

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Report of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommended:

That Cabinet considers the comments and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained within the report.

SUMMARY:

This report informs cabinet of recommendations referred by the overview and scrutiny committee relating to the outcomes of the Regeneration Panel. It also refers the views and recommendations of the committee in regard to the updating of the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At their meeting on [9 October 2024](#) the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered two reports, Regeneration Panel final report and the Updated Climate Emergency Action Plan report.
- 1.2 The Committee resolved to refer recommendations on both subjects to Cabinet for consideration.

2 Background

2.1 Regeneration Panel final report

- 2.1.1 This year Overview and Scrutiny Committee formed a panel to review the council's approach and progress on regeneration of our town centres following the preparation of community-led masterplans for both Andover and Romsey. The panel was chaired by Councillor Gwynne (previously a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee).
- 2.1.2 The Panel reported its conclusions to Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in October 2024. A copy of that report can be found in Annex 1.
- 2.1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee accepted the proposals of the panel and recommends that Cabinet considers the proposals of the Regeneration Panel:
 - a. That all councillor briefings be arranged to update on progress with both masterplans at least annually, and at all key milestones.
 - b. That a review of progress and next steps for the Andover masterplan to be undertaken in 2026; and

- c. That all member briefings be held on the future business plan for the new theatre and the current management arrangements for the Chantry Centre.

2.2 Updated Climate Emergency Action Plan

- 2.2.1 At its meeting in October, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the proposed update to the Climate Emergency Action Plan which has been developed through the cross-party Climate Emergency Working Group. The report can be found in Annex 2.
- 2.2.2 As part of its pre-scrutiny function, the Committee considered the key updates of the action plan which focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving resilience to the effects of climate change. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were supportive of the proposals and resolved that the that the refreshed draft Climate Emergency Action Plan, annexed to the Overview and Scrutiny report, be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

3 **Conclusion**

- 3.1 The Cabinet is requested to note the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to the Climate Emergency Action Plan and consider the proposals relating to the regeneration panel review as recommended by the committee.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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