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PRESENTATIONS

Committee POLICY REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date and Time of Meeting

TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022, 4.30 PM

Please see attached the Presentation(s) provided at the Committee Meeting

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Cardiff Council communications

Presentation to Scrutiny







The team

Team of 16 (11FTEs) divided into two distinct but combined operations

Communications and Media (10 with 6FTEs)

Design and Branding (6 with 5 FTEs)

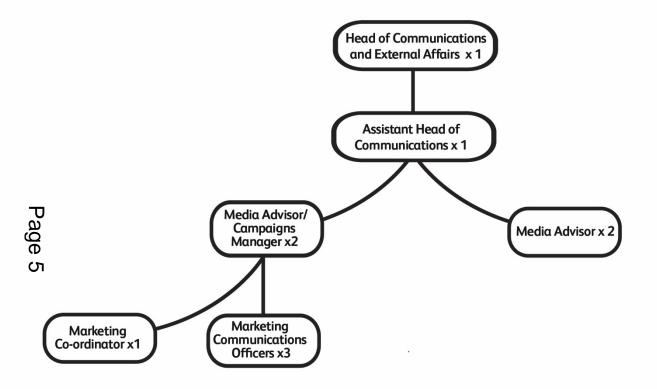
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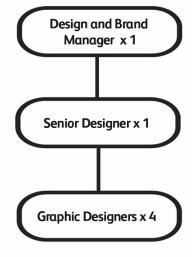
Media and Comms Structure







Design and Brand Structure









Priorities

Deliver a high-performing, digital-first, communications service

Grow our own audience to deliver our stories, direct to our residents and staff

Proactively generate stories, multi-media content and campaigns

Ensure residents, staff and communities are aware of work council does

Showcase policy strategy and operational delivery – making Stronger, Fairer, Greener real

Deliver a highly-responsive, reactive, media service with capability to explain policy and counter inaccuracy before publication







We tell the council's story

Keep residents informed about the council's policies, aims and ambitions for the city
Keep staff & members informed & engaged with changes happening across the council
Inform our communities, stakeholders and staff about why services need to change
Help communities and staff engage with the council and have their voices heard
Maintain a consistent brand; protect reputation; manage crisis communications
Celebrate and promote the council's achievements and good work







How do we do it?

We adopt a digital-first approach (that doesn't mean exclusively digital)

Create daily content delivered across multiple channels (External & internal)

Social media is the new front door

Tell stories and share 'news you can use' about the council's work Deliver communications campaigns while managing the media



YOUR COMMUNICATIONS 2021/22 DELIVERING EXCELLENCE



NET BUDGET

TELECARE 2021/22 COLLATERA





A year in the life

417 design projects 31 Campaigns and programmes 894 media enquiries 284 press releases 1890 articles 5,400 tweets 2,600 facebook posts 569 Instagram posts 63 Linked-In posts Multiple new brands created

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WALES INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Why so Social Media focussed?

It's immediate and cost effective

Deliver our message direct to our followers and beyond

The audience is there

57.6m use social media in UK = 84.3% population (source statista -2022)

35.05m facebook users in UK; 31.7m Insta users; 18.4m Twitter users







Where do people get their news in Wales?

First: BBC – 61%; Second: ITV – 43%; Third: Facebook – 42%

(Insta and Twitter are 6^{th} and 7^{th} – 23% & 22%)

Social Media is 2nd only to TV as the main news source in Wales 51%

Source Ofcom Media Nations: Wales report 2022







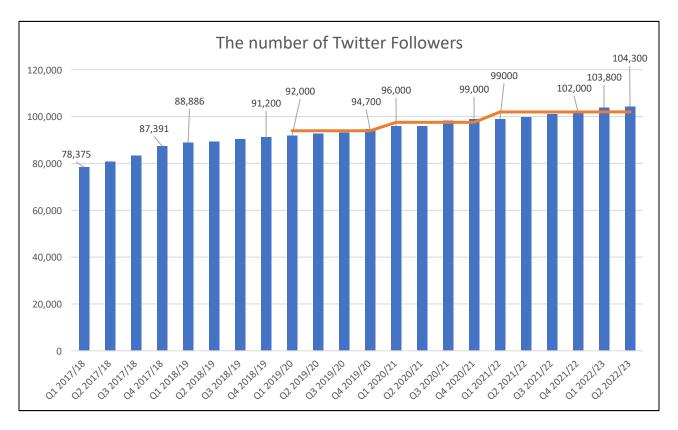
How did we do? prt1

Growing audience so we can deliver our news and our stories direct to our residents





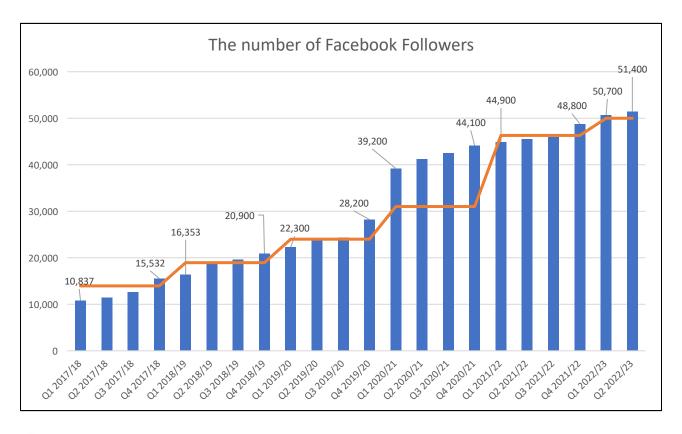








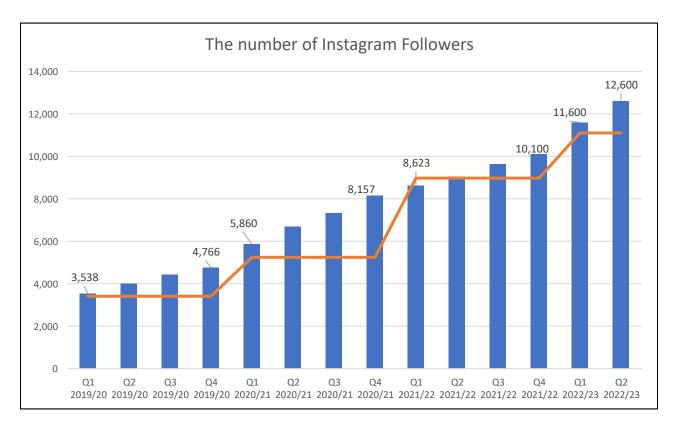


















Not just our followers

Citywide area Facebook groups

We've identified 103

We've gained access to 82

Working on the others – to exponentially push our reach across city

This has been a game changer







How did we do? prt2

Using sentiment to understand how our work lands

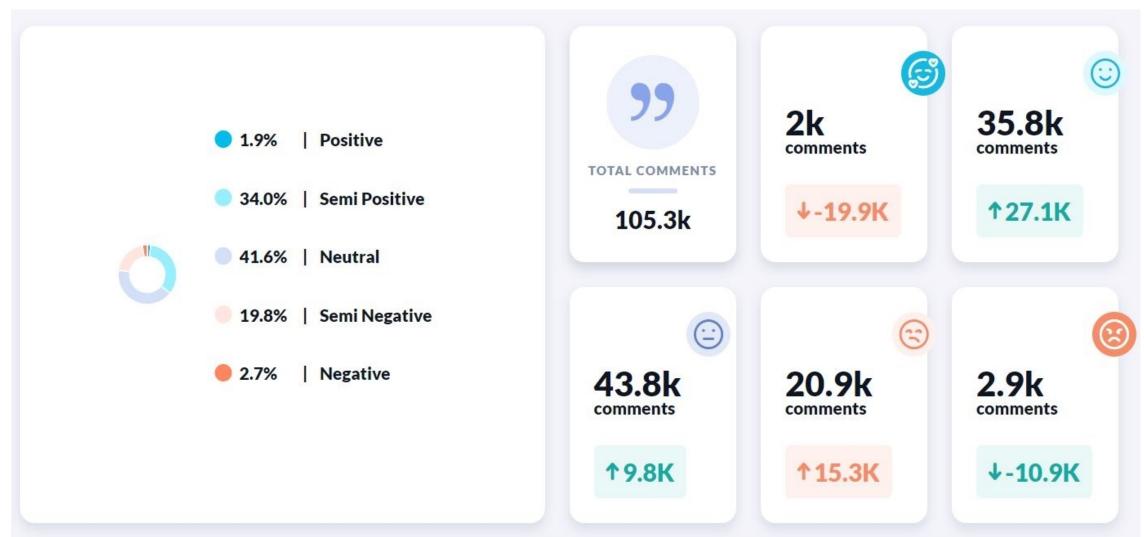


2019-2020

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2020-2021 (COVID-19 - crisis communications)





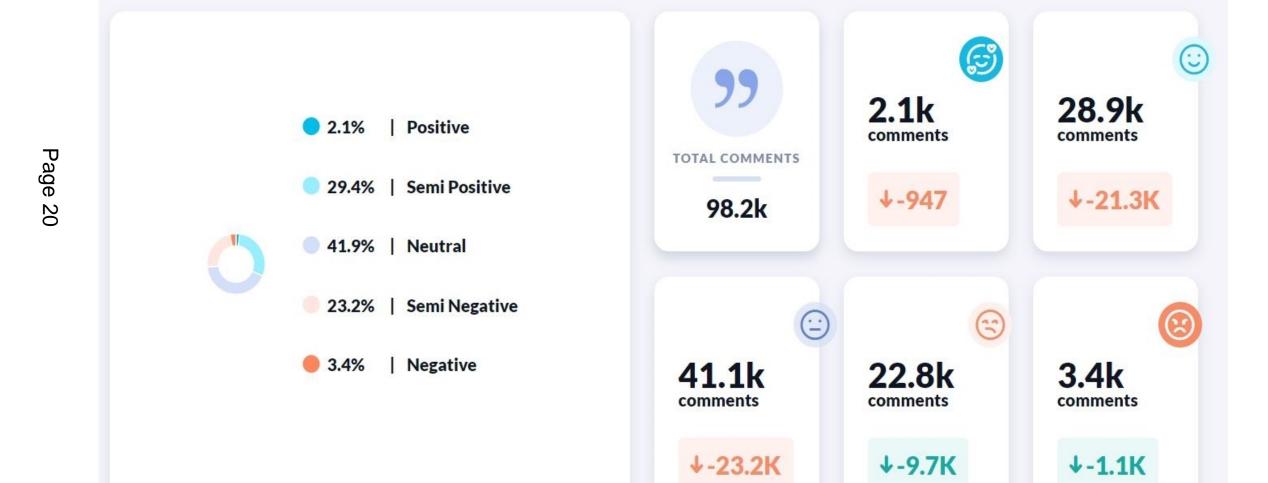




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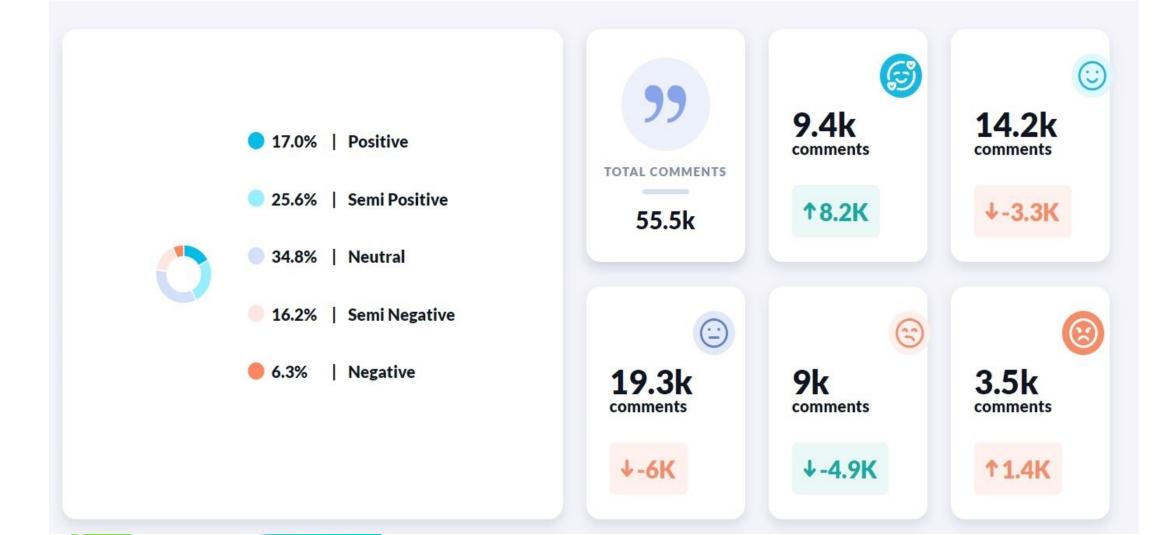




2022 – Year-to-Date (YTD)







Age 2





Our social content

		April 1	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
POSTS		5,950	8,913	8,974 (Covid)	6,826
IMPRESSIONS	6	20.25m	39.4m	51.8m	26.3m
ENGAGEMENT RATE		2.3%	1.7%	2.2%	2.78%
CLICKS	= 1	182,336	212,615	264,480	158,982
LIKES		74,832	138,010	168,734	63,552
COMMENTS		13,410	21,874	29,293	15,251
SHARES		26,035	47,370	81,583	39,070
TOTAL ENGAGEMENT		296,613	419,869	544,090	276,855





Proactive v Reactive

Created content for 5,400 tweets; 2,600 facebook posts; 569 Instagram posts

284 press releases; 894 media enquiries dealt with

leading to 1,890 articles last year

Cardiff Council has never been so proactive

We deliver news and stories every single day to residents

Capacity to deal with Crisis (Beast from the East; Covid-19)







Still a long way to go

Constantly need to review content we produce to improve engagement

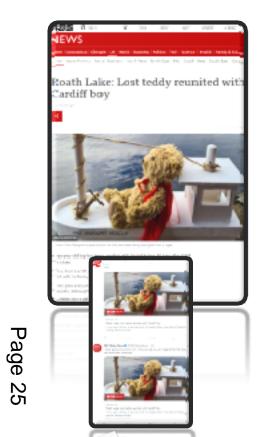
Real people - Working for Cardiff; Working for you – works best

Need to keeping on top of the ever-changing algorithms

(punished for content that isn't engaging)

Need to find ways to try new things – difficult with resource constraints





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It's not just social media

We work on citywide campaigns

Target hard to reach groups

We use radio; outdoor advertising; traditional media; mailouts

Multiple languages















External & Internal Comms

External campaigns from fully in-house to working with buyers

Design team comes to the fore (worked on 417 projects last year)

Internal Campaigns – manage council-wide channels including intranet,

staff app, staff info emails, staff events (SMF; CMF)







Reaching out

Digital ad-van will be visiting areas of the city displaying cost-of-living advice in 11 different languages

COVID-19 – worked with local mosques, Faith leaders, pharmacies, direct mail citywide and mailouts via schools, translated targeted communications into community languages

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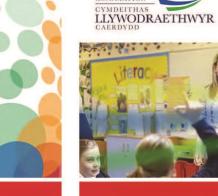






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Excellence in School Governance





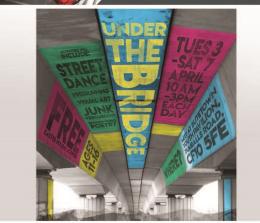


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CARDIFF GQV APP





















difference





"It's about the

conversation"



























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Challenges

Rising demand for service v resource

Important we are focussed on priorities set by Cabinet

Shrinking budget - £908k in 2018 - £643k in 2022

Keeping content interesting and engaging

Doing more to reach groups who aren't digital

Tackling misinformation and disinformation

Working with social media – algorithms, future pricing (?)







How can we help scrutiny?

Advice on setting up and running its own social channel
Cherry pick key items to share/display/advertise on main channels
Help build relationship with Local Government Correspondent
Help promote significant task and finish results - resource allowing







QUESTIONS

Scrutiny



Capital Programme

Policy Review and Performance Committee 15 November 2022

Approach

- Capital Expenditure / Key Terms
- Governance
- Reporting

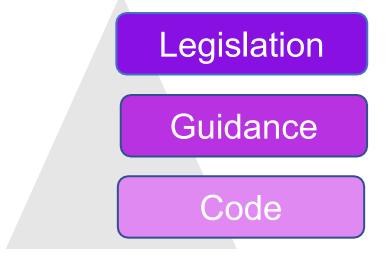
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Overview of schemes in current programme

Capital Expenditure / Key Terms

- Capital expenditure is money spent on an asset being purchased or created that will last for a number of years e.g. schools, buildings and highway infrastructure
- Cash resources for capital investment can include, Revenue budgets, Capital Receipts (Sale of Council assets), Grants or Contributions from external bodies.
- Where Capital projects are undertaken, without a cash resource to pay for it, this
 will increase the Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Need to borrow
 monies.
- Revenue Budget impact of capital investment
 - The costs of operating / maintaining new assets.
 - The capital financing costs of servicing any borrowing required to pay for investment
 - Interest payable on borrowing
 - Prudent revenue budget provision for repayment of capital expenditure paid for by borrowing
 - Reimbursement of borrowing costs from directorates / external bodies in respect of Invest to Save schemes.
 - The revenue costs of preparing and delivering projects.

Governance



Local Government Act 2003

- S1 power to borrow
- S3 affordable borrowing limit
- S12 power to invest
- S15 regard to Guidance issued
- Power to WG to issue regulations

Welsh Government Guidance

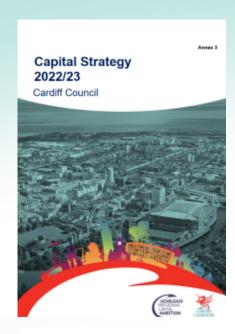
- Investment Guidance (2019)
- MRP Guidance (2018)

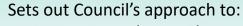
CIPFA Professional Codes

- Prudential Code (2021)
- Treasury Code of Practice (2021)
- Legislation sets out key powers and gives statutory backing to guidance Powers to Borrow and Invest
- Welsh Government Guidance includes requirement to set aside annually amounts deemed 'Prudent' to repay historic capital expenditure paid for by borrowing. MRP Policy Statement. Also HRA business planning and associated guidance
- Statutory requirement since 2004 To comply with
- CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance "Borrowing must be affordable, prudent and sustainable." "Stewardship of assets"
- CIPFA Treasury Management Code "Managing risks of borrowing and investments"
- Recent changes to Codes disincetivises borrowing 'primarily for yield'

Capital and Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23

- Medium Term Financial Plans Council and HRA





- Working with partners
- Asset Management Planning
- Risk Appetite
- Governance and decision-making
- Five Year Capital Investment Programme
- Funding the strategy and investment programme
- Managing the borrowing requirement and link to the proposed Treasury
 Management

Strategy

- Prudent Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy to be approved by Council i.e
 approach to repayment of expenditure to be paid for by borrowing
- Affordability and Prudential indicators.

Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23



Following review by Audit Committee, sets out the

- Treasury Position
- Economic background and prospects for interest rates
- Borrowing Policy / Requirement to Borrow after new commitments and MRP policy
- Investments Policy / Strategy / Creditworthiness policy / Products
- Non Treasury Investments
- Training
- Treasury Management Indicators and Limits

Prudential Indicators – Affordability / Prudence / Sustainability

- Prudential indicators and financial resilience indicators included in the Budget Report must be considered in taking a longer term view of affordability, prudence and sustainability.
- Budget Report Includes guide to the Prudential Indicators including setting the Affordable Borrowing Limit
- The S151 Officer is required to <u>report explicitly</u> on the deliverability, affordability and risk associated with the capital strategy and where appropriate have access to specialised advice to enable them to reach their conclusions.

Reporting

- Development and update of 5 year Capital Programme at start of the year as part of Capital Strategy and Budget process
 - Five year Capital Programme previously set for the period 2022/23 to 2027/28
 - The 2023/24 Budget will update the Capital Programme for significant changes and move it on to 2028/29
- Cabinet and Officer decision reports throughout the year.
 - Strategic updates
 - Specific Project updates
 - Procurement Process
 - Business cases and Modelling updates
- Periodic Budget Monitoring update Cabinet Report
 - Progress on projects aimed to give an overview of key expenditure items in year
 - Try to capture small and large schemes to provide reader with background
 - Capture additional in year external grant approvals
 - Capital receipts
 - Set out final expenditure and funding used to pay for expenditure in year
- External Audit of expenditure as part of Statement of Accounts Process
- Treasury Management Reports to Full Council

Detailed Capital Investment Programme included in Capital Strategy

Includes:

- Annual sums such as disabled adaptations and expenditure to improve existing assets such
 as infrastructure and property
- allocations for specific projects approved in previous years
- new capital investment proposed in year
- assumptions for known external grants and contributions, which in most cases are subject to a bid process
- projects proposed to proceed on the basis of revenue savings, incidental revenue income or other sources of retained income to repay initial investment
- the HRA programme, with a focus on significant investment in new Council homes to meet the demand for good quality, affordable social housing

Slippage

- A delay in planned expenditure compared to that originally assumed
- Causes
 - Over-optimism
 - Delay as a result of internal / external factors e.g planning, tenders, consultation, technical, legal agreements
 - Capacity and Skills
 - Business case / Due diligence
 - External Grant displacement of Council's own funding
 - Need to use time linked grant funding received first
 - Annual grant awards Longer term planning difficult

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