

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 20 JANUARY 2022

- Cabinet Members Present:** Councillor Huw Thomas (Leader)
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillor Graham Hinchey
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Michael Michael
Councillor Lynda Thorne
Councillor Chris Weaver
Councillor Caro Wild
- Observers:** Councillor Adrian Robson
Councillor Rhys Taylor
- Officers:** Paul Orders, Chief Executive
Chris Lee, Section 151 Officer
Davina Fiore, Monitoring Officer
Sarah McGill, Corporate Director People & Communities
Joanne Watkins, Cabinet Office
- Apologies:** Councillor Neil McEvoy (observer)

**65: MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2021
AND 13 JANUARY 2022**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Cabinet meetings held on 16 December 2021 and 13 January 2022 be approved

66: SOUTH EAST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Cabinet received a report outlining details of the phased establishment a South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee was received. It was reported that the first statutory duty of the CJC for South East Wales was to set its budget on or before 31 January 2022.

RESOLVED: that

1. the decision of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Regional Cabinet on 20 September 2021, which proposed to transfer its existing functions to the South East Wales CJC as part of a preferred 'lift and shift' model be noted
2. the decision of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Regional Cabinet on 13 December 2021, which confirmed the implementation of an interim 'bare minimum' governance and delivery model, which will be 'twin-tracked' alongside the operation of Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, until such time as the agreed 'lift and shift' model can be implemented, be noted.
3. the requirement for the South East Wales CJC, which includes the Leader of the Council as Cardiff Council's representative, to set and approve a 2021/22 (part year) and 2022/23 budget on or before 31 January 2022 in accordance with the South East Wales CJC Regulations, be noted
4. officers be authorised to bring a further report to Cabinet outlining the process for establishing the 'Lift and Shift' model proposed within this report, as well as any further detail on the operation of the CJC and its impact on the Council.

67: CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY

Cabinet considered the draft Childcare sufficiency assessment for Cardiff which contained data relating to Cardiff's childcare provision and capacity supplied to Cardiff from the Care Inspectorate for Wales. Initial findings suggested that there was broadly sufficient childcare to meet local need however there were affordability issues and some localities had unmet demand locally. There was also potential unmet demand for Welsh medium provision. The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment would be subject to public consultation.

RESOLVED: that

1. Approval be given to the publication of the draft Childcare Sufficiency Statement on the Cardiff Council website for public consultation.
2. Authority be delegated to the Director for Adults, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, to approve the final version of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment having taken into account the results of the consultation.

68: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SAFETY IN PARKS

The Cabinet received details of current activity and plans in response to the motion passed at the 21 October Council meeting in relation to community engagement in parks. The report provided details of the current activities being undertaken by the community park ranger team and various friends groups as well as the urban park ranger service. Details of work to enhance safety in parks was also provided.

RESOLVED: that

1. the current activity, projects and plans relating to community engagement and safety in parks, as detailed within the report, be noted

2. the content of the report be noted and considered as part of the 2022/23 budget proposals.
3. Through the work being undertaken on the Cycle Superhighways Programme and the learning and operational experience gained from the Cycleway 4 project, officers be authorised to develop a policy and design guide document to inform the future provision of lighting in parks.
4. Through Welsh Government Active Travel Funding, officers be authorised to continue to submit bids that provide lighting in our parks.
5. Officers be authorised to conduct a consultation exercise for the return of a locking regime for Roath Park, inclusive of Roath Pleasure Gardens and Parc Cefn Onn.

69: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT STRATEGY

The Cabinet received the Physical Activity and Sport strategy which had been prepared as a joint venture with Cardiff Metropolitan University, Sport Cardiff, Cardiff University Health board and Public health Wales. The strategy aligned with the Global Action Plan for Physical Activity and had 4 key action areas relating to active environments, societies, people and systems with plans to deliver against each action area. A leadership board representing key stakeholders across the city would oversee the strategy.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) the Physical Activity & Sport Strategy attached at Appendix 2 to the report be endorsed
- 2) the governance arrangements attached at Appendix 3 to the report be endorsed

57 : CARDIFF HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME STRATEGY

The draft Housing Support Programme was received which set out the strategic direction for homelessness prevention and housing related support service for the next four years. Key findings from a consultation exercise with stakeholders and partners had been incorporated into the strategy. There were 4 key aims which were supported by a number of strategic priorities.

RESOLVED: that

1. the draft Cardiff Housing Support Programme Strategy 2022 - 2026 as set out at Appendix 1 be agreed
2. authority be delegated to the Director Adults, Housing and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to make any minor amendments to the Strategy in light of comments from the Welsh Government.

70: DISPOSAL OF FREEHOLD TITLE IN LAND AT ST MELLONS TO LINC
CYMRU HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Appendices B and C of this report are not for publication as they contain exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 of part 4 and paragraph 21 of part 5 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in land at St Mellons to Linc Cymru Housing Association. The sale of the Council's freehold interest would generate a significant capital receipt, and give a local housing association the benefit of a freehold interest.

RESOLVED: that it be agreed that the Council dispose of its freehold interest in land at St Mellons, Cardiff, to Linc Cymru Housing Association, on the basis of the terms agreed.

71: CITY CENTRE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN

The Cabinet received the City Centre recovery action plan which outlined key initiatives and programmes that the Council and partners intended to work towards over the next five years as the city centre emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic to create long-term prosperity. The City Centre Recovery Action Plan had been developed in line with the strategic priorities of the *Reimagine the city centre* mission as outlined in the Greener, Fairer Stronger report and built upon on the recovery work and identifies a number of key issues including the importance of the city centre to communities, the climate emergency response and businesses.

RESOLVED: that

- (i) the City Centre Recovery Action Plan be approved in principle
- (ii) authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Development and the Director of Planning, Transport & Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member Investment and Development, Cabinet Member Strategic Planning and Transport, Cabinet Member Finance, Modernisation and Performance, s.151 Officer and Director Governance and Legal Services to bring together and promote key initiatives and programmes that the Council and partners will work towards over the next five years, subject to any proposals being within the budget and policy framework

72: CARDIFF AGEING WELL STRATEGY

The Ageing Well Strategy was received by Cabinet. The Ageing Well Strategy set out the proposed direction of travel for services and support for older people over the next 5 years and outlined how the Council's internal services would work more closely together to meet the needs of older people. The strategy contained a clear objective for partnership working through the Regional Partnership Board and other forums including the wider partnership of independent and third sector providers.

The report also contained a proposal for the development of an Independent Living Wellbeing Centre, for the promotion and supply of equipment and technology to support independence.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Ageing Well Strategy as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved
2. agreement be given to include the development of an Independent Living Wellbeing Centre as part of their budget proposals for the 2022/23 Council's Capital Budget. The final proposal for the scheme would require a full business case and would be the subject of a further cabinet report.