

DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2023-26 and DRAFT CABINET BUDGETARY PROPOSALS 2023-24

Appendix 8 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.

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with context for the scrutiny of the sections of the Council's draft *Corporate Plan 2023 – 26* and draft *Cabinet 2023/24 Budgetary Proposals* that relate to the Portfolios and Directorates falling within the remit of this Committee.
2. Members should note that **Appendix 8** is exempt from publication. Members are requested to keep this information confidential, in line with their responsibilities as set out in the Members Code of Conduct.

Structure of the Meeting

3. The following Cabinet Members and officers are due to attend committee:
 - Councillor Weaver, Cabinet Member - Finance, Modernisation and Performance
 - Councillor Bradbury, Cabinet Member – Tackling Poverty and Supporting Young People
 - Councillor Thorne, Cabinet Member – Housing and Communities
 - Councillor Thomas, Leader
 - Councillor Burke, Cabinet Member – Culture, Parks, Events and Venues.
 - Chris Lee - Corporate Director - Resources
 - Ian Allwood - Head of Finance
 - Helen Evans – Assistant Director, Housing and Communities

- Rebecca Hooper – Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Regeneration
 - Neil Hanratty – Director of Economic Development.¹
4. At the start of the meeting, Councillor Weaver and finance officers will provide a short presentation providing a **corporate overview** of the 2023-24 budgetary proposals, after which they will be available to answer any general questions arising.
5. The meeting will then move on to consider the corporate plan and budgetary proposals **relevant to this committee**. Consideration of the proposals will be organised by Cabinet Member portfolios in the following order:
- Councillor Merry – Cardiff Commitment
 - Councillor Bradbury – Into Work and Adult Community Learning
 - Councillor Thorne – Local Regeneration, Hubs and Libraries
 - Councillor Thomas – City Deal, Western Gateway
 - Councillor Goodway – all portfolio *except Facilities Management and Assets*
 - Councillor Burke – all portfolio *except Storey Arms*.
6. For the main areas covered by this Committee – Councillor Thorne, Councillor Goodway and Councillor Burke’s portfolios - there will be a brief presentation at the start of their section, providing an overview of the draft Corporate Plan proposals and how the draft Cabinet budget proposals and draft Capital Programme align with the Corporate Plan.
7. If any Members have questions on the confidential information in **Appendix 8**, the Chair will propose that the meeting move into closed session, where

¹ Councillor Merry, Cabinet Member – Education, Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member – Investment and Development, and Suzanne Scarlett, Operational Manager – Partnerships and Performance (Education) were invited and have sent apologies due to prior commitments.

members of the public will be excluded. The meeting will then be re-opened for the remainder of the meeting.

Structure of the Papers

8. In addition to the information set out in this report, Members will find a range of Appendices as follows:

Appendix 1 – Extracts from the draft Corporate Plan 2023-26

Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Performance Panel observations and Cabinet response

Appendix 3 – Budget support for the Corporate Plan and Future Generations

Appendix 4 – cross authority Directorate Revenue Budget sheet

Appendix 5 – Budget proposals - Education Directorate

Appendix 6 – Budget proposals - Housing and Communities Directorate

Appendix 7 – Budget proposals - Economic Development Directorate

Appendix 8 - Exempt Fees and Charges – **confidential**

Appendix 9 – Earmarked Reserves General Fund

Appendix 10a – Capital Funding Overview

Appendix 10b – Capital Investment Programme 2023/24 – 2027/28

Appendix 11 - Budget Consultation Report

9. For Members information and to aid their understanding, below is a brief description of each Appendix:

Appendix 1: extracts of the Draft Corporate Plan 2023-2026 relevant to this Committee.

Appendix 2: On 9 February 2023, the Scrutiny Chairs met with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance, Modernisation and Performance, and a range of senior officers to consider the proposals set out in the draft Corporate Plan, including scrutinising priorities, commitments and targets. This appendix captures the Scrutiny Chairs' recommendations and requests and provides the Cabinet's response to these.

Appendix 3: sets out how the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme are consistent with the Council's priorities, invest in the future of the city

and support the five ways of working at the heart of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

Appendix 4: provides a picture of the revenue budget across the Council.

Appendix 5: provides an overview of the **Education** Directorate, with the following sub appendices:

- **5a** – Efficiency Proposals 2023/24
- **5b** – Service Change Proposals 2023/24
- **5c** – Financial Resilience Mechanism 2023/24
- **5d** – Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix 6: provides an overview of the **Housing and Communities** Directorate, with the following sub appendices:

- **6a** – Efficiency Proposals 2023/24
- **6b** – Service Change Proposals 2023/24
- **6c** – Financial Resilience Mechanism
- **6d** – Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix 7: provides an overview of the **Economic Development** Directorate, with the following sub appendices:

- **7a** – Efficiency Proposals 2023/24
- **7b** – Service Change Proposals 2023/24
- **7c** – Financial Resilience Mechanism
- **7d** – Fees and Charges 2023/24

Appendix 8: sets out Fees and Charges, which are exempt from publication – this appendix is **confidential**.

Appendix 9: provides a summary, setting out allocations of money the Council has reserved for specific purposes.

Appendix 10a: provides an overview of the Capital Programme

Appendix 10b: see paragraphs 33-35 of this report for more details

Appendix 11: see paragraphs 53-56 of this report for more details.

10. To assist Members, relevant lines in some of the attached appendices have been colour coded as follows:

- a. **Shaded green** – Councillor Merry proposals
- b. **Shaded orange** – Councillor Bradbury proposals
- c. **Shaded yellow** – Councillor Thorne proposals

- d. **Shaded purple** – Councillor Thomas proposals
- e. **Shaded pink** – Councillor Goodway proposals
- f. **Shaded blue** – Councillor Burke proposals.

Committee Members are asked to take note of the colour coding, which is designed to assist them in directing their question to the appropriate Cabinet Member in line with the structure of the meeting. Lines highlighted in grey are not applicable to this Scrutiny Committee.

Scope of Scrutiny

11. The Council's Constitution allows for Scrutiny Committees to consider the draft Cabinet Budget Proposals prior to their consideration by the Cabinet and Full Council.
12. The scope of the scrutiny is as follows:
 - The relevant sections of the *Corporate Plan 2023-2026*, in terms of priorities, actions and monitoring implementation of these
 - The relevant *Budgetary Proposals* in terms of their alignment with the *Corporate Plan* – to test whether they support delivery of the priorities detailed in the Corporate Plan
 - The relevant Budgetary Proposals in terms of *potential impact* on service delivery, service users and citizens of Cardiff
 - The *achievability* and *deliverability* of the proposed savings, and
 - The *affordability* and *risk* implications of the proposed capital programme.
13. Following the Scrutiny Committee meeting, the Chair will detail the Committee's comments and recommendations in correspondence to the Cabinet, for their consideration, at their meeting on 2 March 2023. At that meeting the Cabinet will formally recommend their budget recommendations for consideration and adoption by Full Council, at its meeting on 9 March 2023.

Summary and Overview of Budgetary Position 2023/34²

Local Government Financial Settlement

14. The Local Government Financial Settlement is a key factor underpinning the construction of the draft budget. Due to the timing of the UK Autumn Statement, which took place in November 2022, the Provisional Settlement was not received until the 14th December 2022. At an All-Wales level, the headlines of the 2023/24 Provisional Settlement were that Local Authorities will receive an average increase in general revenue funding of 7.9%, with individual settlements ranging from +6.5% to +9.3%.
15. Cardiff will receive a 9.0% increase in Aggregate External Finance (AEF) in 2023/24. In cash terms this equates to £48.165 million. The above average settlement for Cardiff is largely linked to data underpinning the settlement, including population changes and the number of children in receipt of free school meals.
16. Specific grant announcements show a £63 million increase overall (at an all-Wales level), although several grants will undergo notable changes. Grants totalling £41 million will cease in 2023/24 including FSM Holiday Provision (£23.8m), Summer of Fun (£5.5m), NQT Grant (£3.8m) and Family Intervention Fund (£3.2m), whilst £32 million of funding is yet to be confirmed. The most significant changes to the remaining grants include an additional £132 million to support non-Covid rate relief in the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality sector, and a reduction of £55.75 million (74%) in the Childcare Offer reflecting the fact that this will now be paid direct to private childcare providers. At an individual authority level, Cardiff has received confirmation that its Housing Support Grant will remain at its 2022/23 level of £21.9 million in 2023/24, with indications that it will continue at that level until 31st March 2025.

² This section is provided by Finance, Resources.

17. The Final Local Government Settlement (Final Settlement) is not expected to be received until early March 2023 (after the publication date of the Budget Report). There is one expected change at Final Settlement, which relates to a grant transfer in relation to Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) Pensions. In budgetary terms the net impact of this is expected to be negligible. Cardiff's AEF figure will increase by the grant transfer (expected to be £701,000), and this is matched (to within a few thousand pounds) by an associated increase in the levy payable by the Council to South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS). The AEF figures included throughout this document pre-empt the anticipated grant transfer, to avoid the need for post publication amendments.

Revenue Budget 2023/24

18. A summary of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget is set out below.

Resources Required	£000
Base Budget B/F	743,746
Pay Award, NI & LGPS changes	31,094
Price Inflation	27,126
Commitments (including Capital Financing)	3,677
Realignments	6,870
Demographic Pressures	7,651
Sub Total - Cost Pressures 2023/24	76,418
Resources Required	820,164

Resources Available	£000
Aggregate External Finance (including anticipated grant transfer)	593,592
Council Tax (2023/24 Tax Base at 2022/23 Council Tax Rate)	200,856
Earmarked Reserves	1,500
Resources Available	795,948

19. The difference between resources required and resources available is £24.216 million. The strategy to close this gap is set out below:

Strategy to address Budget Gap	£000
Efficiency Savings	(10,090)
Corporate Savings and Measures	(3,000)
Reduction in Financial Resilience Mechanism	(1,800)
Service Change Proposals	(2,776)
A 3.95% Council Tax Increase (net effect after impact on CTRS)	(6,550)
TOTAL	(24,216)

20. After taking into account the relevant aspects of Budget Strategy set out in the above table, the net cash limit for 2023/24 is £803.881 million as summarised below:

	£000
Base Budget Brought Forward	743,746
Pressures	76,418
Savings and Reduction in FRM	(17,666)
Impact on CTRS Budget of 3.95% council tax increase	1,383
Net Budgeted Expenditure 2023/24	803,881

Funded by:	£000
Aggregate External Finance (including anticipated grant transfer)	593,592
Council Tax (2023/24 Tax Base at 2023/24 Council Tax Rate)	208,789
Earmarked Reserves	1,500
Budget Funding 2023/24	803,881

Revenue Budget Savings

21. The 2023/24 Budget is predicated on the delivery of £10.090 million in directorate efficiency savings. Efficiency savings are defined as achieving the same output (or more) for less resource, with no significant impact on the resident / customer. The £10.090 million savings reflect savings in all directorates, except for Schools, which have been protected for 2023/24, consistent with the findings of public consultation.

Nature of Saving	£000
Review of staffing arrangements	3,385
Reductions in premises costs	197
Reductions in external spend	2,813
Increase in Income and grant maximisation	3,695
Total	10,090

Corporate Savings and Measures

22. The strategy to balance the 2023/24 Budget includes £3.000 million of

Corporate Savings and measures. These include:

- a. £1 million reduction to the Council's General Contingency Budget (from £2 million to £1 million)
- b. £1 million reduction to the Adult Services specific contingency budget (from £3 million to £2 million)
- c. £1 million savings to corporate budgets including Council Tax Reduction Scheme and Insurance.

23. Reductions to contingency are considered further in the section of the report on financial resilience. The £1 million corporate savings are based on a review of historic trends, as well as current and anticipated demand. Based on this information, the savings are considered prudent given sums sets aside in earmarked reserves, and the latest actuarial review of the insurance fund.

Service Change Proposals

24. The 2023/24 Budget includes £2.776 million in service change proposals.

These are distinct from efficiency savings in that they have an impact on existing levels of service. **Appendix 11** summarises the service change proposals included in the budget together with the nature of the consultation undertaken. For some proposals consultation involves a specific organisation or group of service users who are specifically affected by a proposal. Other proposals have been the subject of city-wide consultation.

25. Cabinet have considered fully the outcomes of the consultation exercises undertaken and those service change proposals included in the Budget are consistent with consultation findings. Cabinet are proposing not to take all savings options forward at this time. Specifically:

- a. In respect of the Museum of Cardiff, proposals to reduce the offer and / or switch to a mobile based service have been removed. The Cabinet instead will now work with the trustees of the museum to secure a sustainable future, including consideration of options for delivering the service at an alternative location.
- b. In respect of Hubs and Libraries, proposals to reduce opening hours and / or close on weekends have not been taken forward and any changes are being limited to removing a small number of long-term vacant posts in the service.
- c. Finally in respect of school meals, Cabinet have reduced a proposed price increase to 5% (consultation was based on a 10% price increase) and will therefore continue to provide a significant subsidy of this service across schools.

Council Tax

26. The proposed Council Tax increase to support delivery of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget Strategy is 3.95%. The increase, which is below inflation, generates net additional income of £6.550 million. Combined with the savings and corporate measures totalling £17.666 million outlined above this will help to bridge the 2023/24 Budget Gap. Those eligible, will receive support through the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

Employee Implications of the 2023/24 Revenue Budget

27. The posts deleted or created as part of the budget are set out in the table below. For deleted posts, the table identifies the anticipated method of release.

Employee Implications of Budget	FTE
Voluntary Redundancy	50.9
Vacant Posts	55.3

Potential Transfer of Posts	48.2
Retirement / Flexi Retirement	1.5
TBC / Redeployment	22.5
Total FTE posts deleted	178.4
Total FTE posts created	(5.5)
Net FTE Reduction	172.9

Financial Resilience Mechanism

28. The Council currently has a £3.8 million budget called the Financial Resilience Mechanism (FRM) that was set up to help the Council deal with funding uncertainty. It is used to invest in priority areas, but investment is one-off and determined each year. This means that the budget is used proactively, but could be reduced or deleted if required, without affecting day-to-day services. Given the significant budget gap that the Council is facing, it is proposed to reduce the FRM by £1.8 million in 2023/24. The reduction is specifically linked to minimising the impact of energy price increases that may prove to be temporary in nature. The FRM will be reinstated if prices subside in 2024/25 and beyond.

29. For 2023/24, the level of the remaining Financial Resilience Mechanism will be £2.0 million. The table below provides a high-level summary of how this will be directed in 2023/24 and further information is provided in **Appendices 5c, 6c, and 7c.**

FRM – One-off use for 2023/24	
Category	£000
Stronger	565
Fairer	715
Greener	720
Total	2,000

Financial Resilience

30. In order to ensure there is a resilience against areas that can be unpredictable or volatile, the 2023/24 budget proposals include specific contingencies. These reflect:
- a. The difficulty in modelling potential increases in the number and complexity of Looked After Children Placements (£2.100 million.)
 - b. The difficulty in modelling demand in Adult Services (£2.000 million)
 - c. Market volatility in respect of recycling materials (£0.350 million).
31. The Council will reduce its General Contingency of £2.0 million in 2023/24 by £1.0 million. In the past, this was specifically held to protect the Council against late or under-delivered savings. However, in recent years, as savings requirements have reduced the contingency has been retained to address the difficulties in predicting demand, and more recently due to the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023/24, it is considered that the continued improvements in savings delivery and planning, higher level of reserves and specific contingencies for particular risks, will enable a lower level of general contingency.
32. The Council will release its £10 million Covid-19 Budget in 2023/24. This budget was created in 2022/23 in recognition of the risks associated with the fall out of the Covid-19 Hardship Fund, from which the Council received significant support the pandemic-related costs and income loss in the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22. The budget has played an important part in managing pressures during 2022/23. However, a combination of further recovery during 2022/23, the realignments contained in the 2023/24 Budget and resilience set aside in earmarked reserve, make it appropriate to release this budget for 2023/24.

Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2027/28

33. Cardiff's Provisional Capital Settlement is a £3.055 million increase in General Capital Funding (GCF) for 2023/24. This reflects the anticipated share of an additional £30 million per annum across Wales for 2023/24

and 2024/25. After this point, the allocation is assumed to revert to 2022/23 levels. Whilst the short term additional GCF allocation is welcome, there are significant cost pressures inherent in the existing capital programme, due to supply chain cost increases, demand for investment to maintain condition, and capital receipt assumptions.

34. There is little detail in terms of specific capital grant awards for Cardiff. As in previous years, these would need to be on a bid basis which can make long term financial planning difficult. This applies to the £20 million decarbonisation announced by Welsh Government in the Provisional Settlement at an All-Wales level, for which no assumptions are currently made in the programme.

35. The proposed 2023/24 Budget outlines capital expenditure proposals of £1.413 billion for the financial years 2023/24 to 2027/28, of which £314 million is earmarked for 2023/24.

Summary Of Draft Corporate Plan 2023 – 2026 (Appendix 1)

36. Every year the Council approves a three-year **Corporate Plan**. The 2023-26 Corporate Plan translates the Administration's priorities, as set out in its Policy Statement *Stronger, Fairer, Greener*, into the Council's strategic policy framework.

37. In accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 the Corporate Plan includes the **Steps, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** and targets considered necessary to deliver and monitor progress made on delivering the Council's Well-being Objectives.

38. The draft Corporate Plan attached at **Appendix 1**, is structured around 7 Well-being Objectives:

- 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
- One Planet Cardiff
- Modernising and integrating our public services.

39. **Appendix 1** to this report sets out the sections of the Corporate Plan 2023-26 that fall within this Committee's terms of reference. The extracts have also been colour coded in line with Cabinet Members' portfolios - this has been done to aid Member's reference and facilitate the structure of the meeting. Colour coding is as follows:

- a. **Shaded green** – Councillor Merry
- b. **Shaded orange** – Councillor Bradbury
- c. **Shaded yellow** – Councillor Thorne
- d. **Shaded purple** – Councillor Thomas
- e. **Shaded pink** – Councillor Goodway
- f. **Shaded blue** – Councillor Burke.

SPECIFIC BUDGETARY PROPOSALS WITHIN ECONOMY & CULTURE TERMS OF REFERENCE

40. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to consider the draft Cabinet budgetary proposals and their alignment to the Corporate Plan 2023 – 2026, for the proposals that relate to this Committee's terms of reference. These are set out below by Cabinet Member portfolio.

Education

41. As Councillor Sarah Merry, Cabinet Member for this portfolio, and Suzanne Scarlett (Partnerships & Performance Manager - Education) are unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment, Councillor Chris Weaver, Cabinet Member – Finance, Modernisation and Performance has agreed to answer Members' questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for the only element of this portfolio that falls within this Committee's terms of reference, which is **Cardiff Commitment**.

42. Members are asked to refer to **Appendix 1** for the section on Cardiff Commitment, shaded green, in WBO1, and **Appendices 5a and 5c** in relation to the following budgetary proposals, shaded green:

Education Efficiency Savings – Appendix 5a

There is one savings line – Line EDUE9 – totalling £400,000, via income.

Education Financial Resilience Mechanism – Appendix 5c

Members attention is drawn to the following lines, which fall to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise but may be of interest to Members:

Stronger – Cardiff ‘Little Gigs’ - £75,000

Fairer – Passport to City - £75,000

Tackling Poverty & Supporting Young People

43. Councillor Peter Bradbury, Cabinet Member for this portfolio, and Helen Evans (Assistant Director – Housing and Communities) have been invited to answer Members’ questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for **Into Work** and **Adult Community Learning**.

44. Members are asked to refer to **Appendices 1** WBO 3, shaded orange, **and 6a, 6d and 7a** in relation to the following budgetary proposals, shaded orange:

Housing & Communities Efficiency Savings – Appendix 6a

There are two savings lines - Lines HACE3 and HACE5 – totalling £110,000.

Housing & Communities Fees & Changes – Appendix 6d

Lines 302-317 – Adult Community Learning.

Economic Development Efficiency Savings – Appendix 7a

This is one savings line – Line ECDE1 – totalling £57,000 (income)

Housing & Communities

45. Councillor Lynda Thorne, Cabinet Member for this portfolio, Helen Evans (Assistant Director – Housing & Communities) and Rebecca Hooper (Operational Manager – Neighbourhood Regeneration) have been invited to answer Members' questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for this portfolio for **local regeneration, hubs and libraries**.
46. Members are asked to refer to **Appendices 1** WBO4, shaded yellow, **6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 9, and 10b** in relation to the following budgetary proposals, shaded yellow:

Housing & Communities Efficiency Savings – Appendix 6a

There are four savings lines - Lines HACE4, HACE6, HACE13 and HACE17 – totalling £188,000.

Housing & Communities Service Change Savings – Appendix 6b

Line HACSC1 – Volunteers in Hubs and Libraries - £90,000 (employees)

Housing & Communities Financial Resilience Mechanism – Appendix 6c

Fairer – Neighbourhood and Community Regeneration - £200,000

Housing & Communities Fees & Changes – Appendix 6d

Lines 286-301 – Libraries/ Hubs

Earmarked Reserves – Appendix 9

Line 17 – Community Initiatives

Capital Programme- Appendix 10b

Line 4 – Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes - £390,000

Line 27 – City Centre Youth Hub - £100,000

Line 28 – Youth Zone – Cowbridge Rd West - £77,000

Line 29 – Neighbourhood, District and Local Centre Regeneration -
£235,000

Line 95 – Non-Operational Property Regeneration Fund -**none this year**

Leader

47. Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader, and Neil Hanratty (Director of Economic Development) have been invited to answer Members' questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for this portfolio, relating to **Cardiff Capital Region City Deal** and **Western Gateway**.

48. Members are asked to refer to **Appendices 1** WBO5, shaded purple, **9** and **10b** in relation to the following budgetary proposal, shaded purple:

Earmarked Reserves – Appendix 9

Line 8 – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal

Capital Programme- Appendix 10b

Line 56 – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – **£4,000,000**

Line 63 – Shared Prosperity Fund - **£1,000,000**

Line 98 – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Wider Investment Fund –
none this year

Line 99 – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Housing/ Projects Fund –
none this year

Investment & Development

49. Councillor Russell Goodway, Cabinet Member for this portfolio, is unable to attend this meeting due to prior commitments. Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development, will answer Members' questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for this portfolio.

50. Members are asked to refer to **Appendices 1** WBO5, shaded pink, **7a, 7b, 7d, 9** and **10b** in relation to the following budgetary proposals, shaded pink:

Economic Development Efficiency Savings – Appendix 7a

There are six savings lines - Lines ECDE2, ECDE3, ECDE4, ECDE7, ECDE14, and ECDE18– **totalling £451,000** – of which £321,000 is employees, £20,000 is external/ other, and £292,000 is income- related, with an associated £182,000 income reduction.

Economic Development Service Change Savings – Appendix 7b

Line ECDSC3 – Cardiff International White Water - £50,000 (employees, external/ other, income)

Economic Development Fees & Changes – Appendix 7d

Line 1 – Filming in the city

Line 2 – Workshop Rents

Earmarked Reserves – Appendix 9

Line 10 – Cardiff Enterprise Zone

Line 11 – Central Market Works

Line 15 – City Wide Management & Initiatives

Line 44 – Major Projects

Line 53 – Red Dragon Centre

Capital Programme- Appendix 10b

Line 49 – Indoor Arena - **£9,807,000**

Line 50 – East Cardiff Industrial & Regeneration Strategy – **none this year**

Line 51 – Indoor Market – **none this year**

Line 62 – Transforming Towns Placemaking - **£435,000**

Line 79 – Central Market (Lottery) – **none this year**

Line 91 – Indoor Arena – land assembly and MSCP – **none this year**

Line 92 – Indoor Arena Direct Funding – **£8,000,000**

Line 93 – International Sports Village – Phase 2 – **£1,565,000**

Line 95 – Non-Operational Property Regeneration Fund – **none this year**

Culture, Parks, Events and Venues

51. Councillor Jennifer Burke, Cabinet Member for this Portfolio, and Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development, have been invited to answer Members' questions on the draft Corporate Plan and budget proposals for this portfolio. The whole portfolio falls within this Committee's terms of reference, apart from Storey Arms which is scrutinised by the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee.
52. Members are asked to refer to **Appendices 1** WBO 4 and WBO5, shaded blue, **7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 8, 9 and 10b** in relation to the following budgetary proposals, shaded blue:

Economic Development Efficiency Savings – Appendix 7a

There are four savings lines - Lines ECDE9, ECDE13, ECDE15 and ECDE19 – **totalling £264,000** - of which £149,000 is employees, £10,000 is external/ other, and £105,000 is income- related.

Economic Development Service Change Savings – Appendix 7b

Line ECDSC1 – Event Management - £25,000 (external/ other)
Line ECDSC2 – St David's Hall - £500,000 (employees, external/ other, income)
Line ECDSC4 – Sports Pitches & Facility Provision in Parks - £7,000 (income)

Economic Development Financial Resilience Mechanism – Appendix 7c

Stronger – Support for Community Events - £100,000
Stronger – Sports Development Grant Scheme - £100,000
Stronger – Grassroots Music/Arts - £100,000

Economic Development Fees & Changes – Appendix 7d

Lines 4-81 – Venues (*St David's Hall, Cardiff Castle, City Hall, Mansion House, Cardiff Caravan & Camping Park, Cardiff Story Museum, Events Park & Ride and County Hall Hire*)

Lines 82- 101 – Parks (*including Allotments*)

Lines 102 - 118 – Channel View Centre

Lines 119 – 164 – Cardiff Riding School

Lines 165 – 225 – Sailing and Water activities (*Sailing Centre, Activity Adventure Programme, Fishing, Slipway fees and charges, Rowing, Cardiff International White Water*)

Lines 226 – 233 – Harbour

Fees & Changes – Appendix 8 - Confidential

Lines 75- 76 – Members are reminded this information is confidential – please do not raise in the public section of the meeting.

Earmarked Reserves – Appendix 9

Line 5 – Bute Park Match Funding

Line 14 – City Events

Line 18 – Corporate Events & Cultural Services

Line 31 – Flatholm

Line 34 – Harbour Authority Projects and Contingency Fund

Line 48 – New Theatre Repairs

Capital Programme- Appendix 10b

Line 20 – Parks Infrastructure - **£140,000**

Line 21 – Play Equipment - **£290,000**

Line 22 – Teen/Adult Informal Sport & Fitness Facilities - **£560,000**

Line 23 – Green Flag Park Infrastructure Renewal - **£100,000**

Line 53 – Flatholm – NHLF Project - **£85,000**

Line 54 – Roath Park Dam - **£305,000**

Line 80 – Flatholm (Lottery) - **£100,000**

Line 81 – Harbour Authority - **£220,000**

Line 94 – Pentwyn Leisure Centre – none this year

CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

53. Consultation on the Council's budget proposals for 2023/24 was undertaken by the Cardiff Research Centre. The consultation ran from 23rd December 2022 to 29th January 2023, following the budget announcement from the Welsh Government on 14th December 2022.

54. The survey was available online and in hard copy, in English, Welsh, Arabic and Polish. The Cardiff Research Centre worked closely with partnership organisations to ensure as representative a response as possible. In a bid to ensure the survey was promoted as widely as possible, the survey was promoted via:

- a. **Email** - Organisations known to work with less frequently heard groups; Cardiff's Citizen's Panel; Ward members in areas known to traditionally have a low response rate.
- b. **Internet/intranet** - hosted on the Council website, at www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget; and promoted to Council employees via DigiGov, Intranet and Staff Information. An accessible version of the survey (for use with screen readers) was made available alongside the main survey. The webpage received 9,287 views in total across both the English and Welsh versions, with 232 accessing the page from the scrolling bar on the homepage of the website.
- c. **Social media** - promoted on the Council's corporate Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Linked In accounts by the Corporate Communications Team throughout the consultation period (to a combined audience of around 172,000 followers). Targeted promotion was facilitated via stakeholder's social media accounts and Facebook 'boosts' of paid advertising aimed at those less frequently heard i.e., under 25's, Minority Ethnic groups and those living in the 'Southern Arc' of the city. Seventy-six posts were

published, which were viewed 178,988 times, with 2,509 clicks through to the Budget Consultation page.

- d. **Hard copies** - Hard copies of the survey were made available in Hubs, libraries and community buildings across the city from Monday 9th January; they were also provided to Members Services, for all councillors to distribute. Partner organisations were invited to request hard copies for distribution.
- e. **Youth Survey** - The Child Friendly Cardiff team created a modified version of the survey using less formal language and distributed this to members of the Council's Youth Panel for completion online between 24th January and 5th February 2023.
- f. **Face to face interviews** - An assessment of results received was made approximately halfway through the survey window to understand the profile of respondents. Officers went out to areas with the lowest levels of response to gather views of residents about the budget proposals, particularly those belonging to under-represented groups. Areas identified were Adamsdown, Caerau, Cathays, Ely, Grangetown, Llanrumney, Rumney, Splott and St Mellons; interviews were also conducted in Central Library, capturing respondents for across the city.

55. Whilst respondents in some areas were very positive about being asked for their views and welcomed the opportunity to speak to a council officer about the issues raised, other areas saw poor engagement with little interest, which was hampered by poor weather affecting footfall.

56. After data cleansing to remove blank and duplicated responses, a total of **5,932 responses were received for the main survey, with a total of 115 responses to the Youth survey.** A total of 107 face-to-face interviews were undertaken. A copy of the consultation document is attached at **Appendix 11.**

Way Forward

34. Officers will make a presentation providing a corporate overview of the 2023-24 Budget Proposals. The relevant Cabinet Members and Officers will be available to answer Members' questions arising from the attached papers.
35. Members will then be able to decide what comments, observations or recommendations they wish to pass on to the Cabinet for consideration at their business meeting on 2 March 2023.

Legal Implications

38. 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

39. 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 give consideration to the information received at this meeting, and to submit any recommendations or comments to the Cabinet prior to its consideration of the final budget proposals on 2 March 2023 and to the Chairman of the Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee for consideration at their meeting on 1 March 2023.

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22 February 2023