

**CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF
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**POLICY REVIEW & PERFORMANCE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1 December 2015

Cardiff Liveable City Report

Reason for the Report

1. To inform Members of the first Cardiff Liveable City Report, which compares the Council's performance to that of other major UK cities, and is to be published annually by the Council.

Background

2. The Cardiff Liveable City Report, attached at **Appendix A**, is a new output of the Council's Policy Team that offers a comparative benchmark perspective against a group of ten major UK core cities, not including London. The Committee may find it useful to monitor annual progress on the Council's stated vision that Cardiff should aspire to become Europe's most liveable City.
3. The October 2015 report claims Cardiff is already one of the most liveable capital cities in Europe, and that the annual presentation of data on Cardiff in this format will help the Council to understand the City's strengths and weaknesses. It explains Cardiff's position in comparison to other core cities and other Welsh areas, illustrating where the city is performing well and where Cardiff needs to improve to become an even better place for people to live, work and visit.

Scope of the Scrutiny

4. To facilitate this scrutiny the Leader, Councillor Phil Bale and Head of Cabinet Office, Gareth Newell, will be in attendance to make a statement, facilitate discussion and answer Members' questions.
5. Members may wish to explore:
 - a. how this document sits alongside the Council's suite of strategic planning documents such as the *What Matters* 10 year strategy and the *Corporate Plan*;
 - b. the report's structure, content and accessibility;
 - c. how far Members recognise the picture presented; and
 - d. whether there is value in this annually produced document forming a part of scrutiny's role in monitoring the Council's progress.

Legal Implications

6. 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

7. 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 consider the information presented in this new report, and whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations about the publication to the Leader of the Council.

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