Briefing Note



Title: Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee: Progress on Action Plan

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Intended
Audience:

Partner organisation □ Public ☒ Confidential □

Purpose

For Scrutiny Board to consider, at Appendix 1, the progress made on the Action Plan which was developed by the Select Committee on the Wolverhampton Pound.

Background

The Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee Action Plan was endorsed by Cabinet on 6 July 2022 and Council on 20 July 2022. The Select Committee was a cross party group of non-executive Councillors who produced a report and recommendations contained within an Action Plan. They considered the following lines of inquiry:

'How do we engage with local businesses and the Voluntary and Community sector in relation to procurement, contract management and commissioning and how do we ensure inclusivity, equality and value for money in these approaches?'

How do we engage with partners, local businesses and the Voluntary and Community sector to make the City a catalyst for change by ensuring that all contracts reflect our values in areas such as climate change, equality, diversity and inclusion, retaining and growing local wealth and having a real presence in the City?'

The Select Committee was Chaired by Cllr Susan Roberts MBE and the Vice-Chair was Cllr Paul Appleby. The following Members were also part of the Select Committee: -

Cllr Jonathan Crofts
Cllr Valerie Evans
Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN
Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Jaqueline Sweetman
Cllr Ellis Turrell

Proposal/Options

Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and comment on the progress made in completing each of the twenty actions contained in the Action Plan.