

POLICY REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 JULY 2019

Present: Councillor Walker(Chairperson)
Councillors Berman, Henshaw, Lister, Mackie and McKerlich

11 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Bowen-Thompson

12 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR	ITEM	REASON
Mackie	Annual Wellbeing Report	Family Member Head of Integrated Care

13 : MINUTES

The minutes of the 12 June 2019 were signed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

14 : CALL-IN CARDIFF BUS - LOAN FOR ACQUISITION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Committee considered a call-in by a non-executive Councillor for Decision CAB/19-20/5.

The reasons set out by the non-executive Councillor for calling in the decision were: "I am gravely concerned about the security the Council will seek and am of the view this should have formed part of the decision making process, before proceeding to determine the loan. Questions of security are material to the decision – what if insufficient security can be sought? These are points which should be clearly set out and scrutinised".

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED:
Appendix 1 of Appendix A of the report was exempt from publication as it contained exempt information of the description contained in paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The public were excluded from the meeting by resolution of the Committee pursuant to Section 100 (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussion of this item.

RESOLVED: The Councillor AGREED to be kept updated on the information in relation to the loan going forward.

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED to note the comments of the Councillor and take no further action.

The Committee welcomed the following:

- Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Council
- Councillor Chris Weaver, Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance
- Paul Orders, Chief Executive
- Gareth Newell, Head of Partnerships and Performance
- Dylan Owen, Head of Cabinet Office

The Chairperson invited Councillor Thomas to make a statement.

Councillor Thomas explained that the report provided an assessment of the progress made in delivery of the administration's Capital Ambition priorities as outlined within the Corporate Plan 2018-21. A wide-ranging programme of commitments for Cardiff was being taken forward, including proposals and a programme of action to continue to drive the city's economy forward, whilst ensuring that all residents felt the benefits of success.

The Chairperson thanked Councillor Thomas.

The Committee received a presentation which outlined the following:

- Capital Ambition: Annual Performance Report
- Corporate Planning: Plan, Do, Review
- Self-Evaluating Performance, How we form Judgements
- Aggregate Performance Picture
- Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Up
- Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Old
- Supporting People Out of Poverty
- Safe, Confident and Empowered Communities
- A Capital City that Works for Wales
- Cardiff Grows in a Resilient Way
- Modernising & Integrating our Public Services
- Corporate Improvement Priorities:
 - Looked After Children and outcomes for vulnerable children
 - Waste Management and Street Scene services
 - Sickness Absence
 - Corporate Landlord
 - Financial Pressures.
- Way Forward

The Chairperson invited the Committee to ask questions.

The Committee referred to the terminology in the report, evidencing a variety of ratings and the mixture of different status sets which did not provide the clarity necessary to those reading the report.

The Committee was advised of the improvement process and the mechanisms for reporting the information.

Members of the Committee drew attention to the Objectives and the Self-Assessment of Performance and how these were measured.

- Modernising and integrating our public services – missed 35%
- A Capital City that works for Wales – 50%
- Cardiff is a great City to grow up – 65%

What methodology was being used to arrive at the statistics and what assurance could be provided in relation to the evidence of scrutiny of performance?

The Committee was advised that the collection of data was supplemented with evidence from the assessment of auditors, regulators and inspectors as part of the self-evidence process. It was recognised that issues had been experienced in Waste Management but progress was being realised.

It was essential to draw out improvement priorities and for key issues 12 months should be added to the outcomes to reflect the results. Challenging comparative information over the last 5 years to address data set and how this comparative data could be looked at.

Members of the Committee requested additional information regarding the 'Cardiff grows in a resilient way' relating to the areas of improvement and the progress being made.

The Committee was advised that a rapid response for the Clean Air programme would be in place by 2021.

The Committee was concerned that performance data, 25% of the Key Performance Indicators was not available and not explained in the report.

Members were advised that the majority of the information related to Adult Social Services which were new targets relating to the Social Services Wellbeing Act which had been introduced into the Corporate Plan.

The Committee drew attention to information relating to Corporate Landlord, the 2 years backlog of £100M' which was out of date. The actual figure for the essential maintenance was estimated to be £250M, which was a significant figure especially when a high volume of schools were involved.

Members were informed that the differing figures suggested regarding the backlog of works related to the inclusion of either or both of the Operational or Non-Operational Estate. An Asset survey would be completed in the near future and clearer information would be available to manage the ongoing maintenance needed. The Committee also re-iterated their concerns of the significant issues of the Schools estate and the parks of the city.

The issues of the School's Estate was discussed which included Health and Safety risks and priorities being experienced in schools.

The Committee was advised that whilst there was an increase in Independent Fostering Associations, greater focus was being directed towards bringing more provision back in-house.

The Committee discussed the credibility of the data and how the targets were being stretched, including an explanation in the report to outline this.

Members referred to “Supporting People out of Poverty” – Good Progress and asked if a KPI could be established to address the Living Wage.

The Committee was advised that a new KPI could be taken on board through the Corporate Plan process.

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED that the Chairperson writes to the Cabinet Members on behalf of the Committee to convey their comments and observations.

16 : CARDIFF WELL-BEING PLAN 2018-2023

The Chairperson introduced the following:

- Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of the Council
- Paul Orders, Chief Executive
- Gareth Newell, Head of Partnerships and Performance
- Dylan Owen, Head of Cabinet Office
- Maria Battle, Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
- Dr Sian Griffiths

The Chair welcomed Councillor Thomas to make a statement.

Councillor Thomas thanked the Public Service Board for the work that had been carried out in relation to uniting public services.

Councillor Thomas thanked Maria Battle for her contribution to the Public Service Board as she was leaving UHW.

The Committee received a presentation from Gareth Newell which outlined the following;

- Cardiff Public Service Board
- Cardiff’s Well-Being Plan
- Cardiff’s Well-Being Plan – Delivery
- Annual Report
- Cardiff in 2019
- Cardiff’s Demography & Well-Being: An overview
- Objective 4: Cardiff is a great place to grow up
- Next Steps

The Chairperson invited the Committee to ask questions.

The Committee were advised of the joint working practices in place which supported the citizen and supported wellbeing as a whole. The focus was directed towards Health & Wellbeing, Social Services, Education and Transport. A difference could be seen across the city with the introduction of the Nextbike scheme, Clean Air programme and enhanced quality of life. Further, the introduction of the "Get me Home" programme supported people leaving hospital and being independent in their own homes. Healthy travel was essential and being supported by the Nextbike Scheme.

The Committee were told of the plans in place to deal with BREXIT and how the services had developed an Emergency Management Plan which was co-ordinated on a regional basis to support services going forward.

Members were informed of the focus directed towards data sharing and how joint working had enabled collective thinking that supported the citizen.

It was recognised funding pressures were being experienced however, with the development of "core office" buildings progress in Health and Social Care was being realised. Improvements in Environment and Transport could be seen with Air Quality being a number one priority. Funding relied on collective resources which also included police provision and an international care fund grant, which focused on the individual.

The Committee was advised of the BREXIT plans in place to deal with a "no deal" scenario. These included supply chains, contracts, staffing issues and community cohesion. The partners met on a monthly basis to address and prepare for the situation going forward.

The Committee were keen to be updated on Core Office accommodation in the city between partners.

Members were informed that a wide range of locations were being looked at for collaborative working which involved Health and the Police but as yet there was no final position on the matter.

RESOLVED: The Committee AGREED that the Chairperson writes to the Cabinet Members on behalf of the Committee to convey their comments and observations.

17 : FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme and discussed items to be considered at the meeting scheduled for September 2019.

18 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

The meeting terminated at 7.10 pm

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