



ECONOMY REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday 26 October 2021

REPORT TITLE:	REGENERATION STOCKTAKE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

REPORT SUMMARY

The Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee are requested to note and comment on the report.

This matter affects all Wards

This matter is not a Key Decision.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economy Regeneration and Development Committee is recommended to note the transformation and progress made in Wirral's regeneration to date and the next steps.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 There has been significant progress in developing Wirral's regeneration programme, aligned to development of its Local Plan, over the last two years. This has led to Wirral delivering one of the largest and most ambitious regeneration programmes in the Country.
- 1.2 Committee regularly receives reports on individual projects and programmes but the presentation provides an opportunity to take stock of the progress made in the last two years, to be clear on next steps and the challenges we face. Taking time for a high-level, strategic review is an important part of good governance, particularly in light of the scale of the regeneration.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The purpose of the presentation is to provide an overview of the regeneration transformation to date but no decision is required at this point on options for future direction or delivery.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The presentation sets out the key milestones in Wirral's regeneration transformation journey, the regeneration framework, the major funding either secured or in place, and the challenges and next steps.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The regeneration programme represents a major financial undertaking for the Council, both directly and through its role as accountable body for funding. The presentation will identify the major funding secured and those applied for.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The regeneration programme contains many legal implications for the Council through its various projects and programmes, each of which are covered through the individual reports brought to Committee.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 The regeneration programme has significant resource implications for the Council in order to assure setting the right strategy and being able to deliver at the pace and quality required. Resource planning and management is an integral part of delivery. This includes the high-quality skills and experience in regeneration delivery, as well as crucial enabling capacity in legal, finance, procurement, HR, communication and engagement. The next phase of delivery will require a step change in resourcing across all disciplines, and will continue to include a combination of internal permanent and temporary resource, and external specialists. Regeneration is a

competitive market and the Council will need to continue to present itself as an attractive organisation to work for in order to secure the best resource.

- 6.2 The option appraisal to be undertaken through the Government's regeneration delivery vehicle competition will identify the resourcing required for delivery over the next 10-15 years.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 Risk management is a major element in planning and delivering a regeneration programme of the scale of Wirral's. The regeneration team's programme management office is working alongside the corporate programme management team to ensure that risks are well managed across the programme.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Engagement and consultation have been integral to the regeneration programme to date, integrated with the Local Plan programme, and will continue to be so. The Council has established an engagement portal called Have Your Say and this has been a good resource for various major consultation exercises including Birkenhead 2040 Framework, Liscard Masterplan, Town Deal and the Culture and Heritage Strategy.
- 8.2 Good links have been made with a number of community groups including in Birkenhead who are now involved in the design of individual projects.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are equality implications and opportunities across the regeneration programme and these are addressed in individual projects and also through consultation on frameworks.
- 9.2 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity. Each individual action or project may require a specific EIA and this will be done at the earliest possible stage.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The Birkenhead 2040 Framework sets out the ambition to create a sustainable waterfront community, aligned to the Council's Climate Change ambitions. There are genuine opportunities to make Birkenhead's regeneration an exemplar in addressing climate change and low carbon construction and living.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The regeneration team includes leads for parts of the Council's community wealth building strategy. The programme will continue to identify opportunities to grow local skills and employment throughout delivery.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1- Presentation

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Birkenhead Draft 2040 Framework for consultation

Liscard Masterplan

Wirral Local Plan Issues and Options Paper

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date