender**
Mount Pleasant and associated buildings were marketed from May to July 2017. Bidders were asked to submit a range of information including a draft scheme, financial offer and proof of funds together with an indication of any discussions held with the local planning authority. Given the buildings listed status, the sales particulars made specific reference to the statutory requirement for proposals to conserve and enhance the special character of the buildings and provide evidence that the scheme would secure the long term future maintenance of the building.
- 1.7 The Council has to secure best consideration in disposing of land and buildings and a clear, open and transparent process was undertaken in assessing bids from interested parties.
- 1.8 Given the complexities of the building, its history, and previous challenges from two parties to the remarketing of the building, a range of information was requested as part of the bidding process in order to undertake a thorough assessment of the benefits of the bids.

- 1.9 The assessment considered:-
- 1) the impact of the scheme on the listed building and planning considerations
 - 2) the viability of the scheme
 - 3) how the project is financed and funded
 - 4) deliverability of the scheme proposed and track record
 - 5) benefits to the Council of the proposed scheme
 - 6) Income and cash benefits
- 1.10 Five informal tenders were received on 14th July 2017 plus one emailed offer. Due diligence was undertaken on all companies and following assessment of the proposals three bids were taken forward to interview. One party failed to submit the requested information and was therefore discarded and not taken forward to interview. A summary of the shortlisted proposals is attached at Annex A.

2.0 **PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 The proposal is for disposal of the building to Hermes Care to undertake the complete refurbishment of the house and associated buildings. The buildings will be used as a 30 bed care home with the stable block being used for day care and/or specialist nursing care.
- 2.2 The only internal alterations to Mount Pleasant would relate to the subdivision of rooms (mainly to the upper floors) to provide bedroom spaces, the insertion of a lift and reuse of the basement to provide laundry facilities. Detailed designs are yet to be determined but the principles have been discussed with SCC Planning and Conservation team and are felt to be consistent with the buildings listed status.
- 2.3 The rear stable block building will be refurbished to provide TOCS specialist nursing care and day care facilities. The proposal also plans to restore and open up the gardens of Mount Pleasant with a resident only secure sensory area to the west of the main house.
- 2.4 The current hub building (former school) will be converted as Phase 2 of the project to form a 10 x 1 and 2 bedroom properties for affordable rent aimed at older people and key workers. A further optional phase includes a sensitive new build of additional flats for key worker, older persons housing.
- 2.5 Hermes Care Homes operate three care homes within a 1.5 Mile radius of Mount Pleasant providing 53 beds in total at Cherry Tree Road and Collegiate Crescent. Hermes operates six other care homes in Sheffield and Rotherham with a total of 233 beds.
- 2.6 **Other Considerations**
A local community group Shipshape is currently occupying the stable block on a temporary basis. They have no formal agreement to occupy the premises and pay no rent. The group has expressed concern about what will happen once SCC sells the property and have requested that the Council

helps them find another property. They state they cannot afford to pay any rent. SCC is looking at whether Ship Shape can be accommodated in nearby SCC premises such as Sharrow Community Centre.

- 2.7 CYPF have submitted a bid to DFE for a new free school within the Hub building on the site. Following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Development alternative options were identified for the school as the site was on the market at the time the bid was submitted and had previously been declared surplus by CYPF.

3.0 HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE

- 3.1 The main Mount Pleasant and Stable block buildings are Grade II* Listed and there is a statutory requirement that any alterations internally and externally to the buildings must either preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the buildings and their setting.
- 3.2 The care home proposals have been appraised from a planning perspective and because there are minimal internal alterations and no external additions or new buildings the scheme is considered to be capable of meeting these statutory planning requirements and the Planning service is supportive of the proposals.
- 3.3 The proposals have been discussed with Adult Social Care and address current needs in the area. The Affordable rental units also deliver much needed low cost housing.

4.0 HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 4.1 The Planning Service and the Councils Adult Commissioning/Elderly Care Service have been consulted as part of the assessment process.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

5.1 Equality of Opportunity Implication

There are no significant, positive or negative, equality impacts from this proposal. The proposal should be positive for the local community by securing the long term future of the building and site that has not had active use for several years. It will provide the community access to a restored historic garden in a locality that currently has limited access to public green space. The proposal will also enable the development of care home facilities that will benefit people with dementia and those needing day care and/or specialist nursing care. The development should also be positive for financial inclusion by providing 10 affordable housing units. The potential negative impact on the community service, ShipShape, should be mitigated by being accommodated in nearby SCC premises such as Sharrow Community Centre.

5.2 Financial and Commercial Implications - see Appendix A

5.3 Legal Implications

The proposal is for the Council to convey a long leasehold interest in the property with such sale being conditional on Hermes Care first securing Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent for their proposed scheme. Hermes will be obliged to carry out their scheme of substantial refurbishment to a point of practical completion at Hermes` expense before a property interest is conveyed. Hermes Care will enter into contracts with SCC to affect this.

The affect of this is to ensure that the proprietary interest and control over the building remains with the Council throughout the development process. Should Hermes fail to deliver the scheme and if another developer does not step in to complete the scheme to the Council`s satisfaction then the premises will return to the Council.

The property has been exposed to the open market and Hermes Care has lodged the highest offer. The Council is able to dispose of the property for this best price in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Shipshape occupy the property without any proprietary interest and therefore do not have any security of tenure.

6.0 **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6.1 **Reject all offers and engage architects to work up a scheme for residential conversion and remarket.**

There was a lack of interest from residential developers in the property during the marketing period. This may be due to local market conditions or due to the risks and uncertainties of developing a highly graded listed building. SCC could engage a professional team to secure planning consent for residential conversion and remarket which may attract further interest. However this would require capital funding and SCC would need to cover holding costs for a further 12 months, in which time the building will further deteriorate.

6.2 **Retain Guardians on site to manage the Property**

The site has not had an active use for several years and is currently occupied under a Guardianship scheme. The Guardians scheme is in place purely to maintain a presence on site and avoid extensive vandalism and risk, however the fabric of the building continues to deteriorate and the continued occupation of the building by the Guardians is not considered to be a long term viable option given the costs involved. Two of the Guardians have taken a keen interest in the building and formed "Avenues to Zero" who made an offer for the property (see above).

7.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The shortlisted applicants have been interviewed and given the opportunity to present their proposals in detail. A thorough assessment process has been undertaken and Hermes Care offers the best consideration for the Council under Section 123 of the Local Government Act and offer wider benefits to the local community. The proposals are acceptable from a planning perspective and financially viable.
- 7.2 The proposal from Hermes Care offers wider community benefits beyond the provision of a care home including restoration of the historic garden with public access in a locality with limited access to public green space. A further phase of the scheme will provide housing for key workers or the elderly and Hermes want to work with SCC to find the best solutions which deliver the greatest benefit for SCC.
- 7.3 The bid is financially viable, deliverable and achievable with Hermes anticipating planning being submitted quickly once a decision has been reached.
- 7.4 The company have a track record and are not relying on bank or development finance for the refurbishment work. The proposal also offers wider benefits in terms of green space for the local community, key worker and elderly housing provision. Adult commissioning have confirmed that there would be no revenue implications for their service as they will only pay the agreed rate for placements. This rate is built into the business model promoted by Hermes.

Mount Pleasant and The Hub



By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 23 February 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Finance.

Date notified to all members: Friday 23 February 2018

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 1 March 2018

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Friday 2 February 2018

1. **TITLE**

Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant Sharrow Lane Sheffield

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Chief Property Officer and the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to negotiate final sale terms and enter into all necessary legal documentation to facilitate the disposal of Mount Pleasant and Hub Buildings on Sharrow Lane to Hermes Care.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The bid will sustain the long term future of the listed building, delivers wider community benefits, is financially viable and achievable with Hermes. It is anticipated that planning will be submitted quickly.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

- 1) Reject all offers and engage architects to work up an alternative viable scheme and remarket - This would require capital funding and SCC would need to cover holding costs for a further 12 months.
- 2) Retain Guardians on site to manage the Property - Continued occupation of the building by the Guardians is not financially viable.

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

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

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

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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**Report to Economic and Environmental
Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development
Committee
Wednesday 14th March 2018**

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18 draft content and Work Programme 2018/19

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Summary:

This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on this document (Appendix A).

The report also includes topics which it is recommended to carry forward for consideration as part of the 2018/19 Work Programme for this committee.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18 - Consider and comment on the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee draft content - Appendix A
- Forward look on Work Programme 2018/19 - Agree topics in section 2.0 to be carried forward for consideration as part of the 2018/19 Work Programme for this committee; and provide any further comment

Background Papers: None
Category of Report: OPEN

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – work programme review 2017/18, scrutiny annual report 2017/18

1.0 Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18

- Each Scrutiny Committee will produce a summary of their activity over the past municipal year, for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18. A draft of Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee activity for inclusion is attached - please see Appendix A.
- The Annual Report will also include an overview of the role of scrutiny within the authority and a summary of some of the activities and outcomes across the five Scrutiny Committees.
- The full list of topics considered by this Committee during 2017-18 is outlined below:

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - List of topics 2017/18	
Western Road First World War Memorial Scrutiny Task and Finish Working Group draft report and recommendations (Special meeting - 27th July)	July 2017
Western Road First World War Memorial - verbal Cabinet response to committee recommendations	September 2017
Response to public questions on Western Road War Memorial committee report and recommendations	September 2017
Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services (Call-In) (2nd November)	November 2017
Sheffield Retail Quarter – Heart of the City Phase 2 - update	November 2017
Protecting Sheffield from flooding - Programme Update	November 2017
Retaining World Snooker Championships in Sheffield	November 2017
China Economic and Civic Programme Update	December 2017
Small Businesses in Sheffield	December 2017
Green City Strategy, including Transport Vision and Clean Air Strategy	January 2018
For Information - Western Road First World War Memorial Committee Recommendations - formal response	January 2018
Follow up to implications for Sheffield of vote to leave the European Union (Brexit)	March 2018
Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant Sharrow Lane Sheffield (Call-In of ICM)	March 2018
Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18 Draft Content & Work Programme 2018-19	March 2018

2.0 Forward look on work programme 2018/19

- Below outlines topics which it is recommended to carry forward for consideration as part of the Work Programme for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Possible Topic		Reasons for selecting topic
12 month implementation review of Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services	The Committee requested this on 2nd November 2017 following Call-In of Leader's decision of 10th October 2017	Follow up to Call-In
Heart of the City Phase 2	Update on key decisions and announcements - timeline for 2018/19	Follow up to item November 2017
Bus Services Bill – part 2; and Sheffield Bus Partnership	How Combined Authority can make best use of the powers and an update on Sheffield Bus Partnership	In depth follow up
Green City Strategy, Clean Air Strategy, Sheffield Transport Vision, Parking Strategy	To receive updates on implementation and consider these strategies as they develop in the coming year	Follow up to consideration of these in the round in January 2017

3.0 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18** - Consider and comment on the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee draft content - **Appendix A**
- Forward Look on Work Programme 2018/19** - Agree topics in **section 2.0** be carried forward for consideration as part of the 2018/19 Work Programme for this committee; and provide any further comment

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 2017/18

Chair: Cllr Denise Fox

Deputy Chair: Cllr Ian Auckland

Remit of the Committee: Economic and Business Sector Development, Regeneration and Physical Development, Enterprise and Skills, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Culture, Leisure and Tourism, Transport

Highlights from the work of the Committee in 2017/18 include:

City Centre Developments – fulfilling their Economic, Regeneration, Culture, Leisure and Tourism remit the Committee considered progress updates on key city centre developments, including Heart of the City Phase 2, retaining World Snooker Championship, China Economic and Civic Programme.

Small Business Support – the committee were pleased to hear all that is provided to support small business in the city, and encourage a conversation on a policy direction that includes changing how business view the Council and the practical measures that can be put in place for example, in regard business rate relief assistance.

Green City Strategy, Transport Vision, Clean Air Strategy- the committee work programme included a look at the programme and action plan for Sheffield sustainability strategy, the response to Sheffield Green Commission. The Committee heard that this will be fulfilled by a Green City Strategy, a Clean Air Strategy and the developing Sheffield Transport Vision, the Committee had the opportunity to undertake policy development and provide comment on the proposed Green City Strategy, along with comment on the consultation version of Sheffield Transport Vision, the agreed Clean Air strategy and Parking Strategy. The Committee agreed to consider these further as they develop and are implemented in the coming year.

Call In of Cabinet Decisions - there were two call-ins of Cabinet Decisions in 2017/18 municipal year by Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, providing a check and balance to executive decisions by finding out for **Changes to Environmental Maintenance Services** that the environmental and financial impacts had been

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appropriately considered; and for **Disposal of Property at Mount Pleasant Sharrow Lane Sheffield** a check that the decision had been based on appropriate process.

Western Road First World War Memorial – over the year Cabinet provided verbal and formal written response to the Committee’s recommendations in relation to the Western Road First World War Memorial, the Committee’s recommendations led to the commission of further investigations, and the outcome of these was reported back to the Committee.

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