

MINUTES

CABINET MEETING: 24 FEBRUARY 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

The Leader opened the meeting by referencing the current events in Ukraine and on behalf of those present declared Cardiff's solidarity with the Ukrainian people, particularly those in Cardiff's twin city Lugansk and strongly condemned the breach of international law by Russia.

73 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 be approved

74 REPORT OF THE ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ENTITLED 'COMMUNITY SPORT IN CARDIFF: REGIONAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS'

Councillor Nigel Howells, as Chair of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny committee introduced the report entitled 'Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Sports Partnerships'. The report concluded that the proposed Central South RSP posed a very real threat to the good practice currently embedded in Cardiff and contained 45 key findings and 6 recommendations.

The Cabinet noted that this would be Councillor Howells last report as Scrutiny Chair and thanked him for his contribution to Cardiff Council.

RESOLVED: that the report of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny committee entitled 'Community Sport in Cardiff: Regional Sports Partnerships' be received and a response provided within two cycles.

75 CORPORATE PLAN

The Cabinet received the Corporate Plan for 2022-25. The Corporate plan outlined the Council's strategic policy and performance priorities and also discharges the Council's responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. It contained several new policy commitments emerging from the recovery and renewal work. The plan had been considered by the Performance Panel and each of the scrutiny committees.

RESOLVED: that

1. the Corporate Plan 2022-25 be approved for consideration by Council on 3 March 2022;
2. authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the Corporate Plan 2022-25 (Appendix A) following consideration by the Council's Performance Panel on 14 February 2022 and the Council's scrutiny committees during the week commencing 21 February 2022, prior to consideration by Council on 3 March 2022.
3. Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any consequential amendments to the Corporate Plan 2022-25 (Appendix A) following consideration by the Council on 3 March 2022 and prior to publication by 1 April 2022.

76 CARDIFF COUNCIL BILINGUAL CARDIFF: 5-YEAR WELSH LANGUAGE STRATEGY 2022-27

The Cabinet received the Bilingual Cardiff 5 Year Welsh Language Strategy which was a revision to the first Bilingual Cardiff Strategy launched in 2017. The strategy reflected Cymraeg 2050s three themes: Increasing the number of Welsh speakers, Increasing the Use of Welsh and Creating favorable conditions for the Welsh Language to thrive. The Strategy had been subject to staff and public consultations and received consideration by the Bilingual Cardiff Members Group, Cardiff Council's Welsh Language Co-ordinator Network and the Trade Unions.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) the Bilingual Cardiff: 5-Year Welsh Language Strategy 2022-27 be noted and recommended to full Council for approval.
- 2) the content of the Independent Review of the Bilingual Cardiff Strategy 2017-2022 be noted

77 SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLANNING: CARDIFF WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP) 2022 - 2023

The Cabinet received a report containing the responses received following consultation on the draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP). The consultation ran for eight weeks between 15 October- 13 December with 3,248 responses received. This included 584 online survey responses and 9 email responses. 2,656 Children and Young People contributed their views regarding the use of Welsh in education and informal learning opportunities in Cardiff through 'The Big Welsh Conversation'. It was noted that whilst the strategic position

of the WESP and many of the commitments presented in the draft version were broadly supported with some attention given to aspects of the plan to provide a more clarity.

RESOLVED: that

- (i) the WESP 2022-2031 be approved for submission to the Welsh Government Ministers.
- (ii) Approval be given to the publication of the WESP 2022-2031 on the Council's website following approval by Welsh Government Ministers.
- (iii) responsibility be delegated to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning for the development and implementation of operational plans together with Welsh Education Forum (WEF) partners to deliver the success measures set out in the strategy.

78 EDUCATION SERVICES - PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021

The Cabinet received a report outlining progress in Education Performance in Cardiff and containing the recent report produced by Estyn following their inspection of the Council's Education Services. The Cardiff inspection of local authority education services for children and young people covered the statutory functions of the local authority, including the local authority youth service. The inspection concluded that in recent years, Cardiff has demonstrated a sustained and incremental improvement in the quality and effectiveness of its education service. Estyn has also invited Cardiff to prepare three case studies on its work in relation to the Cardiff Commitment, support for asylum seekers and transforming youth work for dissemination on Estyn's website, recognising excellent practice.

RESOLVED: that

1. the progress made in delivering the Cardiff 2030 Vision for education and learning in the city be acknowledged
2. the findings and recommendations of the Estyn report be accepted
3. responsibility be delegated to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning to enact the required improvements in services post inspection, and to facilitate monitoring of such through the Council's performance management framework.
4. the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning be supported to share best practice in the areas commended as requested by Estyn.
5. the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning be supported to refresh the Cardiff 2030 vision and produce a focused three-year strategy for educational improvement during 2022.
6. the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning be supported to respond to the national reforms in Education and the Welsh Government changes to the Accountability & Assessment frameworks as these emerge.

79 BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 9 REPORT 2021/22

The Cabinet received details of the financial monitoring position for the Council projected to the end of December 2021 (month 9) adjusted for any significant movements since that date, compared with the budget approved on the 4th March 2021. It also included an assessment of the ongoing financial impact arising from the response to the COVID-19 crisis and the level of financial support provided by Welsh Government. It was reported that the overall

monitoring position, as at Month 9, reflected a total projected net annual Council overspend of £101,000. This included a total directorate net overspend of £2.701 million and a projected overspend of £400,000 in relation to Capital Financing, partially offset by the £3 million general contingency budget.

RESOLVED: that

1. the projected revenue financial outturn based on the projected position at Month 9 of the financial year be noted
2. the capital spend and projected position at Month 9 of the financial year be noted

80 BUDGET 2022-23

Appendix 3 (c) is exempt from publication because it contains information of the kind described in paragraphs 14 and 21 of parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

The Cabinet considered the Budget report for 2022/23. It was reported that Cardiff would receive a 10.7% increase in Aggregate External Finance in 2022/23. Included within the settlement was funding for additional pressures such as support for the payment of the Real Living Wage in the care sector. The Cabinet's budget proposal included growth in policy areas such as young people, community safety, cleaner streets, one planet Cardiff and city recovery and infrastructure. It was proposed that Council tax be increased by 1.9%.

RESOLVED:

A) that having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government, Act and having considered the responses to the Budget Consultation

1. the changes to fees and charges as set out in Appendix 3 (a) and 3 (c) to this report be approved.
2. Authority be delegated to the appropriate Director in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, the Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation & Performance, to amend or introduce new fees and charges during the year, subject if necessary (having regard to the proposed change), to an Equality Impact Assessment and public consultation being undertaken and the results thereof being duly considered before the delegated authority is exercised.
3. the rents of all Housing Revenue Account dwellings (including hostels and garages) be increased by 3.1% having taking into account WG guidance.
4. all service charges and the management fee for leaseholders as set out in Appendix 3 (b) be approved
5. all Housing Revenue Account rent increases take effect from 4th April 2022.
6. the financial challenges facing the Council as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan be recognised, and the opportunities for savings over the medium term be noted
7. in the event that final settlement differs from Provisional Settlement (as set out in paragraph 24 of the report), there will be a proportionate adjustment to or from earmarked reserves, and that the Section 151 Officer be authorised to prepare an addendum to the 2022/23 Budget to reflect the requisite changes.

B) having taken account of the comments of the Section 151 Officer in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the reserves as required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, and having considered the responses to the Budget Consultation recommend that Council:

1.0 Approve the Revenue, Capital and Housing Revenue Account budgets including all proposals and increasing the Council Tax by 1.9% as set out in this report and that the Council resolve the following terms.

2.0 Note that at its meeting on 16 December 2021 Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2022/23 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) 149,107 being the amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995, as amended, as its Council Tax base for the year.

b) Lisvane	2,697
Pentyrch	3,517
Radyr	3,983
St. Fagans	1,854
Old St. Mellons	2,321
Tongwynlais	822

being the amounts calculated in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations as the amounts of its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

2.1 Agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) (including Community Council precepts totalling £495,086). £1,169,190,086

b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c). £425,360,000

c) Amount by which the aggregate at 2.1(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2.1(b) above calculated in accordance with Section 32(4) as the budget requirement for the year. £743,830,086

d) Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its Council Fund in respect of Revenue Support Grant, its council tax reduction scheme, redistributed Non-Domestic Rates. £544,715,091

e) The amount at 2.1(c) above less the amount at 2.1(d) (net of the amount for discretionary relief of £400,000), all divided by the amount at 2.0(a) above, calculated in accordance with Section 33(1) as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year. £1,338.07

f) Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1).

£495,086

- g) Amount at 2.1(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2.1(f) above by the amount at 2.0(a) above, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special items relate.

£1,334.75

- h) The amounts given by adding to the amount at 2.1(g) above the amounts of special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned below, divided in each case by the amount at 2.0(b) above, calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) as the basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which special items relate.

	£
Lisvane	1,357.37
Pentyrch	1,387.35
Radyr	1,367.62
St. Fagans	1,357.40
Old St. Mellons	1,357.01
Tongwynlais	1,364.56

- i) The amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2.1(g) and 2.1(h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in the Council Tax (Valuation Bands) (Wales) Order 2003 is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D calculated in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	I £
Lisvane	904.91	1,055.7 3	1,206.5 5	1,357.3 7	1,659.0 1	1,960.6 4	2,262.2 8	2,714.7 4	3,167.20
Pentyrch	924.90	1,079.0 5	1,233.2 0	1,387.3 5	1,695.6 5	2,003.9 5	2,312.2 5	2,774.7 0	3,237.15
Radyr	911.74	1,063.7 1	1,215.6 6	1,367.6 2	1,671.5 3	1,975.4 5	2,279.3 6	2,735.2 4	3,191.12
St. Fagans	904.93	1,055.7 6	1,206.5 7	1,357.4 0	1,659.0 4	1,960.6 9	2,262.3 3	2,714.8 0	3,167.27
Old St. Mellons	904.67	1,055.4 5	1,206.2 3	1,357.0 1	1,658.5 7	1,960.1 2	2,261.6 8	2,714.0 2	3,166.36
Tongwynlais	909.70	1,061.3 3	1,212.9 4	1,364.5 6	1,667.7 9	1,971.0 3	2,274.2 6	2,729.1 2	3,183.98
All other parts of the Council's Area	889.83	1,038.1 4	1,186.4 4	1,334.7 5	1,631.3 6	1,927.9 7	2,224.5 8	2,669.5 0	3,114.42

2.2 Note that for the year 2022/23, the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance

with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:-

VALUATION BANDS

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
201.41	234.97	268.54	302.11	369.25	436.38	503.52	604.22	704.92

- 2.3 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2.1(i) and 2.2 above, the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

Part of Council's Area
VALUATION BANDS

Area	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lisvane	1,106.32	1,290.70	1,475.10	1,659.48	2,028.26	2,397.02	2,765.80	3,318.96	3,872.12
Pentyrch	1,126.31	1,314.02	1,501.75	1,689.46	2,064.90	2,440.33	2,815.77	3,378.92	3,942.07
Radyr	1,113.15	1,298.68	1,484.21	1,669.73	2,040.78	2,411.83	2,782.88	3,339.46	3,896.04
St.									
Fagans	1,106.34	1,290.73	1,475.12	1,659.51	2,028.29	2,397.07	2,765.85	3,319.02	3,872.19
Old St.									
Mellons	1,106.08	1,290.42	1,474.78	1,659.12	2,027.82	2,396.50	2,765.20	3,318.24	3,871.28
Tongwynl									
ais	1,111.11	1,296.30	1,481.49	1,666.67	2,037.04	2,407.41	2,777.78	3,333.34	3,888.90
All other									
parts of									
the									
Council's									
Area	1,091.24	1,273.11	1,454.99	1,636.86	2,000.61	2,364.35	2,728.10	3,273.72	3,819.34

- 2.4 Authorise the Corporate Director Resources to make payments under Section 38 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 from the Council Fund by equal instalments on the last working day of each month from April 2022 to March 2023 in respect of the precept levied by the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales in the sum of £45,046,716.
- 2.5 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Council Tax.
- 2.6 Agree that the Common Seal be affixed to precepts for Port Health Expenses for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 namely

	£
County Council of the City and County of Cardiff	117,749
Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council	13,125

- 2.7 Agree that notices of the making of the said Council Taxes signed by the Chief Executive be given by advertisement in the local press under Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 3.0 In accordance with the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and subsequent amendments and the CIPFA Prudential Code and Treasury Management Codes of Practice:
- (a) Approve the Capital Strategy 2022/23.
 - (b) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 and authorise the Section 151 Officer to raise such funds as may be required to finance capital expenditure by temporary or long-term borrowing.
 - (c) Approve the Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 – 2026/27 including the affordable borrowing limit.
 - (d) Delegate to the Section 151 Officer the ability to effect movement between the limits for borrowing and long-term liabilities, within the limit for any year, and to bring forward or delay schemes in the Capital Programme.
 - (e) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2022/23.
- 4.0 To approve the Budgetary Framework outlined in this report.
- 5.0 To maintain the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in this report.

81 **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND DATA STRATEGY**

The Cabinet received a report outlining a series of enhancements to the existing Planning and Performance Framework together with a new Data Strategy for the Council. The Planning and Performance Framework sets out the Council's priorities whilst the Data Strategy ensured that an increasing valuable resource for the Council effectively supports service improvement.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) Approval be given to a strengthened Planning and Performance Framework, which responds to the new performance requirements set out in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021; and
- 2) The new Data Strategy be approved