
CARDIFF COUNCIL ANNUAL WELL-BEING REPORT 2019-20

Reason for the Report

1. To provide the Committee with an opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny of the Council's **Annual Well-Being Report 2019-20**. The report is due to be considered by Cabinet on 17 September 2020.

Context

1. 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
2. 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 2019-22. 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 annual report.

Structure of the Papers

3. Attached to this report are a series of appendices to enable the scrutiny:
 - Appendix A - Cardiff Council Annual Statutory Well-Being Cabinet Report
 - Appendix 1 - Annual Statutory Well-Being Report 2019-20

- Appendix 1a - Performance Update against the Key Performance Indicators included within the Corporate Plan 2019-20
- Appendix 1b - Narrative update against the well-being objective steps.
- Appendix 1c - The Impact of Covid-19 on Cardiff and summary of the Council's response

Background

4. 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

5. The Corporate Plan 2019-22 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 2019-22. 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

6. The latest figures demonstrate that the Council is above the Welsh average in nearly 60% of nationally comparable indicators and the Council was joint second in terms of local improvement for 2018/19 and joint top for most improved Council in Wales in 2017/18. Members are to note that National indicators sets have not been released for 2019-20 due to Covid-19 so comparisons to other Welsh Local Authorities cannot yet be made.
7. The report highlights a number of areas where there is strong progress in delivering Capital Ambition and improving the performance of key services for residents. However, the report also highlights the significant challenges faced by the Council going forward, particularly in relation to financial resilience over the medium term and in improving performance within identified service areas.
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.

Scope of the Scrutiny

9. The Committee have the opportunity to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the Council's **Annual Well-Being Report 2019-20** being presented to Cabinet on 17 Sep 2020. 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.
10. To support this item witnesses will be in attendance to provide Members with a short overview and to respond to any questions from the Committee.

Legal Implications

11. 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

12. 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 consider the information provided at the meeting and the Council's Annual Well-Being Report 2019-20 to determine whether it wishes to offer its comments, observations, or recommendations to Cabinet at its meeting on 17th Sep 2020.

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