

Meeting:	Constitutional & Electoral Working Group	Date:	12th March 2013
	Council		21st March 2013
Subject:	Regeneration Advisory Board		
Report Of:	Chief Executive		
Wards Affected:	All		
Key Decision:	No	Budget/Policy Framework:	No
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Appendices:	1. Appendix A		

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To agree the remit and membership of the Regeneration Advisory Board which will advise the Council on regeneration matters following the closure of GHURC.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Constitutional and Electoral Working Group is asked to recommend and subject to the determination of that group, Council is asked to resolve that the draft terms of reference and method of operation of the Regeneration Advisory Board be approved as outlined at Appendix A.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Council of the 24th January, when considering the future Regeneration Strategy for Gloucester resolved that consideration be given to:
- i) the establishment of an advisory board structure to oversee the new regeneration programme
 - ii) how that board should be recruited to reflect the new challenges ahead.

Since that time a great deal of discussion has taken place particularly with private sector partners, the existing GHURC board and between Group Leaders.

- 3.2 The proposed outcome is outlined at Appendix A and includes the draft terms of reference, method of operation, and importantly a proposed membership of the board.
- 3.3 The aim is to provide both fresh insights and advice on regeneration of the City, as well as maintaining some continuity with the existing GHURC board structure.

3.4 The Council's private sector partners are keen to provide input into the development of the City's regeneration strategy and to work together to ensure, as far as possible, that different regeneration schemes in the city are complementary. The proposal suggests a separate forum for major developers with interests in the city to meet and address relevant issues.

3.5 It has been suggested and widely supported that the Dean of Gloucester would be an excellent Chair, providing independent insight and acting as a unifying figure. In addition it will assist in linking the Cathedral's own regeneration into the City's proposals as well as reflecting the Cathedral's desire to play a bigger role in the City.

4.0 Alternative Options Considered

4.1 There are many permutations of membership available, but the attached proposal appears to provide a widely supported group of members. It is possible to have no such advisory board, but following the report in September and the views of members at the end of GHURC it would not seem sensible to take this option. No doubt many variations of structures are possible, but again this version appears to carry the widest support.

5.0 Reasons for Recommendations

5.1 The attached proposal appears to have support and provide the necessary structure for advising the City Council on an effective basis.

6.0 Future Work and Conclusions

6.1 Should Council be minded to approve the proposed terms of reference and membership then initial meetings will be set up and the appointment of the Advisory Board published.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None directly, though there will be a need to devote in house resource to servicing the board.

8.0 Legal Implications

8.1 There are no specific legal implications. Council has the power to receive advice and consult with outside bodies. The board is a voluntary structure which while it will be incorporated in the Council's constitution has no legal status.

9.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

9.1 None.

10.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

10.1 There are no impacts identified at this stage and no further assessment is required. However, when the proposed advisory board is in place, diversity of those involved will be taken in to account to ensure that views of people from 'protected characteristic' groups are taken in to consideration.

11.0 Other Corporate Implications

Community Safety

11.1 None

Sustainability

11.2 None

Staffing & Trade Union

11.3 None

Background Documents:

Appendix A