

TARGETED REGENERATION INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides Committee with an update on the Welsh Government's new Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRI programme) and the work underway in Cardiff to determine appropriate bids to this.
2. The following appendices are attached to this report:
 - i) **Appendix A** – Report to Cabinet 15 March 2018 titled 'Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme'.
 - ii) **Appendix B** – Targeted Regeneration Investment: Guidance for local authorities and delivery partners – Welsh Government October 2017.

Background

3. In October 2017, the Welsh Government launched a £100 million programme of targeted regeneration investment, with a view to investing in economic regeneration projects from April 2018. The stated aims of the programme are to *'create jobs, enhance skills and employability, and create the environment for businesses to grow and thrive.'*¹
4. The TRI programme provides capital investment for regionally significant economic regeneration projects that *'serve the aims of wider sustainable development with activities focused at individuals and areas most in need.'*² The

¹ Quote taken from <http://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/regeneration/targeted-regeneration-investment/?lang=en> downloaded 4 April 2018

² As above

programme will be targeted in a small number of regeneration areas *'in order to generate a greater impact, rather than spreading resources thinly in all parts of Wales.'*³

5. A key requirement of the programme is for there to be a regional regeneration strategy and a means of demonstrating regional endorsement of project proposals. Cardiff is included in the South East Wales region, which has a provisional allocation of £44 million. The Welsh Government contribution to costs will not exceed 70%, with bids having to demonstrate that at least 30% match funding is from non-Welsh Government sources.
6. The Welsh Government guidance, attached at **Appendix B**, states that *'Local authorities and regional partnerships are invited to develop capital investment proposals for regeneration which reflect local needs and priorities. Proposals for investment will also need to have been the subject of extensive engagement with local communities. The programme considers the government's wider commitment to pursuing concerted action aimed at widening prosperity and improving people's quality of life.'*
7. Building on the latter point, Welsh Government guidance emphasises the need for proposed projects to *'reflect the commitment towards developing integrated approaches to the needs of particular communities with a strong emphasis on cross-sectoral working.'*
8. The Welsh Government guidance sets out that the TRI programme will be a rolling programme, with no deadline for applications, so that projects can be considered when a proposal is ready. A National Regeneration Investment Panel will consider the proposals against stated assessment criteria, as set out on pages 17-18 of the guidance attached at **Appendix B**.

³ Taken from Welsh Government guidance, attached at Appendix B to this report

Proposals for Cardiff

9. At their meeting on 15 March 2018, Cabinet agreed the recommendations detailed in the report attached at **Appendix A**, as follows:

'1. Note the funding opportunity presented by the Welsh Government's Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme and associated match-funding requirements'

'2. Agree the priority themes and projects for the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme set out in the report'

'3. Delegate authority to the Corporate Director, People and Communities, Director of Economic Development, and Director of Planning, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities, Cabinet Member for Investment & Development and Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, to finalise details of the Council's contribution to the Regional Regeneration Plan and prepare funding bids for consideration under the Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme.'

10. With regard to the match-funding requirements, the report to Cabinet states, at Point 8 Appendix A, that £1.3 million over 2018 – 2023 is included in the Council's Capital Programme and that match-funding requirements will be reviewed as projects are worked up and other sources of funding identified.

11. The report to Cabinet states that the Southern Arc of Cardiff, stretching from Trowbridge in the east to Ely in the West, is proposed as Cardiff's regeneration area. This is because the Southern Arc contains the majority of the city's most deprived wards, with employment rates and earning levels lagging behind the city-region average.

12. With regard to the priority themes and projects, these are set out at Points 14 – 22 and include business corridors and Community & Well-Being Hubs, as follows:

- South Riverside Business Area – see points 15 – 17, Appendix A

- Adamsdown/ Roath Business Area – see point 18, Appendix A
- Health & Well Being Hubs - Llanedeyrn, Ely and Cardiff Royal Infirmary Hubs – see points 20-22, Appendix A
- Expanding hub service delivery – City Centre Youth Hub, Butetown Pavilion and Llanrumney Hub – see point 14, Appendix 1 of Appendix A.

13. The report to Cabinet highlights that a regional regeneration plan is currently being drafted, based on contributions from the ten Cardiff Capital Region City Deal local authorities, but that there is currently no mechanism in place for regional approval of projects as this is beyond the scope of the City Deal governance arrangements. It states, at Point 11, that *‘Any governance established to provide formal regional approval for TRIP funded projects would require the prior approval of all ten partnering local authorities.’*

Scope of Scrutiny

14. This item provides Members with the opportunity to undertake policy development scrutiny, exploring issues relating to the proposed approach, including but not limited to:
- i) Approach for determining priority projects
 - ii) Mechanisms for community consultation
 - iii) Interface with other partnership, cross-sectoral working, including economic development projects
 - iv) Identification of match-funding
 - v) Approach for delivering priority projects
 - vi) Development of Regional Regeneration Plan
 - vii) Development of appropriate regional governance arrangements
 - viii) Resource requirements
 - ix) Timescales
 - x) Whether there are any risks to the Council
 - xi) How any risks to the Council are being addressed and mitigated.

Way Forward

15. Councillor Lynda Thorne (Cabinet Member – Housing and Communities) and Councillor Russell Goodway (Cabinet Member – Investment and Development) will be invited to make a statement. Sarah McGill (Corporate Director – People and Communities), Neil Hanratty (Director of Economic Development), Don Davidson (Group Leader – Neighbourhood Regeneration) and Jonathan Day (Economic Policy Manager) will attend to answer Members' questions on the proposals for the targeted regeneration investment programme in Cardiff.

Legal Implications

16. 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

17. 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:

- i) Consider the information presented in this report, its appendices and the information presented at the meeting, and
- ii) Determine any comments, observations or recommendations to the Cabinet.

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