

ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY OR OTHER COMMITTEES

REGENT CINEMA UPDATE

Responsibility: Portfolio Holder for Environment, Waste and Planning

Report of: Not applicable

Decision Route

Cabinet	3 October 2017	CAB 61
Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee	14 February 2017	Minute No 152
Cabinet	1 March 2017	CAB 154
Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee	3 August 2017	Minute No 4
Cabinet	4 September 2017	

Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee Recommendations

The Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee, at its meeting held on 4 August 2017, received an update on the Regent Cinema and made the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- (i) That the Leader of the Council chair and facilitate a meeting between the owners of the Regent Cinema and representatives of the Reopen the Regent Group and the Deal Society.
- (ii) That the Cabinet encourage the owners of the Regent Cinema to have regular contact with the ward councillors for Deal and local community groups.
- (iii) That a report be submitted to the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee on the feasibility, process, obstacles, costs and likelihood of success of a Compulsory Purchase Order by the Council for the Regent Cinema.
- (iv) That the Cabinet be requested to start investigating now if a potential operator for a cinema on the Regent Cinema site could be found as part of developing a viable Compulsory Purchase Order.
- (v) That officers be requested to investigate and report back to the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee on whether the correct business rates had been paid based on actual usage (i.e. as offices) for the

Regent Cinema rather than based on the historic usage (as a bingo hall).

- (vi) That in the event that no planning application for the Regent Cinema is submitted in September 2017, the owners be requested by officers to permit access to the Regent Cinema site by representatives of the Reopen the Regent Group so that they can start to develop a business case for the site.
 - (vii) That, noting the statement on behalf of the owners of the Regent Cinema that they expected to submit a planning application in September 2017, they be urged to submit a planning application for the site as soon as possible.
 - (viii) That the Cabinet reviews how the Council drafts covenants in future and investigate whether the conditions of the existing covenant on the Regent Cinema could be changed by the Council.
 - (ix) That the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee be provided with an update on the background as to how the Regent Cinema originally came to be in the Council's ownership.
 - (x) That the Cabinet ensures that safeguards (such as a covenant) are put in place if any further land such as from the neighbouring car park is sold to the Regent Cinema owners to support the development.
- (b) That in the event that no planning application for the Regent Cinema is submitted during September 2017, the owners of the Regent Cinema be invited as soon as possible thereafter to a meeting of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee on a date at which they can be present.
- (c) That the speakers and members of the public present at the meeting of the Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee be thanked for attending.