

# **FORWARD PLAN OF PROPOSED CABINET BUSINESS**

**PERIOD: FEBRUARY 2024 - MAY 2024**

**SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN AT CABINET MEETINGS**

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**February**

**Leader**

Corporate Plan 2024-27	To enable the Cabinet to consider the draft Corporate Plan for 2024-27 and recommend it to Council for approval.	RED		Council Cabinet
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**Education**

Cardiff Education: Working Together, Building for the Future Strategy 2024-2033	<p>In October 2019, Cabinet approved the Cardiff 2030 renewed vision for education and learning in the city.</p> <p>The Cardiff Education: Working Together, Building for the Future Strategy 2024-2033 has been developed to build upon the recent achievements across Cardiff's schools, to consider the changing demands for the future and to outline the Council's vision to deliver the themes and goals of Cardiff 2030.</p>	AMBER		Cabinet
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**Finance, Modernisation and Performance**

Budget Monitoring Month 9	The report will outline the overall financial monitoring position of the Council revenue and capital accounts. This will include an analysis of key variances nine months of the financial year.	GREEN		Cabinet
Budget Report 2024/25	This report will deal with the budget setting for the 2024/25 budget. The report will highlight issues known once the settlement is provided.	GREEN		Cabinet
Council Tax Premiums		AMBER		Cabinet

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	An unoccupied and unfurnished premium of 50% was introduced in April 2022 and was subsequently increased to 100% with effect from April 2023. Despite the number of long term unoccupied premiums has not reduced significantly we have asked to review the existing scheme and consider whether introducing an alternative premium scheme is appropriate which charges higher premiums dependent on the length of time the property has been unoccupied and unfurnished.			

### Housing & Communities

Cardiff Council's response to the consultation on the Welsh Government White Paper 'Ending Homelessness in Wales'	The Welsh Government has published a White Paper that sets out a range of proposals to change to policy and law, to end homelessness in Wales, this report will set out the Council's response.	GREEN		Cabinet
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### March

### Leader

Council as the Corporate Trustee - Governance Arrangements				
Corporate Joint Committee Update	The report will provide an update on the establishment of Corporate Joint Committees in Wales, with the focus on the Cardiff Capital Region.	GREEN		Cabinet

### Climate Change

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One Planet Cardiff - Annual Review	To feed back on the progress of the strategy, to report annual carbon reduction statistics over the course of the previous year, and to update and refine the delivery and action plan for the coming period	AMBER		Cabinet
Delivering the Recycling Strategy 2022-25 - Cleaner and Greener	To deliver the Recycling Strategy 2022-25 – Cleaner and Greener with the aim to improve Recycling Performance for Cardiff	AMBER		Cabinet

### Education

School Admission Arrangements 2025/26	<p>In accordance with Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations required to review the School Admission Policy annually.</p> <p>The School Admission Arrangements must be determined for implementation 2024.</p> <p>This report summarises the views expressed during the consultation with regard to how to proceed.</p>	AMBER		Cabinet
Provision for Children & Young People with Additional Learning Needs (ALN)	<p>At its meeting on 13 July 2023 the Council's Cabinet authorised officers proposals to increase the number of places for learners with Emotional Wellbeing Needs and the number of places for learners with Complex Learning Difficulties and Autism Spectrum Condition.</p> <p>It was noted that officers would bring a report on the outcome of the consultation to a future meeting to seek authorisation as to whether to proceed to publish the proposals in accordance with section 48 of The School Standards and Organisation Act 2013</p> <p>This report summarises the views expressed during the consultation with</p>	AMBER		Cabinet

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	<p>recommendations regarding how to proceed.</p>			
<p>Cardiff's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme: Building on Success and Investing in the Future Strategy 2024-2033</p>	<p>At its meeting on 19 January 2023, the Cabinet received a report which outlined the challenges and opportunities facing Cardiff in the development of the education estate.</p> <p>It was agreed at this meeting it be agreed that officers bring forward a School Organisation Strategy within the next financial year that leads to priority projects against the new rolling programme of funding of the Sustainable Communities for Learning.</p> <p>The detail of the strategy will be set out in this report along with the timeframe for associated work to inform the Sustainable Communities for Learning bid and proposed catchment arrangements.</p>			<p>Cabinet</p>

### Finance, Modernisation & Performance

<p>Pay Policy Statement 2024/25</p>	<p>The Council also has a statutory requirement under the Localism Act 2011 pay policy statement on an annual basis. The first statement was in place b 2012 and they have been produced annually since. Agreement (and subse publication) of this 2024/25 annual Pay Policy Statement will ensure contin compliance with this legislation.</p>	<p>GREEN</p>		<p>Cabinet Council</p>
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**Housing & Communities**

<p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan 2024/25</p>	<p>Issues covered in the HRA Business Plan are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set out the authority’s purpose or mission as a social housing landlord;</li> <li>• set out objectives and standards for the service;</li> <li>• plan how to achieve the objectives and standards set out (the strategies);</li> <li>• plan resource and financial requirements;</li> <li>• provide a framework for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the housing ‘business’;</li> <li>• communicate the authority’s plans to its tenants, Welsh Government, other key stakeholders, partners and the wider community.</li> </ul> <p>The report is proposing to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage more efficient use of housing assets;</li> <li>• increase the transparency of the HRA;</li> <li>• assist authorities in planning their housing management strategy;</li> <li>• put authorities’ housing accounts onto a more business-like basis.</li> </ul>	<p>GREEN</p>		<p>Cabinet</p>
<p>Overcladding Nelson House / Loudoun House</p>		<p>AMBER</p>	<p><i>Housing and Communities will consult with residents and local ward members as the scheme develops and communication will be</i></p>	<p>Cabinet</p>

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	<p>Following the Grenfell Towers tragedy, Cardiff Council tested the cladding on its' domestic high-rise blocks of flats and took the decision to remove it.</p> <p>A phased approach was taken for the re-cladding of these blocks. Phase 1 – Lydstep Flats is currently at the construction stage, and it is now the intention to move to Phase 2 – Nelson House / Loudoun House.</p> <p>Consultants were engaged to develop design options for the Council to consider.</p> <p>The option considered the safest in respect of fire safety was to move forward with the brick option, and this is the option that was approved for phase 1 (Lydsetp Flats). The same option is proposed for Nelson House / Loudoun House.</p> <p>The recommendation is to appoint a Contractor to deliver these works via a mini competition under the South SEWSCAP3 Framework.</p>		<i>in person and via letters.</i>	

### Investment & Development

Land Matters	Property transactions – acquisition and disposal which will require Cabinet's approval due to value.	GREEN		Cabinet
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### Transport & Strategic Planning

Delivering a Bus Priority Network for Cardiff	There is a need for Cardiff to have a bus priority strategy that aligns with the network aspirations in the Transport White Paper. The bus network also required mapping to identify key corridors, routes and infrastructure items that can be used to form a programme for bus priority delivery.			Cabinet
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Cardiff CrossRail Phase 1	<p>The CrossRail Phase 1 project has a spend deadline of mid 2026 on its UK Government funding contribution of £50m.</p> <p>There is an urgent need to procure a contractor to support the detailed design, costing and construction of Cardiff CrossRail Phase 1A (City Centre-Cardiff Bay). As the funding owner, client and lead delivery organisation, permission is required to launch this tender process.</p> <p>There are other key elements of the project that also need to be progressed, they include consultation, detailed design business case submissions.</p>	AMBER		Cabinet
Updated Highway Maintenance Policy Document Part A (2024)	<p>This Highway Maintenance Policy part A relates to the functions delivered by the <b>Highways Infrastructure and Operations Teams</b> that manage and maintain the highway network for which the Council is responsible as the Highway Authority. The Highway Maintenance Policy will be periodically reviewed particularly in response to changes in legislation, the development of case law or Council reorganisation.</p>	GREEN		Cabinet

**May**

**Culture, Parks & Events**

Fields In Trust	Fields in Trust is a registered charity that protects, supports and champions parks and green spaces. The charity works to protect	GREEN		Cabinet
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	<p>parks, playing fields and open spaces in perpetuity through legal agreements with landowners most commonly the local authorities.</p> <p>The Council currently has ten sites that it has entered into protection with the charity under agreements. These being Heath Park, Roath Recreation Ground, Moorland Park, Llanishen Park, Pontprennau Playing Fields, Pontcanna Field, Hywel Dda Open Space and Rumney Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Through the proposed report the Council will be looking to put a further tranche of site, to be confirmed, in trust.</p>			

### Housing & Communities and Tackling Poverty, Equality & Public Health

City Centre Youth Hub	<p>Feasibility work is taking place to scope the potential for an integrated hub for young people which will bring local authority and partner services together in one location, to provide a wide range of advice, information and support for young people.</p> <p>A range of potential locations for this facility have been researched in recent years including refurbishing the Grassroots building on Charles Street. A potential building, number 28, The Parade is currently being investigated for consideration. The site comprises a 4-storey main building (Grade-II listed), a 2-storey annex and outside space. The buildings are generally in a poor state of repair, particularly the main building.</p>	AMBER		Cabinet
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### Investment & Development

City Hall (Core Office Update Report)	<p>To provide an update on the work to develop a Full Business Case for the Council's Core Offices, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the outcome of the Core Office Requirements Gathering</li> </ul>	AMBER		Cabinet
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	<p>Exercise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the outcome of the soft marketing exercise for City Hall</li> <li>an update on the heating solution for City Hall</li> <li>the presentation of options for City Hall maintenance and repair.</li> </ul>			

### Tackling Poverty, Equality & Public Health

Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28	Review and revise Strategic Equality Plan, 2020-24. To ensure compliance with The Public Sector Equality Duty, specific to Wales, the Council is required to develop and publish a strategic equality plan, every four years.	AMBER		Cabinet
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### Transport & Strategic Planning

Cabinet Response to the Joint Scrutiny Committee Inquiry Report on the Replacement Local Development Plan	A Joint Scrutiny Committee undertook an inquiry which explored policy approaches to inform the preparation of the Replacement Local Development Plan. A report of findings and recommendations was presented to Cabinet in January 2024 and this report outlines Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations.	GREEN		Cabinet
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### June

### Leader

Welsh Language Standards: Annual Report 2023-24	Local Authorities have a statutory duty under section 44 of the Welsh Language [Wales] Measure 2011 to comply with regulation 'Welsh language standards'.	GREEN		Cabinet
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	<p>Cardiff Council is under a duty to comply with standards relating to producing and publishing an Annual Report.</p> <p>This will be the seventh annual report produced under the Welsh language standards.</p> <p>In addition the Policy Development – Compliance with the Welsh Language Standards policy document will be included for approval as an appendix to the Annual Report. This policy has been produced to support compliance with the Policy Development Welsh Language Standards</p>			

**Culture, Leisure & Parks**

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Cardiff Harbour Authority - Review of Section 165 Agreement between WG and Cardiff Council	An agreement was made pursuant to Section	GREEN		Cabinet

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**Social Services (Adults)**

<p>Learning Disabilities Delivery Plan</p>	<p>The Learning Disability Plan will set out our approach to developing services for people with a learning disability.</p> <p>The Learning Disability Delivery Plan will reflect the ambitions set out in the Cardiff and Vale Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with Learning Disabilities “Promoting Independence and Improving Lives” 2019-2024. It is proposed that this strategy is extended as its principles are still relevant but that a refreshed Delivery Plan is put in place to set out how Cardiff will delivery the aims of the Strategy.</p> <p>The Delivery Plan will include our approach to the further development of supported living provision, day services, transition, respite and a range of support to help people with a learning disability to live well in their communities, including social, employment and further education opportunities</p> <p>It will also set out our commissioning priorities including our approach to commissioning residential placements. The plan will aim to enhance partnership working to deliver better outcomes for adults with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>GREEN</p>		<p>Cabinet</p>
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