

**CARDIFF CROSSRAIL - BRIEFING**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update following the announcement of the successful Levelling up bid and the update provided to Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

**Structure of the Papers**

2. Attached to this report is:
  - **Appendix A** - Cabinet Report (02/03/23) paragraphs 16 - 26 and 60 - 62
  - **Appendix B** - Presentation - 'Cardiff Crossrail briefing'

**Scope of Scrutiny**

3. During this scrutiny, Members have the opportunity to explore the phased approach to the delivery of Cardiff Crossrail :

**Background**

4. Confirmation of the successful £50m Cardiff Crossrail Phase 1 bid was published by the UK government published in January.
5. Welsh Government have matched funded the bid, therefore £100m is available to deliver Phase 1 of the development.
6. **Point 17** acknowledges the key role of Transport for Wales as a strategic partner in developing the funding bid and the outline business case that formed part of the funding submission.
7. It is noted in **point 18**, that the project will deliver the following:
  - A regular tram service from Cardiff Central to a new platform at Cardiff Bay train station.
  - Two new platforms at Cardiff Central Train Station
  - Public realm improvements around the existing and new train platforms



10. **Points 22 - 25** highlight a number of other wider developments that Crossrail will complement and the benefits to a large population that have needed to be reliant on car use.

11. The need for a full business case, detailed costs and specification is noted in **point 26**

### **Way Forward**

31. Cllr Dan De'Ath, Cabinet Member for Transport & Strategic Planning, and Andrew Gregory, Director for Planning Transport & Environment have been invited to make a statement and answer Member's questions. They have been asked to make a brief presentation followed by Member's questions.

### **Legal Implications**

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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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:

- i) Consider the information in this report, and the presentation and any further information presented at the meeting;
- ii) Determine whether they would like to make any comments, observations or recommendations on this matter; and
- iii) Decide the way forward for any future scrutiny of the issues discussed.

**DAVINA FIORE**

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**10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**