

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Inclusive Growth, Culture and Sport)**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Subject: South Bank Regeneration Area – Update on Burberry**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Introduction**

1. In November 2015, the Council’s Executive Board received a report from the Director of City Development on the city’s South Bank regeneration area, which is one of the largest city centre regeneration initiatives in Europe.
2. It was reported at that stage that the global luxury brand Burberry had undertaken a strategic review of their UK operation given their need to modernise and expand their UK manufacturing operations. The outcome of this had led to the following intentions being made by Burberry:
  - Locate their UK manufacturing operation to Leeds South Bank for the production of its most iconic product, the heritage trench coat.
  - Develop new state of the art manufacturing facilities with a key focus on environmental sustainability that will provide increased capacity for Burberry to produce the trench coat and potential to produce other products.
  - Invest an initial sum of over £50m in this proposal.
  - Through this facility, provide employment for more than 1,000 people and a commitment to deliver a bespoke apprenticeship programme designed to preserve unique textile manufacturing skills in Yorkshire.
3. Linked to this, it was reported that Burberry also had initial proposals for future phases of development to restore and renew the Grade I listed and at risk Temple Works building and develop on land neighbouring Temple Works within the South Bank.

4. The Executive Board therefore gave its approval to the proposed principles set out within the report by which the Council would support this initial investment in the South Bank by Burberry.
5. However, in light of recent announcements made by Burberry regarding its new intentions moving forward, the Chair has requested that the Director of City Development attends today's meeting to discuss with the Scrutiny Board the Council's response in this regard and the potential implications on the South Bank regeneration area.

### **Recommendation**

6. Further to the Board's discussion, Members are asked to determine what, if any, further Scrutiny action is required.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7. None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.