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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

Committee	COVID-19 SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and Time of Meeting	TUESDAY, 23 JUNE 2020, 2.00 PM
Venue	REMOTE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
Membership	Councillor Walker (Chairperson) Councillors Bridgeman, Howells, Jenkins and Patel

The following papers were marked as 'Urgent Item' on the agenda circulated previously

Confidential Briefing - Cardiff City Transport Services Update (Pages 3 - 26)

The Chairperson has agreed that this item should be considered as Urgent to enable a decision to be progressed in a timely manner to support the local transport arrangement during the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Director Governance & Legal Services

Date: 22 June 2020

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CARDIFF COUNCIL**

COVID-19 SCRUTINY PANEL

23 June 2020

Urgent Report: Confidential Briefing - Cardiff City Transport Services Update

Appendices A & B are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14, 16 and 21 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is viewed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Purpose of the Report

1. To give Members information regarding the scrutiny of the urgent report titled Confidential Briefing - Cardiff City Transport Services Update.
2. Members should note that **Appendix A and Appendix B** are exempt from publication. Members are requested to keep this information confidential, in line with their responsibilities as set out in the Members Code of Conduct and the Cardiff Undertaking for Councillors.

Structure of the meeting

3. The Chair will move that this item be considered in a closed session, where members of the public will be excluded, where Members can ask questions that pertain to **Appendix A and Appendix B**.
4. Councillor Chris Weaver (Cabinet Member – Finance, Modernisation and Performance), Paul Orders, (Chief Executive) and Chris Lee (Corporate Director – Resources) will be available to answer Members questions. Members will then be able to decide what comments, observations or recommendations they wish to pass on for consideration.

Structure of the Papers

5. To facilitate the scrutiny the following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix A – Confidential Briefing Report

Cardiff City Transport Services Update

Appendix B – Presentation Slides

Scope of the Scrutiny

6. Full Council established the Covid-19 Scrutiny Panel on 21 May 2020 to provide measured and proportionate scrutiny in the current emergency.

7. Chris Lee, Corporate Director Resources, has discussed with Councillor Walker, Chair Covid-19 Scrutiny Panel, the need to provide the Panel with a confidential briefing on Cardiff City Transport Services as an Urgent Item.

8. During this scrutiny, Members have the opportunity to explore:

- Key factors shaping current and future position
- Financial implications
- Risks to the Council
- Next Steps and timelines.

Previous Scrutiny

9. In July 2019, the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee considered a Call-In of the decision to loan Cardiff Bus money for the acquisition of electric vehicles. Following consideration of the Call-In, the Member who called-in the decision agreed to be kept updated on the information in relation to the loan going forward and the Committee resolved to note the comments of the Councillor and take no further action.

10. In January 2020, the Environmental Scrutiny Committee considered the Transport White Paper, which includes sections on the role of buses in meeting the transport needs of Cardiff. Following the meeting, Cllr Patel, Chair Environmental

Scrutiny Committee, wrote to Cllr Wild, Cabinet Member – Strategic Planning and Transport; the letter¹ contained the following points regarding buses:

- **Importance of Engaging with Bus Companies** – Improving bus provision in the city is a core aim of the draft ‘Transport White Paper’. Indeed, section 2 of the document titled ‘Bus Growth’ is exclusively dedicated to improving bus travel into and around the city. During the meeting a Member commented on the importance of the bus as a mode of transport in the draft ‘Transport White Paper’, and asked for details on how much engagement had happened with the various private bus companies who operate in the city. He was told that regular engagement had taken place with the private bus companies, however, much work still needed to happen to deliver the vision set out in the plan – for example, developing governance and partnership agreements. The Committee see that bus has a central place in Cardiff’s transport plans, therefore, ask that you ensure that the Council works and fully engages with all of the private bus companies during every stage of the delivery of the plan.

Way Forward

11. Councillor Chris Weaver (Cabinet Member – Finance, Modernisation and Performance), Paul Orders (Chief Executive) and Chris Lee, Corporate Director Resources, will attend to take questions from Members of the COVID- 19 Scrutiny Panel, representing the Members of all five Cardiff Council Scrutiny Committees.
12. All Members are reminded of the need to maintain confidentiality with regard to the information provided in **Appendix A and Appendix B**. Members will be invited to agree the meeting go into closed session to enable discussion of this information.

¹ Letter from Cllr Patel, Chair Environmental Scrutiny Committee, to Cllr Wild, Cabinet Member Strategic Planning and Transport, dated 22 January 2020

Legal Implications

13. 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 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 of 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

14. 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 Panel is recommended to:

- i) Consider the information in this report, its appendices and the information provided during the meeting; and
- ii) Determine whether they would like to make any comments, observations or recommendations for consideration.

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Director, Governance & Legal Services

22 June 2020

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