
Delivering the Capital Ambition Programme

Reason for the Report

1. To receive an update on the Council's Capital Ambition Delivery Programme (CADP), with a focus being on review of the projects within the Modernisation Portfolio of the Programme.

Background

2. In December 2017, Cabinet approved the establishment of a four-year Capital Ambition Delivery Programme, with corresponding governance and performance management arrangements, to lend impetus to the implementation of the Administration's agenda and to refocus services to meet the challenges faced by the Council and the city's wider public services.
3. Capital Ambition is considered as a statement of the Administration's priorities and principles for change to respond to the pressures affecting local public services. It sets out four priorities, each of which contain a series of 'commitments for Cardiff' covering a wide-range of Council services:
 - **Working for Cardiff:** Making sure that all our 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 our public services are delivered efficiently, effectively and sustainably in the face of rising demand and reducing budgets.

4. Capital Ambition also set out a series of principles that will underpin the development of the Council in coming years:

- **Getting the Basics Right:** Maintaining a relentless focus on the performance of key statutory services.
- **Digital First:** Making the best use of new technologies to deliver our services, and providing digital access indistinguishable from that available to citizens in every other aspect of their lives.
- **Putting Communities Front and Centre:** Aligning community services, making sure that developments and investments in local communities are well planned and maximise the impact of public investment through a new approach to 'locality working', building on the success of the Community Hub programme.
- **Joining-up of Frontline Services:** Staff from across the Council, and across public services, will work increasingly across departmental and organisational silos, with a focus on delivering the best for citizens, communities and the city.
- **Purposeful Partnerships:** We will build strong partnerships, at the local, city, regional and national level to deliver for Cardiff.
- **A New Deal with Citizens:** Keeping our streets clean, hitting our sustainable transport targets and looking after our most vulnerable people cannot be achieved by the Council alone. We need a new deal with citizens through which we can work together to tackle problems and realise our shared ambitions for Cardiff.

5. The Capital Ambition Delivery Programme (CADP) is composed of two discrete components:

- **Modernisation:** Transformation of corporate systems and processes that support service delivery.
- **Resilient Services:** Transformation of front-line services.

6. The Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee has responsibility within its Terms of Reference for scrutiny of the Strategic Programmes and has planned to review the progress of the Modernisation component at its meeting in March followed by an update on the transformation of front-line services contained within the Resilient Services component.

Issues

7. The Committee will receive a summary of progress achieved through the CAPD against the three programmes within the Modernisation Portfolio, shown below.



8. The Senior Responsible Owner for the Modernisation Portfolio is Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources.
9. Programme Boards have been established for each Programme, which report to Senior Management Team (SMT) on a regular basis. The programme and project boards are responsible for managing the timely delivery of milestones, as set out in individual project plans.
10. The following appendices are attached to this report:
 - a. **Appendix 1** - Portfolio Structure Chart for the Modernisation Portfolio.
 - b. **Appendix 2A** - Programme Dashboard Report - Corporate Landlord
 - c. **Appendix 2B** - Programme Dashboard Report - Digital First
 - d. **Appendix 3** - Summary of progress - Modernisation Portfolio.

Way Forward

11. An overview presentation will be made to the committee with the following representatives in attendance to provide information and respond to any concerns that the committee members may have:

- Cllr Chris Weaver, (Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance)
- Christine Salter, (Corporate Director Resources)
- Chris Lee, (Corporate Director Resources (Designate)).
- Isabelle Bignall, (Chief Digital Officer)
- Dean Thomas (Portfolio Manager, Capital Ambition Delivery Programme)
- Simon Reynolds, (Corporate Landlord Implementation Manager)
- David Lowe, (Operations Manager)

Legal Implications

12. 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

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RECOMMENDATION

17. The Committee is recommended to:
- a. consider the information provided at this meeting; and
 - b. determine whether it wishes to relay any comments or observations to the Cabinet Member for consideration; and
 - c. consider the requirements for further scrutiny of this issue.

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