

**Notice of 'Call-In'**

<b>Committee:</b> Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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**1. Decision Subject To Call-In:**

<b>Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration: Appropriation of Land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay</b>
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**2. Member(s) of the Committee Wishing to Call the Decision In**

<b>Name</b>
Chair, Cllr. Alex Williams
Councillor. Freya Bletsoe
Councillor. Amanda Williams
Councillor. Martin Williams
Councillor. Norah Clarke
Councillor. Della Hughes
Councillor. Philip Jenkins

**3. Reasons for the Call-In**

Members have expressed the wish to call-in for further scrutiny the Cabinet decision on the the appropriation of land at Griffin Park and Sandy Bay in more detail following representations from members of the public.

Members note that responses to the public consultation were overwhelmingly against the appropriation of land for the purposes outlined with reasons including loss of open space, changes to Griffin Park, concerns about proposed housing at Sandy Bay, lack of investment in tourism facilities, as well as the impact on wildlife and ecology.

To provide public assurance, Members would like further clarification as to why the appropriation of ALL of this land is necessary to enable Porthcawl Waterfront Regeneration.

Members would like to question the Cabinet Member on whether there was sufficient consideration of the representations to the consultation and why Cabinet did not discuss the option of a reduction in the area of the land proposed for appropriation, as suggested by members of the public in their consultation responses.

While Members acknowledge that appropriation does not predetermine what happens with the land for planning purposes, it does remove the protection that exists whilst it is held in

trust for recreational purposes.

Furthermore, the Cabinet report did not make reference to the survey which expressed a desire to retain a suitable and sufficient area of land which would protect it from permanent development.

Members would like to scrutinise how the Cabinet has considered relevant legislation in reaching this decision including The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the 5 ways of working embedded in this Act, and Planning Policy Wales guidance.

Members would like assurances that the 5 ways of working embedded in the WBFG Act including involvement and collaboration with the community (which goes beyond the statutory minimum) has occurred.

**4. Date of Call-In: 25/10/22**