

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Cabinet – 20 June 2022

**Report Title**

Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report sets out the proposed Cabinet response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding to fund regeneration and transformation projects.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding be approved.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding

Appendix 2 Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Town Deal & Levelling Up Fund: Update & Implementation](#)  
[Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**  
Improving Places Select Commission – 14 December 2021  
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 19 January 2022

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – External Funding**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 At Cabinet 28 March 2022 a recommendation was approved that Cabinet formally consider its response to the IPSC recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- 1.2 At this meeting a report was presented summarising the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review held on 12 November 2021. The review examined external funding sources to fund regeneration and transformation projects around the Borough. Several bids have been successful, whilst others had been unsuccessful. The Improving Places Select Commission received a presentation illustrating the status of the bids and funding packages and outlining the projects that would be delivered.
- 1.3 These recommendations were agreed by the Improving Places Select Commission on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, and were endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 19 January 2022. The spotlight was undertaken by Councillors Wyatt, Burnett, Havard, Miro, and Tinsley.

The recommendations are detailed in Appendix 1 and as follows:

That the following recommendations from the review be received:

- a) That the ambition of the service in submitting bids be commended.
- b) That the feedback from the government regarding the Dinnington and Wath bids for Levelling Up Funds be circulated when available.
- c) That the Governance Advisor liaise with the Regeneration Strategy team to coordinate upcoming scrutiny work on markets with a view to feeding into future bids involving markets.
- d) That efforts to ensure Rotherham receives its fair portion of gainshare or “single pot” funds from the Mayoral Combined Authority be noted.

That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

### **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 The discussion included some possible ways to strengthen bids in the next round including sharing with the service the outcome of the upcoming spotlight review on markets.
- 2.2 Recommendations were developed by Members and derived from discussion during the question and answer session with service leads.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 The recommendations and comments of the commission are considered to be constructive and positive and therefore rejection of the recommendations is not considered to be an option.

3.2 The recommendations are relevant and timely and therefore deferring them is not considered to be an option.

3.3 In recognition of their constructive and timely nature the recommendations are accepted.

#### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 There has not been consultation on the proposed responses to the recommendations.

#### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 The Scrutiny Review Recommendations – External Funding Cabinet report 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 recommended Cabinet formally consider its response to its recommendations by June 2022, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

5.2 The timetable for implementing the recommendations is set out in Appendix 1

#### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

6.2 This report covers the procedural matter of Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Places Select Commission spotlight review on the use of external funding, there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

#### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults

#### **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults

**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 There are no direct implications in relation to this response to the IPSC recommendations.

**11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 There are no direct implications in relation to this response to the IPSC recommendations, however Appendix 3 provides a Carbon Impact Assessment for the associated regeneration programme relating to external funds from the Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund.

**12. Implications for Partners**

12.1. There are not considered to be any direct implications for partners

**13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 In reviewing the responses to the recommendations risks have been considered.

13.2 Funding and project risks are addressed on an individual basis in the collation of bidding documents and project Business Cases.

**14. Accountable Officers**

Lorna Vertigan, Strategic Regeneration Manager

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

|   | <b>Named Officer</b> | <b>Date</b> |
|---|----------------------|-------------|
| Chief Executive   | Sharon Kemp          | 06/06/22    |
| Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer) | Judith Badger        | 31/05/22    |
| Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)           | Philip Horsfield     | 01/06/22    |

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