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**ANNUAL WELL-BEING REPORT 2018-19**

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**Reason for the Report**

1. To provide the Committee with an opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny of the Council's **Annual Well-Being Report 2018-19**. The report is due to be considered by Cabinet on 11 July 2019.

**Context**

2. In line with the Policy Review and Performance (PRAP) Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference Members have responsibility for scrutiny of Cardiff Council's Corporate Plan and Strategic Programmes
3. The Council's annual performance report, provides an assessment of the progress made in delivery of the administration's Capital Ambition priorities as expressed within the Corporate Plan 2018-21. The report also enables the Council to discharge a number of statutory obligations, such as the publication of an Annual Statutory Well-Being Report as required by the Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015 and meet the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to publish an improvement report by 31st October 2019.

**Structure of the Papers**

4. Attached to this report are a series of appendices to enable the scrutiny:
  - Appendix A - Cardiff Council Annual Statutory Well-Being Report 2018-19
  - Appendix 1 - Annual Statutory Well-Being Report 2018-19

- Appendix 1a - Performance Update against the Key Performance Indicators included within the Corporate Plan 2018-21
- Appendix 2 - Update against the Council's Capital Ambition Delivery Programme

## Background

5. The Cabinet agreed Capital Ambition in July 2017, a wide-ranging programme of commitments for Cardiff including proposals and a programme of action to continue to drive the city economy forward, whilst ensuring that all residents feel the benefits of success. It focusses on four main areas:
  - Working for Cardiff: *Making sure all citizens can contribute to, and benefit from, the city's success.*
  - Working for Wales: *A successful Wales needs a successful capital city.*
  - Working for the Future: *Managing the city's growth in a sustainable way.*
  - Working for Public Services: *Making sure public services are delivered efficiently, effectively and sustainably in the face of rising demand and reducing budgets.*

## Wellbeing Objectives

6. The Corporate Plan 2018-21 includes seven Well-Being Objectives that set out the Outcomes the Council wants to achieve. These reflect the political priorities of the administration and the aspirations shared with public service delivery partners. The report includes a strategic assessment of each of the following well-being objectives and an analysis of progress.
  - Cardiff is a great place to grow up
  - Cardiff is a great place to grow older
  - Supporting people out of poverty
  - Safe, confident and empowered communities
  - A capital city that works for Wales
  - Cardiff grows in a resilient way

- Modernising and integrating our public services

The Council's Annual Statutory Well-Being Report is the annual review of performance against the commitments set in the Corporate Plan 2018-21. It includes:

- The strategic self-assessment of the Council's performance for the reporting year against each of the Well-being Objectives (Appendix 1).
- A detailed update- with RAG Rating- against the Key Performance Indicators included within the Corporate Plan 2018-21 (Appendix 1a).
- A detailed narrative update- with RAG rating- against the Steps included within the Corporate Plan 2018-21 (Appendix 1b).

## **Council Performance**

7. Overall, the report identifies that the Council's performance has improved or been maintained against a range of services against which targets were set in the Corporate Plan. For 2018-19, the Council achieved a Green or Amber performance rating for 78% of the Key Performance Indicators it had set itself. Results against the Council's Key Performance Indicators also showed performance improving for 50% of the KPIs, performance maintained for 3.3% of the KPIs and performance falling for 22% of KPIs. No target was set or no performance data was available for around 25% of KPIs.
8. The Annual Wellbeing Report contains a self-assessment of its progress towards achieving its wellbeing objectives. This assessment is undertaken by drawing on a number of different sources of information to make an assessment of progress which include:
  - Progress against the Steps in each Wellbeing Objective

- Inspection Reports –including regulatory bodies such as the Wales Audit Office, Estyn (Education) and the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW).
- Surveys and Citizen feed-back including the annual Ask Cardiff survey and more specific consultation and engagement work which provide residents an opportunity to share their views on a wide range of the Council's services.
- Finance Monitoring: The Council's Outturn Report 2018/19 serves to inform of the Council's financial position in respect of the year ending 31 March 2019
- Feedback from Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee
- Risk: The Council's Corporate and Directorate Risks are considered as part of a rounded view of performance, and the Annual Wellbeing Report is prepared and considered by Cabinet alongside the Council's Annual Corporate Risk Report.

### **Annual Reporting Schedule – National Performance Measures and Comparative Performance in Wales**

9. The national Performance Measurement Framework for Local Government in Wales identifies a set of 34 national performance measures against which the delivery of local public services is measured (Public Accountability Measures (PAMs)). Performance against this data set is published incrementally, as and when it becomes available over the course of the year. This represents a departure from the previous approach of collating all the comparable PAMs and publishing them in a collated release in September each year. As a consequence of the phased release of comparative performance information, and to bring the Annual Performance report closer to the end of the financial year to which it relates, the Annual Performance Report will now be published in July (Month 4), significantly earlier than the statutory deadline of 31st October 2019.

## **Role of the Auditor General for Wales and the Future Generations Commissioner**

10. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act places a general duty on the Commissioner “to promote the sustainable development principle...[and] for that purpose to monitor and assess the extent to which well-being objectives set by public bodies are being met.” In carrying out this general duty, the Commissioner may conduct a review into the extent to which a public body is safeguarding the ability of future generations to meet their needs. In conducting a review, the Commissioner’s reviews may look at:

- the steps the body has taken or proposes to take to meet its well-being objectives;
- the extent to which the body is meeting its well-being objectives;
- whether a body has set well-being objectives and taken steps to meet them in accordance with the sustainable development principle.

The Auditor General must examine each public body at least once in a five year period and may carry out examinations of 44 public bodies for the purposes of assessing the extent to which they have acted in accordance with the sustainable development principle when:

- setting well-being objectives, and
- taking steps to meet those objectives.

### **Scope of the Scrutiny**

11. The Committee have the opportunity to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the Council’s **Annual Well-Being Report 2018-19** being presented to Cabinet on 11 July 2019. Members are requested to consider whether there are comments and observations that need to be captured during the Committees discussion of this item at the Way Forward for submission to Cabinet.

12. To support this item the following witnesses will be in attendance to provide a presentation and to respond to any questions from the Committee: Cllr Huw Thomas, Leader of Cardiff Council, Councillor Chris Weaver, Cabinet Member Finance, Modernisation and Performance; Paul Orders, Chief Executive of Cardiff Council, Sarah McGill Corporate Director - People & Communities and Gareth Newell, Head of Performance and Partnerships

### **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 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**

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**

15. The Committee is recommended to consider the presentation and the Council's Annual Well-Being Report 2018-19 to determine whether it wishes to offer its comments, observations, or recommendations to Cabinet at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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