

**CABINET
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA
COMMENTS FROM PLACE O&S
SUBCOMMITTEE**

12 March 2025

The following report is attached for consideration and is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

- 1 CABINET APPROVAL TO ADOPT ROMFORD MASTERPLAN SPD AS PLANNING POLICY.** (Pages 3 - 6)

Report attached.

**Zena Smith
Head of Committee & Election
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Cabinet

12 March 2025

REPORT OF PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB- COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:

Comments of Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

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Policy context:

The report deals with a statutory process.

Financial summary:

There is no significant financial impact from the statutory processes as these requirements are being met by existing budgets.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy X

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council

SUMMARY

Using its Constitutional powers under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee has made recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet is recommended to respond to these.

REPORT DETAIL

At its special meeting on 6 March 2025, the Place OSSC had an opportunity to undertake pre-decision scrutiny on the Romford Master Plan Supplementary Planning Report, the Sub-Committee agreed to submit comments for the consideration and response by Cabinet, prior to its scheduled decision on the matter on 12 March.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the sub-committee's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

Legal implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the sub-committee's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

Human Resources implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the sub-committee's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

Equalities implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the sub-committee's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

Environmental and Climate Change implications and risks: None of this report which purely seeks an initial response from Cabinet. Should Cabinet be minded to consider definite proposals in response to the sub-committee's recommendations, these may require a separate report with full implications.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet considers and responds to the following recommendations made by the Place Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee welcomed the Master Plan and commended the report to Cabinet for its approval.

Members provided the following comments & suggestions to support the delivery of the Master Plan Supplementary Report:

- The Sub-Committee (S/C) support the need for an Inward Investment in Romford Strategy, related launch events and would like to see further details when available.
- The S/C asked for all the referred to associated documents such as the IDP & Local Plan to be updated accordingly and advised when that has happened and to have sight of them.
- The S/C are interested in the growth of small retail businesses in Romford and are keen to encourage this.
- The S/C are interested in what the plan will encourage and deliver in regards to economic growth, and how the requisite skills and employment will be achieved.
- The S/C hope that the new jobs will increase residents' employability and household incomes.
- The S/C are interested in how the Master Plan will be funded and also the provision of more schools/school places in support of the Plan.
- The S/C are interested in Romford developing as a place of learning taking the Queens Hospital University as a key driver for this.
- The S/C are interested in the future demand on health facilities, in particular the adequacy of the development of additional medical hubs to support the Queens Hospital.
- The S/C asked if the plan or related plans could consider attracting wider further education facilities, e.g. a university, college or skills academy.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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