

**Recommendations from Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Derelict Properties Taskforce**

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Councillor Andrew – Associate Leader of the Council and Regeneration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Forward plan:</b>	No

**1. Aim**

To receive a recommendation from the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee made on 11 April 2024.

**2. Recommendations**

That Cabinet considers the recommendation of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**3. Report detail – know**

At its meeting on 11 April 2024, the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report regarding the Derelict Sites Taskforce.

Following a previous update presented at the Committee on 12 September 2023, the Derelict Sites Taskforce had worked to collaboratively to encourage redevelopment of sites in the Borough and take enforcement action if necessary. Members were reminded that the taskforce comprised of representatives from Planning Services, Enforcement, and Building Control and championed by the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration.

The taskforce used a range of measures, such as advice, incentives, and enforcement, to facilitate the regeneration of these sites and improve the local environment and the economy. Some of the sites that the taskforce dealt with included the Sneyd, Vernon Way, and the Saddlers Quay.

The Committee reviewed and discussed various abandoned sites throughout the Borough. Following, a lengthy debate, it was resolved that the Cabinet seek to secure a new staff appointment to specifically monitor and progress derelict properties in the Borough.

**Resolved:**

**That, the Cabinet seek to secure a new staff appointment to specifically monitor and progress derelict properties in the Borough.**

**4. Decide**

The recommendations of the Committee are set out and the Cabinet could choose to:

1. Accept the recommendations as set out;
2. Reject the recommendations; and/or
3. Choose to receive a report in more depth at a future Cabinet meeting.

**5. Respond**

Following the decision of Cabinet, the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be advised of the outcome of their recommendation.

**6. Review**

Subject to the decision of Cabinet, further reports at Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings or Cabinet meetings may be required.

**Background papers**

None

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