
Delivering Capital Ambition

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the proposed next steps for delivering the Administration's Capital Ambition policy statement.

Background

2. In July 2017 the Council's new Administration set out a policy programme and associated delivery commitments entitled 'Capital Ambition' attached as **Appendix A**. It focussed on four main areas:

- **Working for Cardiff** – Making sure that all citizens can contribute to, and benefit from, the city's success.
- **Working for Wales** – A successful Wales needs a successful capital city.
- **Working for the Future** – Managing the city's growth in a sustainable way.
- **Working for Public Services** – Making sure public services are delivered efficiently, effectively and sustainably in the face of rising demand and reducing budgets.

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3. Capital Ambition makes clear the financial and demand pressures facing the Council as well as Welsh Government's emphasis on collaboration to deliver its programme of local government reform.

4. The Council's response must therefore identify more efficient ways of working, more extensive use of technology, and new partnerships with public, private and community organisations. Successful delivery will also require a reorientation of the Council's change programme to focus resource on the transformation of corporate systems and processes to support service delivery.
5. The re-shaping of the Council's corporate and budgetary planning frameworks, necessary to deliver the priorities of Capital Ambition, will also be considered by the Committee as part of its work programme.

Scope of the Scrutiny

6. The Leader of the Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, Chief Executive, Paul Orders, and Corporate Director Resources, Christine Salter, will attend to outline the arrangements that will support the delivery of Capital Ambition as well as the projects and initiatives that will serve to accelerate the modernisation of council services, which will be considered by Cabinet in December 2017.
7. Members will have an opportunity for questions and can agree during the Way Forward whether they wish the Chair to convey any concerns, comments or observations on this progress report to the Leader.
8. The Committee will also have an opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny on the proposals in December 2017.

Legal Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by

or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

10. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- a. Note the Delivering Capital Ambition report and the proposed next steps.
- b. Agree whether it wishes to relay comments and observations to the Leader for consideration by the Cabinet.

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