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STATEMENT OF THE LEADER

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The Liveable City Report

This month we launched the Liveable City Report. The report takes a broader approach to measuring success, by considering how healthy, safe, green and fair Cardiff is – as well as our economic performance. It also measures Cardiff's position in comparison to other core cities and other Welsh areas. It is an objective account demonstrating where the city is performing well and where Cardiff needs to improve, with these indicators developed in consultation with public sector partners such as South Wales Police and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

100 Resilient Cities

Cardiff has submitted a bid to the Rockefeller Foundation seeking funding to help meet the challenges it faces as a successful modern city. The “100 Resilient Cities” initiative—Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation (100RC)- is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century.

Examples of these challenges include an overtaxed public transportation system, flood risks, service demand pressures and the need to deliver sustainable new communities to accommodate population growth. We've received feedback that, as a city, Cardiff is facing a number of the challenges that the 100 Resilient Cities initiative are interested in and, if successful, Cardiff would be awarded funding to employ a Chief Resilience Officer to develop a roadmap to resilience. This would be a significant development in helping the Council deliver our vision of being Europe's Most Liveable City whilst safeguarding the well-being of future generations

City Deal

The Chancellor of Exchequer outlined support to 'help fund' a Cardiff City Deal during yesterday's Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Cardiff Capital Region submitted a headline proposal to UK Government last month. A City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region represents a unique opportunity to transform the local economy to improve productivity, create new jobs and reduce worklessness. Our vision is to reduce the GVA gap between

our city region and the UK average and to improve the balance of opportunity that exists right across our region. The intention is to commence negotiations on a city deal for the Cardiff Capital region of up to £1.28 billion – equivalent to the necessary investment to increase GVA by more than 5%. To support the fund, the Welsh Government has made a commitment to contribute £580m of capital as the basis for a Payment by Results (PBR) contribution from UK Government.

Our intention through the City Deal is to modernise our transport infrastructure and regional connectivity to create a platform for economic competitiveness. We will improve access to jobs across the city-region, and use the city deal to leverage and support investment in housing, employment and education. We will also support and stimulate innovation in our local economy by providing access to leading-edge digital technology; better aligned skills; and targeted business support. An important part of our strategy will rest on bringing together a number of local authority services to establish a new joined-up strategic approach to economic development, tourism, strategic planning and transport.

Following the agreement in principle from Westminster Government yesterday we will now commence the process of negotiations and formal consideration of the detail of the City Deal.

BBC

The BBC has formally signed off an investment to build a new £120m headquarters in Wales at Cardiff's Central Square regeneration scheme. Having selected the Central Square scheme immediately in front of Cardiff Central Station as its preferred option for the 150,000 sq ft headquarters, the BBC have now signed a 20 year lease. This is great news for Cardiff and for the Council's plans to regenerate this part of the city. Work will now commence on transforming Central Square in line with our Foster + Partners masterplan, creating a world-class gateway to Wales and the capital that everyone can be proud of. The city centre will now be home to several landmark buildings including the new BBC Wales broadcast centre and the new transport interchange. No 1 Central Square, designed by award-winning Cardiff firm Rio Architects, already represents our ambition for the area.

Together in Sympathy

We will all have been saddened by the tragic news of the recent terrorist attacks in countries all over the world, as well as the fatal accident at Celsa. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and their families.

Councillor Phil Bale
Leader of the Council
25 November 2015

CORPORATE SERVICES & PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

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New Smoke Free Policy

Cabinet has approved a new Smoke Free Policy. Building on the previous No Smoking policy, the new policy now includes the Council's approach to the use of e-cigarettes. Based on guidance provided by various bodies such as Public Health Wales, the advice is that until such time as more reliable evidence is available, e-cigarettes should be considered the same as tobacco cigarettes. Therefore any reference to smoking includes the use of e-cigarettes plus conventional cigarettes

The main aim of this updated policy is to protect all of us from the harmful effects of second hand tobacco smoke including the rights of non-smokers to breathe air that is free from smoke. In addition to employees, the policy applies to us as Elected Members, customers, service users, visitors who access Council owned or leased buildings. Additionally, the opportunity is being taken to reiterate that smoking is not allowed in any Council owned or leased buildings, in any Council owned or leased vehicles (including pool cars) or across all school grounds including playing fields, car parks, etc. The policy will be commended to all School Governing Bodies for adoption.

Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)

As I mentioned in my October statement, as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to employee Health & Wellbeing, an Employee Assistance Programme was launched this month. Open to everyone, including school based staff, the services available include confidential telephone access for any personal or work related issue. Leaflets providing more information about how services can be accessed are being included in all employees' pay packets throughout November. The freephone telephone service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. All calls are answered directly by a team of qualified and experienced counsellors. Professional information and advice services are also provided by a separate team of information specialists plus there is access to a web based information service. This service will be available in addition to the Council's face-to-face counselling service, provided by our in-house Employee Counselling Service.

Trade Union Bill

Supported by Trade Union colleagues of the Joint Partnership Board, the Leader has written to the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills, expressing our opposition to the Governments proposed implementation of the Trade Union Bill 2015. The contents of the Bill are a direct attack on Trade Unions and there is no doubt that its introduction will lead to more

confrontational relationships between employers and employees which will serve to further undermine than support public services. The Trade Unions provide essential protection for employees especially at a time of austerity driven attacks on their jobs terms and conditions.

A growing number of Councils are registering their opposition and the Council meeting today will consider a motion directly linked to the proposals.

Update on Cardiff Manager Programme

In order to support managers to deliver on corporate objectives, during 2014/15, the Cardiff Manager Programme was established to support line managers to develop skills and knowledge to help drive performance, continuous improvement, collaboration and knowledge sharing, and helping develop a learning culture across the Council.

Of those that were in scope for the pilot this year, over 80% signed up with around 92% of those completing the development which covered 4 key themes: Problem Solving & Making Decisions; Understanding Innovation & Change; Financial Skills in the Public Sector and; Behavioural Change and undergoing assessment to achieve an Institute of Leadership & Management qualification. Of these approximately 72% have already achieved at least one qualification with around 25% achieving the full qualification to date.

Review of Council's Discipline Policy

A major piece of work is underway to streamline the current Discipline Policy and associated procedures, including the provision of new comprehensive guidance notes for anyone involved in the process. The cultural change required will be supported by a new ground breaking, more progressive Resolution policy designed to replace the current grievance and bullying & harassment procedures and placing an emphasis on active and earlier resolution of disciplinary issues through a range of resolution methods such as additional training, support, coaching, advice, counselling and mediation.

Extensive consultation with stakeholders such as Directorate representatives, Trade Unions and Equality Networks is underway and views of Policy Performance Review Scrutiny Committee have also been sought, with a view to bringing forward final proposals to Cabinet in January.

Shared ICT Service initial discussion

An initial meeting took place on 20th October between Cardiff, the Vale, RCT, Merthyr and Bridgend to discuss the potential for sharing ICT services either at a local or more regional level. Options discussed included tactical as well as strategic options for collaboration from sharing systems to a fully shared service although this was very much an initial high level discussion of options.

Medium Term Treasury Management

The Council's treasury management activities are undertaken in accordance with Council Policy, Professional codes of conduct and Treasury Management Practices.

During the financial year to date, the Council has operated within the treasury limits and prudential indicators set out in the annual Treasury Management Strategy in February 2015. Following approval by Council in November 2014 to enter into a voluntary agreement to exit the Housing Finance Subsidy System, the report on the agenda updates Council on the settlement payment made to WG on 2 April 2015 of £187 million.

Living Wage

In 2012 the City and County of Cardiff was the first Council in Wales to pay its entire workforce the Living Wage, all the Council's agency staff also receive the Living Wage. On 2nd November 2015 at a Living Wage Week event the Council became the 2,000 organisation in the UK to be granted Living Wage employer status. The Council is now the only Welsh local authority to be in receipt of Living Wage Accreditation. Over the next 2 years the Council will be working with CitizenWales, and others, to see how we can best encourage our contractors to pay the Living Wage.

Councillor Graham Hinchey
Cabinet Member (Corporate Services & Performance)
25 November 2015

EARLY YEARS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES STATEMENT

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I want to take this opportunity to update members on developments in Children's Services since my last statement to Council.

I am pleased to be able to say that further significant progress has been achieved supported by the Children's Service's Improvement Plan, the continued engagement of the Chief Executive, the ongoing involvement by the Director in the Challenge Forum and the work of the Organisational Development Programme.

Some of you will be aware that remodelling Children's Services has been on the agenda for quite some time. The overall purpose is to streamline our social work services to facilitate a smoother journey for children, as recommended by Professor Eileen Munroe. This piece of work has started and we have developed an outline service delivery model which has been consulted on with the Unions and HR. Key highlights for remodelling Children's Services are:

Adopting Signs of Safety Framework

After consultation and discussions with staff, the directorate has decided to adopt the Signs of Safety Framework. This provides social workers and partner agencies with a clear and cohesive framework to work with families creatively to manage risk safely, as opposed to using traditional methods of control and removal of risk, which don't always provide a positive sustainable outcome for children.

The Signs of Safety approach describes itself as a relationship-grounded, safety organised child protection framework designed to help families build safety for children by allowing them to demonstrate their strengths over time.

Mobile Working

Social workers have been pressing managers for a much more modernised ICT environment to enable mobile working. Some staff within the service have already been trialling new products to enable this to happen early in 2016/17 and once implemented this will provide practitioners with access to systems and information when out in the field. In addition to reducing the amount of building space we need to occupy and improving information management, staff will also benefit by removing unproductive and time consuming activities such as travelling to the office, printing and the duplicate transcribing of notes on the system. Being able to work from home more effectively and manage your time more flexibly will also support a better work-life balance.

I want to reassure you that staff will continue to have access to office and team environments. The ability to work flexibly will enhance what we have now.

MASH –Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

The MASH approach is one that has been implemented in other Local Authority areas and early evidence shows improvements in multi-agency working, joint ownership of referrals, partner communications and sharing of information resulting in:

- more informed decision making;
- more children receiving appropriate help following referral;
- a reduction of inappropriate referrals and re-referrals;
- a reduction in turnaround times of referrals to decisions.

All contacts and referrals will be assessed within 24 hours. A decision will then be made on the level of response required. In the event that the 'Can and Can Only' test is not met but additional needs are still identified, the case will be 'stepped down' to the early intervention and prevention service for a JAFF assessment. Newly appointed Project Manager Nicola Lewis will join us on 21st September.

I hope that this update on development reassures members that our improvement journey remains on course and continues to extend its reach.

Councillor Sue Lent

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member (Early Years, Children & Families)

25 November 2015

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CO-OPERATIVES & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
STATEMENT**

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Temporary Library Service

I am pleased to announce that we have secured agreement in principle with our Health partners to locate a temporary library within Cardiff Royal Infirmary. The space available is accessible from the main reception area and will put a temporary library service back in Adamsdown. Work is now going to get the lease agreement written up and for minor changes to take place on the space and I hope that this new library is opened shortly

**Councillor Peter Bradbury
Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives & Social
Enterprise)
25 November 2015**

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EDUCATION STATEMENT

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Estyn Monitoring Visit 5-9th October

Estyn carried out the second in a sequence of three monitoring visits in October. The visit focused on progress in reducing exclusions from schools and reducing the number of young people not progressing to education employment or training (NEET) and the effectiveness of partnership working. Estyn will set out their commentary on these two recommendations in a letter which we will receive shortly.

The visit will be followed by the third visit early in the New Year 25-29 January 2016. At that visit there will be an overall assessment of the progress made across the Local Authority in addressing the particular issues for improvement raised in the monitoring visits and our overall progress in improving outcomes for Learners.

Cardiff 2020: The Strategy for Improving to Excellence

We have launched the development of a strategy to map out further school improvement in Cardiff over the next 5 years. A group of Heads are working with officers and Robert Hill, work which will be developed by the Education Strategy Group and Governors before launching in January

Schools Working Together

A separate group is working on potential local clustering across primary schools to build capacity and share resources on a spectrum from loose collaborations which share resources to formal partnership through federation with linked leadership and Governance.

Lead Creative Schools

Six Cardiff Schools have been successful in becoming "Lead Creative Schools", part of the Welsh Government's and Arts Council for Wales' Lead Creative Schools Scheme which is designed to promote creative learning to improve quality of teaching and learning. They are: Kitchener Primary, Thornhill Primary, Rumney Primary, St Paul's Church in Wales Primary, Ty-Gwyn Special School & Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch.

Pioneer Schools

Eleven Cardiff Schools have been chosen to become Pioneer Schools who are working with Welsh Government to develop digital learning, the new curriculum and workforce development building on the Donaldson Report. They are Cardiff High, St Cadoc's Catholic Primary, Llanishen Fach, Mount Stuart Primary, Herbert Thompson Primary, St Philip Evans RC Primary, Rhydypenau Primary, Whitchurch Primary, Ty Gwyn Special School, Llysfaen Primary and The Hollies.

Youth Innovation Grants

The second round of bidding for the remaining Youth Innovation Grants has closed. In the first round grants were awarded to Cardiff City Foundation, YMCA, Ministry of Life and local community groups. Nine organisations have submitted bids for the remaining five grants with some organisations bidding for more than one area so a total of sixteen bids. The organisations are as varied as those bidding in the first time around. As with the first round of judging young people will be involved in assessing the bids and helping to make the awards. Decisions on the grants are expected shortly.

Awards

A number of Cardiff Schools have won awards over the last few weeks including:

- Oakfield Primary, St Mellons: their breakfast Club won a Kellogg's Breakfast Club Award for the best breakfast club in Wales. (David Harris)
- Moorland Primary School, Splott: won a National Quality Award in the Welsh Government's Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes Managed by Public Health Wales, the scheme has been running since 1999 and considers initiatives around food and fitness.
- Thornhill Primary: won 1st prize, and £3000, in the Ashden (UK Sustainability Award) for the measures that they have taken to cut their CO2 emissions (and bills). The prize money to spent on further sustainability measures
- Radyr Primary: won 1st prize in British Gas (UK Schools Energy Competition) winning £50K of Energy Efficiency Upgrades (exact details tbc)
- Millbank School, Ely: was shortlisted for Sustain Wales' prestigious "Sustainable School/College of the Year Award." The only school to be shortlisted.

Cardiff School's Catering Team

Cardiff Council's school catering team cooked up a feast in the Senedd earlier this month as part of the National School Meals Week celebrations with a menu of mains and desserts picked from the council's regular primary and secondary schools menus. Cardiff's lunchtime offerings reflect the ethnicity of the city and, as the capital, some traditional Welsh favourites.

Greener Schools

The energy team in City Operations have been working with schools to deliver greener schools and save on energy costs by:

Educational Support

- 11 - Energy Audit Visits (leading to project identification and delivery)
- 24 - Eco Team Visits (to discuss Eco Awards & Energy Projects related to Eco awards)
- 12 - Energy Assemblies (at 12 different schools – covering approx.. 3500 children from foundation to year 6)
- 37 - Classroom Workshops (at 20 different schools –740 children Year 5 & 6 only)
- 8 - Estates Manager BMS Training Sessions (mostly newly appointed)

Half Term Cost Avoidance Through energy Team Shutdown Assistance:

- £30,000 (Feb) – 30 interventions
- £66,100 (Easter), - 38 interventions
- £20,000 (Whitsun) – 26 interventions
- £18,000 (October) – 5 interventions

Salix Project Achievements

- Process for Salix Applications signed off at Investment Review Board
- £645,000 spent on energy efficiency projects so far this year in schools
- LED lighting Installations across 11 schools
- Projected savings of £99,000 per annum
- Lifetime CO2 savings of 9,030 tonnes
- Further £350,000 identified and due for funding before year end

Councillor Sarah Merry

Cabinet Member (Education)

25 November 2015

ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

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Launch of Rent Smart Wales

Rent Smart Wales, the brand name for the new registration and licensing requirements under Part 1 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 was launched on Monday the 23 November 2015. As you know Cardiff Council has been designated as the Single Licensing Authority for Wales to administer the legislation.

The team and infrastructure is established at Willcox House and the website (www.rentsmart.gov.wales) is now live. Landlords who need to register, and landlords and agents who need to become licensed, are now able to register and apply for a licence. They have a year to comply with the requirements prior to enforcement arrangements being implemented. The first 12 months will focus on raising awareness of the requirements amongst landlords and agents and encouraging registration and/or licensing. This will allow sufficient time to become familiar with the new obligations and take the necessary action to ensure compliance.

Rent Smart Wales will professionalise the private rented sector by supporting and educating landlords and agents for the benefit of tenants. The private rented sector is an increasingly important housing option for many people. It will bring benefits to people who rent their home in the sector whilst at the same time, improve the practices of landlords and agents and help to tackle the bad landlords who give the sector a poor reputation.

A great deal of work has been undertaken to ensure a successful launch and I thank everyone who has been involved. Continued success will rely on the effective partnership arrangements which are already in place with the 22 local authorities, Welsh Government and other key stakeholders.

Bereavement Services

a. USW Partnership and Podcasts of Heritage Talks

Building on the success of the Heritage Trail of Cathays Cemetery, Saturday 14 November 2015 saw the official launch of the 'Cathays Cemetery – Graveyard Voices' podcasts as part of the 'Being Human' Festival.

This is the latest in a series of events forming part of an ongoing fruitful partnership between Cardiff Bereavement Services and the University of South Wales' Faculty of Creative Industries. The podcasts were recorded on location in 3D sound and add a completely new dimension to the understanding of the history of the site.

Drama students from the University have researched, written scripts and performed first person or eye witness accounts of the lives and deaths of some of the many notable figures of Cardiff who are buried in Cathays Cemetery.

The podcasts will soon be available to download, free of charge, allowing visitors to the cemetery to listen to the performances at the graves. Alternatively, they will also allow those unable to visit a chance to experience the unique location wherever and whenever it suits them.

b. Cathays Chapel Renovation

Bereavement Services have been successful in generating £30,000 primarily from local funeral related businesses towards the refurbishment of Cathays chapels.

Local funeral directors recognise the value in bringing these grade 2 listed buildings back into a sustainable use for the wider public and were delighted to support the Council in pledging funds to allow essential internal works to go ahead.

Work to save the chapels at Cathays has been ongoing for several years starting with the replacement of the roofs of the buildings. Work is due to start soon on the internal refurbishments and the chapel should be useable again by Spring 2016.

Credit for this initiative must go to the dedicated staff in Bereavement Services, the local business community and the Friends of Cathays Cemetery, who have all worked well in partnership to ensure this project can move forward.

c. Cathays War Graves Remembrance Service

On 10 November 2015 the Lord Mayor led the Remembrance Day tributes at the Cross of Sacrifice in Cathays Cemetery. The service was taken by Rev Lionel Fanthorpe and was attended by Teachers and pupils from Allensbank Primary School and Ysgol Mynydd Bychan School.

The pupils were encouraged to take part in the ceremony through the laying of wreaths and by giving readings followed by reading the roll of honour of those commemorated at the War Graves within Cathays cemetery.

d. Charity Donation to 2 Wish upon a Star

On 22 October 2015 I handed over a cheque for £4321.00 to Bereavement Services chosen charity for the year, 2 wish upon a star.

The funds were generated through the National Metals Recycling Scheme provided by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) of which the Council is a member.

At the end of the cremation process any metals left are separated from the remains and removed. These are then collected by a Dutch company who

recycle the metals and provide a financial return to the ICCM. Member Authorities then nominate a death related Charity to benefit from the collection.

Parks

a. Volunteer Partnership Project – Cardiff University, University of South Wales and Cardiff Metropolitan University

I am pleased to provide an update on an emerging project between the Council and the University of South Wales, Cardiff University and Cardiff Metropolitan University which will be launched on a pilot basis in the New Year. The project aims to provide, through volunteering, opportunities for students to gain hands on experience in the management and maintenance of the Council's Parks and Green Spaces, contributing to the development of skills, improving employability, making a contribution to the local community and complimenting courses of study. This project which dovetails with the Universities Environmental Champions Project is an exciting opportunity for the Council, Universities and indeed students to work in partnership for mutual benefit.

b. Bug Life - Urban Buzz

Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending a launch event for a project working alongside seven other local authority cities across England and Northern Ireland. The project will be seeking to establish flagship 'Buzzing Cities' for pollinators and people through the utilisation of innovative techniques to create habitats in doing so, engaging a diverse and varied range of people, groups and organisations.

Cardiff is the only city selected for the project in Wales and Bug Life the funding body are partnering with the Parks team to enable the delivery of the Urban Buzz project in Cardiff which will complement our own 'Cardiff Pollinator Project'. 140K of grant funding is available for the project which will be rolled out over the next 18 months.

Funding available will help in providing training and equipment to urban land managers, volunteers and Urban Buzzers to give them the skills, knowledge and understanding to create and manage their Buzzing Hotspots. Innovative buzzing techniques will be demonstrated and opportunities for installation of green and habitat walls, green roofs, nesting sites and buzzing lawns will all be incorporated into the Flagship Buzzing Hotspots in each city. This is a project that I am very excited about and which, compliments the work already being undertaken by the Council underlying of bio-diversity credentials.

Councillor Bob Derbyshire
Cabinet Member (Environment)
25 November 2015

HEALTH, HOUSING & WELLBEING STATEMENT

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Welsh Housing Awards

A project which helps people make a smooth transition from hospital to home has been shortlisted for a 2015 Welsh Housing Award.

The accommodation solutions project, a partnership between the City of Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Care and Repair Cymru and Age Connects Cymru, aims to help patients who are ready to leave hospital but cannot return to their own homes until necessary adaptations are carried out.

Recognised in the promoting equality and support category, the project which began in April this year brings together the organisations to fast-track low level adaptations to patients' houses or offer short term accommodation in specially-adapted units across the two local authorities while work is carried out to their home. So far, 12 clients have successfully used the accommodation, saving a total of 422 hospital bed days.

City of Cardiff Council housing resettlement officer, Jess Jallow, has also been nominated for a Welsh Housing Award in the Housing Hero category which recognises either an individual or small team whose passion, enthusiasm and commitment has made a dramatic difference to the lives of others.

The Welsh Housing Awards ceremony takes place on November 27 at the Vale Resort.

Tenants Conference

I was very pleased recently to host the first council run Tenants' Conference. The event took place at City Hall and nearly a hundred tenants attended; many of them had never taken part in such an event before. This is a testament to the hard work of the Tenant Participation staff and shows the success of the new proactive approach to engaging with tenants.

Mark Street a Community Champion gave an inspiring talk about his community garden and encouraged Cardiff tenants to get involved. I also had the pleasure of handing out the prizes to the winner of the Blooming Marvellous gardening competition and it was wonderful to see the pictures of their magnificent gardens.

The tenants found the presentations, workshops and information stands very informative and some very positive feedback was received. I was most touched by the tenant who stood up to say that he was a recovering alcoholic who had been homeless. He wanted to thank the Council for providing his flat, which he called his “palace”. It was a great reminder of what a life changing difference our services can make to vulnerable individuals.

Delayed Transfers of Care Update

We continue to work well in partnership with the Vale Council and our health colleagues to address the challenge. A robust action plan is in place that is closely monitored by the DToC Operational Group and there is visibility and transparency amongst colleagues about the specific issues. The Minister has been fully briefed and winter pressures planning is well underway. I continue to receive regular updates. I am confident that progress is being made.

Update on Refugees

The third meeting of the Multi Agency regional leadership group has approved the preparatory work being undertaken to ensure a properly planned approach to supporting the Syrian Refugees coming through the Home Office Vulnerable Persons Scheme.

The work is building on the significant experience that Cardiff has in relation to the resettlement of dispersed asylum seekers into the city including those from Syria. The council is considering availability of appropriate housing in the private rented sector and the availability of school places.

The leadership group has consequently given permission for officers to enter into detailed discussions with the Home Office and I will provide further updates as these progress.

Housing Partnership Programme Update

As Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Wellbeing I was delighted to announce the appointment of Wates Living Space as our partner developer for our Housing Partnership Programme. As I am sure members are aware, this innovative scheme will deliver up to 1,500 new homes across 43 council owned development sites. The council will retain 40% of these as council houses which could see up to 600 new council homes being built.

With over 10,000 people currently on the housing waiting list in the city, this is an extremely important scheme that will play a key role in tackling Cardiff’s housing need. The project will also help first time buyers get that important first step on the housing ladder.

The Housing Partnership Programme will help to regenerate communities, enhancing environments and improving the quality of life for residents. All the properties built through this project will meet high levels of sustainability and energy efficiency, ensuring that we help to tackle fuel poverty. It is also anticipated that a ‘Passivhaus’ pilot project will be delivered in the first phase of development.

One of the key objectives of the project is to invest in the regeneration of our communities, deliver real community benefits including the creation of a long-term, sustainable local training and employment programmes as well as creating opportunities for local businesses, community groups and local people. The announcement of Wates as our partner is another huge step forward and we look forward to working with Wates on the project that will make a huge difference to many people's lives."

The Housing Partnership Programme will be split into 3 phases of development, with the first development due to commence next summer following detailed design and planning. Each phase of the project will be capable of delivering around 500 houses at a time and all three phases will be completed by 2025.

Councillor Susan Elsmore
Cabinet Member (Health, Housing & Wellbeing)
25 November 2015

SKILLS, SAFETY & ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT

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White Ribbon Campaign

The City of Cardiff was awarded White Ribbon status in October 2014. Cardiff Council will be amongst other organisations in Cardiff campaigning to make a stand against domestic abuse.

This year we have arranged a till receipt campaign whereby information on domestic violence support services will be included on the back of all receipts issued, which will be launched in Argos Stores across Cardiff on 30th November. The campaign has a potential reach of 126,000 people.

I joined several Cardiff council employees and two Welsh Assembly ministers on the 'Walk a Mile in her Shoes' event that took place from the Senydd last week. The picture of this event was shared via White Ribbon UK with the comment 'Wales Leading the Way'. Last week Cardiff Parks Grounds Maintenance team week planted a white ribbon of flowers outside Cardiff Castle. Our badge bed has already attracted significant media interest with the photographs being shared internationally via social media.

Information about the White Ribbon Campaign and specialist services available has been displayed across Council offices and Council Hubs. Awareness raising stands have been staffed in Velindre Hospital and a stand will also be staff in Cardiff Central library, Cardiff University on 26th November and at the Cardiff Women's Aid event at City Hall on 28th November. A leaflet produced by Cardiff Domestic Abuse Partnership, highlighting all of the specialist services available to women, men and children has been produced to coincide with this campaign.

The annual Bawso march took place on November 25th, White Ribbon Day, and the Light a Candle service held at Llandaff Cathedral. There was also a candlelight vigil taking place at the Pierhead Building.

The White Ribbon campaign is an all year campaign and more activities will be planned during 2016. The next campaign is likely to focus on the 6 Nation Rugby tournament. If you would like to find out more or become involved in an event, please contact Nicola Jones, Domestic Abuse Coordinator on Nicola.Jones2@cardiff.gov.uk

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse you can seek help and support from the 24hr Live Fear Free Helpline: 0800 80 10 10.

Local Democracy Week

I joined Cardiff Youth Council (CYC) at their meet at City Hall recently. Young people from across the city came to the council chambers to be inducted into the city's youth council during Local Democracy Week.

New members were given information on past projects, the youth council's democratic cycle and the benefits of being an active member including recognition through Millennium Volunteer programme and time credits.

There was a very healthy debate in the council chamber where young people debated the important topic 'Are young people listen to in society'.

CYC Chair Maegan Davies John said 'It was great to have a Cabinet Member attend our meeting and see the passion our members have'.

Grand Council Events

Cardiff Youth Council will co-produce 3 Grand Council events at the City Hall over the next 12 months. Young people from schools, colleges and youth organisations will be invited to take part in the day long events.

Each event will focus on a youth related topic firstly 'What Matters To Future Generations' on December 7th which will give delegates the chance to voice their opinion on the councils budget proposals and What Matters, the city's strategic plan.

Committee Webcasting

I am pleased to report that the Planning committee have now started webcasting their meetings following a successful pilot in September. We have extended the current arrangements to do this at marginal additional cost. These include a number of useful features including:

- Near real-time or live streaming
- Archiving facilities for webcast material for up to 12 months online;
- Detailed statistics in respect of the viewing of webcast material;
- Minimal officer time to set up and publish broadcasts;
- Minimal use of additional hardware/software to facilitate broadcasts;
- Integration of meeting information documents (agenda and reports etc.) with the webcast, optimising the available viewing experience for the public.

We will review the position in 6 months' time and report back with an equalities assessment and options for alternative delivery to the Constitution Committee with a view to extending webcasting if it proves to be popular with the public.

Councillor Dan De'Ath
Cabinet Member (Skills, Safety & Engagement)
25 November 2015

TRANSPORT, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

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COP21 – Paris Climate Conference

COP21 will be held in Paris next week. It will be the 21st “Conference of the Parties”, which is the annual meeting of all countries which want to take action on global climate change. The expected outcome is a new legally binding international agreement on climate change, applicable to all, to keep global warming below 2°C.

The City of Cardiff Councils is already actively responding to this agenda. A portfolio of projects to reduce demand for energy are being taken forward across the city, which includes investment in renewable energy generation, housing retrofit and the Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme. Sustainable transport projects aimed at encouraging a shift towards more sustainable modes of travel are also being delivered. These are important interventions that will ensure the Council and the City are making a positive contribution to addressing climate change. We know that they are effective. Recently the City Council’s Energy and Sustainability Team won the ‘Best use of Renewable Energy in the Public Sector’ award at the Wales Green Energy Awards 2015 and our work has also been featured in the worldwide Cities100 publication as one of the 100 solutions to climate change that could be scaled and replicated around the world.

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