

Report of the Tour de France Scrutiny Review Task Group

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Summary

1. This report summarises the work undertaken to date for the Tour de France Scrutiny Review and asks the Committee to nominate an additional member to the Task Group in order that work on the review can be concluded.

Scrutiny Review Proposals

2. In November 2014, the Committee considered a scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Cuthbertson, proposing a scrutiny review of the planning, promotion and delivery of the Council's programme of activities which accompanied the Tour De France (TdF). At the same time, the Committee received detailed background information on the TdF and was informed by the Director of Communities & Neighbourhoods that work was already underway to assess the overall TdF project including outputs, budgets, reviews etc, with the intention of providing a report to Cabinet in January 2015.
3. It was suggested that the Cabinet report may answer the questions raised in Councillor Cuthbertson's scrutiny topic submission, so it was agreed the Committee would wait to consider that report before deciding whether a scrutiny review was necessary.
4. In January 2015, the Cabinet report detailing the outcomes achieved against the objectives set for TdF by Cabinet in 2013 was considered. The report included a number of background papers providing information on TdF's economic and social impact and feedback on reviews carried out on individual elements of the delivery programme, including management of the event, its financial implications, and the lessons learned for the future.
5. Having considered all of the information provided, the Committee agreed they would like to proceed with a review based on the following review remit:

'To consider the appropriate planning, promotion, and delivery of future major events to ensure all associated risks are managed effectively, including Health & Safety and reputational risk. The review will examine the Grand Deputy, and the provision of the entertainment Hubs and camping sites.'

6. However having taken account of their outstanding review work, they agreed it would not be possible to conduct the review in the available time prior to the purdah period for the 2015 elections. They therefore agreed the topic should be revisited at the start of the new 2015-16 municipal year to enable the newly appointed Learning & Culture Policy & Scrutiny Committee to re-confirm their decision to proceed with the review.
7. In June 2015 the new Committee agreed to form a Task Group made up of the following members to carry out the review on their behalf:

Cllr Dave Taylor
Cllr Keith Myers
Cllr Margaret Wells
Cllr Ian Cuthbertson (Co-optee)
8. Work on the review did not start immediately as the Task Group were made aware of an ongoing Veritau review. The resulting Veritau report was made available to the Task Group in Nov 2015 enabling work on the scrutiny review to commence.
9. The Task Group has subsequently met a number of times to consider a range of documentation relating to TdF and consult with a number of officers (current and past).
10. In May 2016, Cllr Taylor stood down from this Committee and therefore from the TdF Scrutiny Review Task Group. The remaining Task Group members met recently to consider their findings to date and as a result agreed there were a number of additional consultees they would like to meet with to ensure and confirm their findings are complete.
11. The Task Group therefore agreed to request that this Committee nominate an additional Committee member to the Task Group to enable the work on this review to be concluded.
12. The Task Group envisage the need for two further Task Group meetings, the first to carry out the additional consultation and a final meeting to identify their review recommendations for this Committee's consideration in November 2016.

Council Plan

13. The TdF provided the council with an opportunity to impress visitors, businesses and residents with the quality of the city, and its legacy continues to increase visitor numbers and opportunities for income generation, thereby supporting the 'Prosperous City for All' priority of the 2015-19 Council Plan.

Report Recommendations

14. The Committee are recommended to:
- i) Nominate a Committee member to replace Cllr Taylor on the Task Group
 - ii) Agree to receive the review draft final report at the next meeting of the Committee in November 2016

Reason: To conclude the work on this scrutiny review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols.

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Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

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Annexes: None