

Cabinet Meeting	Agenda Item:6
Meeting Date	5 October 2016
Report Title	Cabinet response to Recommendations of Scrutiny Review of Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration
Cabinet Member	Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader of the Council/ Cllr Mike Cosgrove, Cabinet Member for Regeneration
SMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Interim Director of Regeneration
Head of Service	Charlotte Hudson, Acting Head of Economy and Communities
Lead Officer	Peter Binnie, Regen Project Support Officer
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Forward Plan	N/A
Recommendations	To agree the responses to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations, as set out in Appendix I.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report comprises the Cabinet's formal response to the recommendations brought forward by the Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of progress with the Regeneration of Sittingbourne Town Centre, held on Wednesday 31 August 2016.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Council's Scrutiny Committee met on Wednesday 31 August 2016 to consider, inter alia, progress with the Regeneration of Sittingbourne Town Centre.
- 2.2 Following detailed discussions, the Committee made three formal recommendations, and as per the Council's Constitution, Cabinet shall consider the report of the Scrutiny Committee within two months of the Scrutiny Committee completing its recommendations. The Cabinet must respond within two months of receipt of the recommendations.
- 2.3 Accordingly, Appendix I to this report sets out the Cabinet's response to those three recommendations.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 To agree the responses to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations, as set out in Appendix I.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are numerous possible responses to the recommendations made by Scrutiny.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Cabinet members and relevant senior officers have been consulted in preparing this report.

6 Implications

Corporate Plan Implications	This report addresses the priority of a Borough to be Proud of.
Financial, Resource and Property Implications	Resource will be required to develop the updates and communications with regard to STC regeneration. This is covered through the work programme of the Regeneration Project Support Officer. In additions the Communications Team will assist.
Legal and Statutory Implications	None relevant to this report
Crime and Disorder Implications	None relevant to this report.
Sustainability Implications	None relevant to this report.
Health and Wellbeing Implications	None relevant to this report.
Risk Management and Health and Safety Implications	None relevant to this report.
Equality and Diversity Implications	None relevant to this report.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:
- Appendix I: Cabinet response to Recommendations of Scrutiny Review of Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration
 - Appendix II: STC regeneration meeting group structure

8 Background Papers

- Scrutiny Committee agenda of their meeting of 31 August

<http://services.swale.gov.uk/meetings/documents/g1726/Agenda%20frontsheet%2031st-Aug-2016%2019.00%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=0>

- Scrutiny Committee minutes of their meeting of 31 August

<http://services.swale.gov.uk/meetings/documents/g1726/Printed%20minutes%2031st-Aug-2016%2019.00%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

Cabinet response to Recommendations of Scrutiny Review of Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration

Portfolio Holder(s):	Cllr Andrew Bowles, Leader of the Council, and Cllr Mike Cosgrove, Cabinet Member for Regeneration	Lead Officer:	Emma Wiggins
Scrutiny Committee Recommendations	Cabinet Response		
R1: That Cabinet considers appointing a Scrutiny Committee representative to sit on the Strategic Board to feed into the meeting and ensure that the Scrutiny Committee discipline is recognised.	<p>The report to Scrutiny is clear that the governance of the development comprises a Strategic Board and an Operational Board. The strategic board is called the “STC Project Board” that meets on a bi-monthly basis, and the operational board is called the “Key Officer Group” that meets on a monthly basis. As requested during the Scrutiny meeting, this structure and the relevant named attendees is shown in Appendix II</p> <p>It is also unclear what ‘Scrutiny discipline’ means, and what it is that is lacking at present.</p> <p>Regardless, Cabinet can see no argument for Scrutiny representation on either of these Boards.</p>		
R2: That for the next twelve months, there be an update directly from a representative of the Strategic Board at each Scrutiny Committee.	<p>Scrutiny already has the right to request attendance by Cabinet members and relevant officers at its meetings to present or update on matters that are on the agenda, subject to their reasonable availability.</p> <p>It is therefore for Scrutiny to set its agendas and for Cabinet and relevant officers to attend as they are able to.</p>		
R3: That a monthly update to questions, in a format to be agreed in conjunction with the Scrutiny Committee Chairman and Policy and Performance Officer, be provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to all Members in the form of a bulletin	<p>Cabinet agree on the principle of regular updating to members, in a standard ‘bulletin’ format to be agreed.</p> <p>However, monthly updating is not considered reasonable, and instead reporting every two months, shortly after the STC Project Board meeting, is considered to be more practicable.</p> <p>These can also be timed to coincide with the regular face-to-face updates for Group Leaders that the Cabinet Member has agreed to continue.</p>		

STC Regeneration Meeting Group Structures

STC Project Board – Bi monthly meeting (Strategic)

- Cllr Andrew Bowles (Swale BC)
- Cllr Mike Cosgrove (Swale BC)
- Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley (Swale BC)
- Abdool Kara (Swale BC)
- Emma Wiggins, (Acting) Director of Regeneration
- Richard Upton (U&I)
- Simon Hesketh (U+I)
- Mark Quinn, (Quinn Estates)
- Martin Bellinger (Essential Land)
- Barbara Cooper (KCC)
- Mike Smith (Network Rail)

In attendance/reporting (as required):

- Peter Binnie, Nick Vickers, John Scarborough, Jill Read, (Swale)
- Rob Sloper, Penny Humphrey (U&I)
- Huw Evans, Alastair Cracknell (Quinn Estates)

Key Officer Group – Monthly meeting (Operational)

- Emma Wiggins (Swale)
- Nick Vickers (Swale)
- Kate Thurnam (Swale)
- Peter Binnie (Swale)
- Simon Hesketh (U+I)
- Rob Sloper (U+I)
- Huw Evans (Quinn Estates)
- Nigel Smith (KCC)

In attendance/reporting (as required):

- Kieren Mansfield, Jill Read (Swale),
- Chris Hall (Quinn Estates), Fergus Pryor (U+I)

Ad hoc attendance:

- Cllrs Bowles, Cosgrove, Dewar-Whalley, Abdool Kara (Swale BC)