

**LEVELLING UP FUND AND SHARED PROSPERITY FUND  
UPDATE**

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5**

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**Reason for this Report**

1. To update Cabinet on progress regarding the Levelling Up Fund and Shared Prosperity Fund.

**Background**

Levelling Up Fund

2. The Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund Applications Cabinet Report of 17th June 2021 outlined the Council's initial proposed projects for submission to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund, as well as its assessment process for the Community Renewal Fund.
3. The report outlined the criteria for the first round of the Levelling Up Fund, with the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 for submission, and subsequently included both proposed projects for submission for Round One, as well as projects that sought development in anticipation of future rounds. The criteria allowed for a submission of one bid of up to £20m per Parliamentary Constituency, plus an additional bid of up to £50m relating to major transport investment.
4. It was agreed that a funding bid for support for the redevelopment of Cardiff Market would be submitted for Round One. The proposal sought to invest in Cardiff Market as part of a conservation exercise, as well as to elevate its status as a tourist destination and main hub for the city for shopping, food and drink. Investment in the Market will therefore be undertaken from both a perspective of preserving heritage, as well as investing in the tourist infrastructure of the city.
5. In addition, the report identified projects that would be further developed for subsequent rounds, these comprised:
  - The 'Highline' connection between the city centre and Cardiff Bay (Transport led scheme);
  - The restoration of Cardiff Market (Cardiff Central);
  - Delivering a new 'Youth Zone' for Ely (Cardiff West);

- The Taff River Corridor project – opening up Cardiff’s waterfront (Cardiff South and Penarth);
  - A new nature-focussed visitor attraction at Forest Farm (Cardiff North).
6. The Cardiff Market levelling Up Fund bid was submitted in June 2021 but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Feedback from the bid, and analysis of successful bids, suggested that for the bids of up to £20m ‘shovel ready’ schemes were more likely to see successful outcomes.
  7. Following the unsuccessful bid further work was undertaken to progress bids in anticipation of a second round of the Levelling Up Fund. This included the development of a business case for a proposed Youth Zone in Ely and the connection between the city centre and Cardiff Bay.
  8. A subsequent Cabinet Report in March 2022 noted the anticipation of the opening of the next round of Levelling Up Fund later in 2022, and mindful of the need for ‘shovel ready’ schemes recommended that, as progress had been made in the business case and planning application for the Arena and the wider Atlantic Wharf development, that this scheme was considered for round two.
  9. Applications were sought by 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022. Given the timescales it was proposed that two projects would be submitted, the investment in the Atlantic Wharf development and the connection between the city centre and Cardiff Bay.
  10. In January 2023 the outcome of the second round of the Levelling Up Fund was announced by the UK Government, where the connection between the ‘Cross Rail Phase 1’ city centre and Cardiff Bay link was confirmed as a successful bid. The UK Government subsequently noted that only one bid, the highest scoring, per local authority would be supported, and as the highest scoring bid the Cross Rail Phase 1 scheme was supported in Cardiff.

### Shared Prosperity Fund

11. The Cabinet report of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 outlined the Council’s initial response in preparing for any announcement relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund. The report outlined governance arrangements for the oversight of the programme in Cardiff, the regional arrangements that had been established to manage the fund, an initial programme of activity as well as a wider programme to cover the period of the Shared Prosperity Fund.
12. The report outlined that Cabinet has the responsibility for the approval of a Shared Prosperity Fund Programme. The Programme, which will be updated annually, will outline the broad themes of activity, and is led by the Council’s Stronger, Fairer, Greener Strategy. The Programme also reflects partnership priorities where these are relevant to the Shared Prosperity Fund. The Programme outlines areas of interventions with indicative allocations of funding in these areas, as well as proposed means of implementation.

13. The Programme will be reviewed by the Public Services Board, as well as the business representative groups FOR Cardiff, FSB and Cwmpas. Collectively these groups may make recommendations for potential changes to the programme, as well as ensure that there is alignment with partnership activity in the delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund Programme. Ultimate decision making for the Programme however sits with the Cabinet.
14. The Cabinet will also be responsible for the approval of a biannual monitoring report, which will shape and influence any future changes to the Shared Prosperity Fund Programme. This report will also be reviewed by the Public Service Board and business representative groups. The Programme will be reviewed on an annual basis, with a revised Programme to be approved by the Cabinet. The report also noted that a Shared Prosperity Fund Delivery Team established within Cardiff Council, will be tasked with working with service areas in the Council to deliver the Shared Prosperity Fund Programme.
15. The report also approved an initial spend profile against a number of key projects. As outlined in the report, a pragmatic approach was undertaken that ensured that, in anticipation of confirmation of the funding, spend could begin relatively quickly, given that the Shared Prosperity Fund works on an annual budgeting basis. In particular, this approach sought to allocate funding to Council departments to work with partners to deliver the key outputs and outcomes of the Shared Prosperity Fund. The approach also enabled key projects and programmes where other external funding was coming to a close to continue. This impacted, in particular, the Into Work services team, and as such the Shared Prosperity Fund has enabled the continuation of some vital services for communities in the city.

## **Issues**

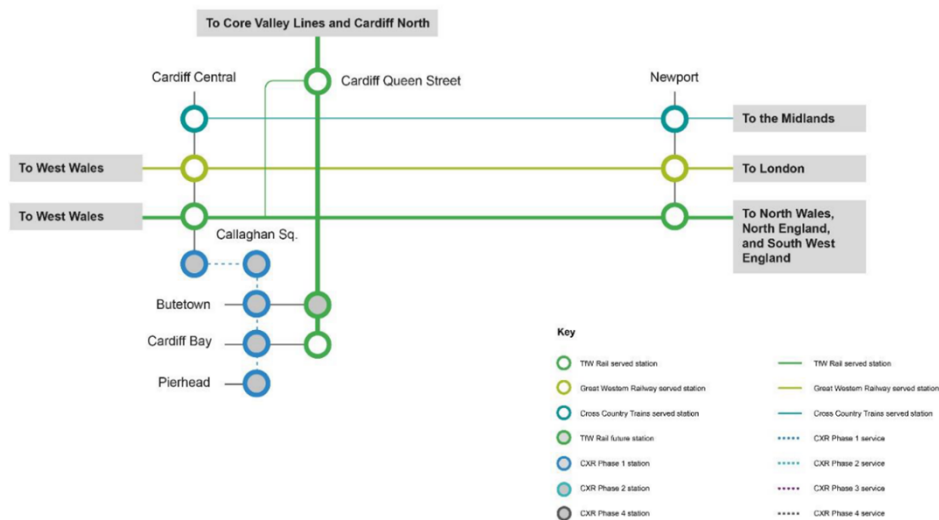
### Levelling Up Fund – Crossrail Phase 1

16. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of January the UK Government published the list of successful bids for the second round of the Levelling Up Fund, which included the £50m Cardiff Crossrail Phase 1 bid. This was one of only two £50m bids awarded in the second round of the bid and represented the largest allocation for a transport bid in the UK.
17. The project was also match funded by £50m of Welsh Government funding, meaning that a total of £100m has been brought together to fund the implementation of Crossrail Phase 1. Transport for Wales were also a key partner in the development of the funding bid and were instrumental in formulating the Outline Business Case that was submitted to the UK Government as part of the bid.
18. The project proposed to link Cardiff Central with Cardiff Bay, via new platforms at Cardiff Central and a new road level link across Callaghan Square. Overall, the project will deliver:

- A regular tram service from Cardiff Central to a new platform at Cardiff Bay train station.
- Two new platforms at Cardiff Central Train Station.
- Public realm improvements around the existing and new train platforms.
- A new highway layout which allows safe transition for the public to use between road, rail, cycling and walking.

19. The first phase of the development will also extend to Pierhead Street and include the development of a new Transport Hub, linking in with the Atlantic Wharf masterplan. Whilst the Levelling Up Fund bid was primarily aimed at delivering the link between Cardiff Central and Cardiff Bay, it did also allow for funding to be allocated for the extension to Pierhead Street should there be sufficient headroom in the overall funding package. This element is highlighted in Figure 1 below.

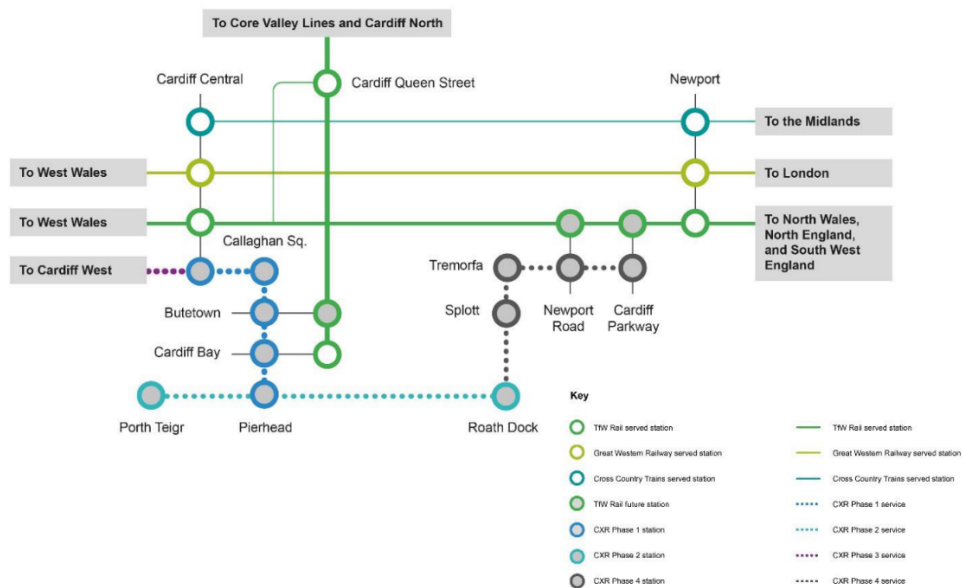
**Figure 1: Cardiff Crossrail (CXR) Phase 1**



20. The scheme will provide a direct connection between Cardiff Central and Cardiff Bay, meaning that arrivals at Cardiff Central will now be able to travel directly to Cardiff Bay. This will deliver overall improvements in connectivity to one of the most deprived areas of Wales and its communities, supporting both job development in those areas, as well as improving access to the wider rail infrastructure for Butetown residents. The connection will also support the Atlantic Wharf development, in particular transit to and from the new arena.

21. Most fundamentally, the scheme is also intended as the first phase of Crossrail, unlocking the connection between the east and west of the city. Put simply, it is the essential element of the Crossrail scheme that will ultimately connect the west of Cardiff with the proposed new parkway station in St. Mellons.

**Figure 2: Cardiff Crossrail (CXR) Central to Cardiff Parkway**



22. Crossrail Phase 1 will also compliment a number of additional key schemes including Metro Central, where funding has been secured to deliver enhancements that will:

- Accommodate current and forecast passenger demand;
- Enhance user experience, both within the station and on the immediate entrances and exits to integrate with the surrounding land uses; and
- Safely and efficiently accommodate additional train services, including those both committed, e.g. as part of the CVL transformation and other projects, plus the more aspirational changes being investigated as part of the South Wales Mainline (SWML) enhancements programme.

23. The requirement for integration with the Crossrail phase one project to the south of the station has been incorporated within the design process. The proposed enhancements at Cardiff Central represent a significant opportunity to maximise the benefits of Crossrail phase one.

24. As noted above Crossrail scheme also aims to ultimately link with the proposed Cardiff Parkway development. Cardiff Parkway is a proposed new station to the east of the city on the SWML, approximately equidistant between Cardiff and Newport. It offers the potential for additional direct rail connections across the Cardiff Capital Region, and to other locations further afield such as Bristol, London, the Midlands, and North West England. It would serve existing communities and businesses in the St Mellons area, support future development, and provide a Park & Ride facility. Cardiff Parkway is also the proposed terminus for the eastern side of the Cardiff Crossrail project.

25. Crossrail Phase 1 also aims to address the historic underinvestment in transport infrastructure in the east of the city. Further work is already

underway with Transport for Wales to develop the full Crossrail concept that will include a number of stations in the east of the city. This will provide rail access to a population of circa 80,000 in an area currently reliant on car use. This will not only create a range of new opportunities for communities in the east, but it will also raise the potential for further investment in business, whilst also making a significant contribution to Wales net-zero ambitions by moving people onto sustainable transport.

26. The Crossrail Phase One project now requires the completion of a Full Business Case. This will require a more detailed specification of the scheme and its overall costing. The funding for the development of this business case will be drawn from the £50m allocated from the Levelling Up Fund bid. A project team comprising Cardiff Council and Transport for Wales will lead this element of work.

### Levelling Up Fund – Round 3

27. In January, the UK Government announced that they will be bringing forward a third round of funding for the Levelling Up Fund. In anticipation, work continues on establishing a business case for the Ely Youth Zone project. Council officers are currently working with the charity OnSide to develop the business case, as well as seeking to secure a potential site for a facility in anticipation of any bid being submitted.
28. In addition, work has also progressed on the development of proposals for the Taff River Corridor, namely a new active travel link across the River Taff connecting Butetown to Grangetown. The proposed new footbridge will provide a link for pedestrians and cyclists between the Channel View estate, the Marl and the area around Jim Driscoll Way on the west bank of the river to Hamadryad Park on the east bank.
29. The bridge would provide an important connection for communities on both sides of the river, linking to schools, parks, leisure facilities and open spaces as well as the wider network of routes for walking and cycling, linking to the Cardiff Bay Trail, Ely Trail and Taff Trail. A consultation exercise was undertaken across November and December 2022 to inform the development of a business case which may include the potential for Levelling Up Funding. Note that whilst this will be explored as a potential funding source other avenues will also be considered and may be deemed more appropriate for the development.
30. Given progress has been made in taking forward the proposals for Ely Youth Zone and Taff River Corridor projects these will be the main focus of potential bids for Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund, albeit subject to clarification of the fund criteria.
31. Plans for a new nature-focussed visitor attraction at Forest Farm, as considered in the June 2021 Cabinet report will also be developed, but as the proposition is still in the very early stages of development it is not considered appropriate for a Round 3 submission.
32. In developing propositions for submission to Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund, we will also be seeking assurances from the UK Government

regarding the process in order to deliver value for money in the use of Council resources in developing and progressing any bids.

### Shared Prosperity Fund

33. The UK Government confirmed the regional allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund in December 2022, and subsequently the Lead Authority has been working with the UK Government to conclude funding arrangements and requirements. In addition, work continues to complete some of the necessary governance arrangements including establishing a Service Level Agreement between Rhondda Cynon Taf, who act as the Lead Authority, and Cardiff Council.
34. The 'year one' profile agreed in anticipation of funding has meant that some projects have been able to continue or progress as a result. As noted in the November Cabinet report, a pragmatic approach led by either direct delivery or procurement has been undertaken in order to ensure that the Cardiff allocation can be used within the annual budget framework established for the Shared Prosperity Fund.
35. Agreements are also being established to enable the Cardiff Third Sector Council to provide additional support for Cardiff Council in delivering the Shared Prosperity Fund.
36. Following the November Cabinet report, work has been undertaken to progress the development of the year one profile. Subsequently a detailed project overview has been developed and is provided below. The projects will be delivered through a mixture of direct delivery, procurement, commissioning, and grants. Initial spend will focus on direct delivery and procurement as a result of compressed timescales and annual budgeting, but as the programme develops it will also become more reliant on externally commissioned activity. Work will continue to scope this approach and to work with third sector organisations to highlight potential opportunities. In addition, a number of grant schemes will also be established.

### *SPF Project overview*

37. **Community Facilities & Neighbourhood Regeneration:** Funding will support Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes which is a member led, city-wide programme delivering a range of improvements in local communities. This will be part of an enhanced programme of community and district centre regeneration which will include offering community buildings grants to community groups incorporating both revenue and capital support.
38. **Community Safety:** This project will support and coordinate a multi-agency/partnership approach to tackling complex local issues such as crime and anti-social behaviour. The team will monitor data and intelligence to build up knowledge of the interventions which work while also providing community engagement. This project will be co-ordinated by partners across the city, including the Police.

39. **Child Friendly City, Cardiff Commitment, & Youth Services:** Projects include the expansion of the Cardiff Commitment programme that links business and industry leaders with schools. It will also include the Passport to the City project to open up community assets to children, young people, and families. Funding will also be allocated to the youth service to provide support for the most vulnerable young people educated in Cardiff.
40. **Community Capacity & Activity:** A range of services to facilitate the development of community activity and to support the development of community networks. This will include specific projects including:
- walking sports;
  - co-production training;
  - age friendly support for local shopping and community areas;
  - improving digital connectivity provision in Hubs;
  - hub accessibility improvements;
  - cultural performance inclusion programme;
  - wellbeing support to improve service accessibility and enhancing volunteering offer;
  - and finally, community inclusion officers.
41. **Community Volunteering:** This will seek to raise engagement and activity in communities through supporting an enhanced volunteering programme. Specific opportunities will be provided for:
- people with a learning disability;
  - those with physical impairments;
  - adults with autism/dementia to participate and cycle in an inclusive and accessible environment;
  - adult learning, volunteering, training and employment activities.
42. The project will also provide opportunities for individuals or groups of elderly people, who are often unable to use public transport, to get out and about through the provision of a transport service.
43. **Third Sector Engagement:** A specific contribution towards C3SC so that community engagement can inform future elements of SPF spend. C3SC would provide support for 3rd sector organisations to access opportunities within the SPF programme where applicable.
44. **Community Engagement:** This funding will support communication and community engagement on major projects within Cardiff, with a dedicated budget allocated to support consultation and engagement work. This will include a specific role to invest in community engagement relating to the regeneration of Atlantic Wharf.
45. **Community Events:** This will provide support for community events across the city through the appointment of an officer. There will also be an allocation of revenue funding to help deliver, where appropriate, local events in our city's communities.



46. **Cardiff Music Strategy:** This will provide funding to support the appointment of a Music Officer to support the delivery of the city's Music City aspirations as well as provide additional support to the Cardiff Music Board. Additional funding will also be made available to deliver Cardiff Music Strategy projects.
47. **Grassroots Venues Grants:** Funding to support grassroots venues. This will include grant funding to support venues to become more sustainable, and to build financial resilience.
48. **Love Where You Live:** The project aims to introduce new community infrastructure to encourage waste prevention, re-use, and recycling via installation of reverse vending machines and water filling stations within the city. The campaign also seeks to improve the city centre by undertaking a feasibility study to consider options for better containment of trade waste. The scheme will support the One Planet Cardiff Strategy.
49. **Visit Cardiff and Business Events Partnership:** Partnership to promote the development of business events in the city and the leisure, hospitality, and retail offer across the city while encouraging membership of the Visit Cardiff Network. The funding will be used to promote both city centre businesses as well as neighbourhood areas that offer a variety of leisure and tourism related businesses in line with the City Recovery Strategy.
50. **Business Capital & Revenue Grants:** The project will be formed of both direct development and delivery of economic development projects as well as a business grant scheme. Grant funding will be open to SMEs and will be based on both delivering Shared Prosperity Fund criteria, as well as supporting the objectives of Stronger, Fairer, Greener strategy. This includes supporting the development of sustainable employment opportunities, enabling investment in more productive processes, and elements of energy efficiency.
51. **City Centre Management:** This will add additional resource to the city centre team as outlined in the City Centre Recovery Strategy by providing a city centre manager, city centre warden manager and three additional wardens. This will be complemented by additional Council funding as well as seeking to attract more commercial income to expand the operation and provide a sustainable future model for delivery.
52. **City Centre Infrastructure:** This project will deliver elements of the City Centre Recovery Strategy, including upgrading and enhancement of areas of public realm within city centre, improved cycle parking provision, street greening, decluttering, and upgrading of street furniture. It will also produce a wayfinding strategy for the city centre and to replace the existing fingerposts and tourist information panels with new static and digital infrastructure, improving bilingual signage.
53. **Into Work Services:** This will provide an employment and skills package for people in Cardiff, supporting people to secure and progress in employment through mentoring, access to training, and removal of barriers to entering the labour market. This funding is specifically

required to replace activities previously funded via ESF. A large proportion of spend is on direct staffing costs with a smaller element for the Barriers Fund to remove barriers for participants to access employment.

54. **Money Advice & Adult Numeracy:** Utilising the Multiply element of SPF which is targeted specifically at improving numeracy skills for those aged nineteen and above, these projects will assist in funding the Money Advice Team to provide financial support and signposting to training, with additional funding to create an adult learning provision.

#### *Delivery*

55. As outlined in the Shared Prosperity Fund prospectus, Councils are able to deliver projects through a range of direct provision, procurement, commissioning or grants. All of these routes will be used in delivering the Shared Prosperity Fund in Cardiff. A number of grant schemes will be established in forthcoming months, whilst there will also be a number of commissioning and procurement exercises undertaken across the portfolio of projects.
56. Given the need for annual budgeting the initial spend will focus on areas where the Council is able to undertake activity quickly and efficiently. This, however, will also be undertaken on a partnership basis, seeking support and input from key public and third sector partners in delivering a city-wide programme.

#### *Regional Activity*

57. In addition to local activity there will be an element of regional activity relating to place promotion and cluster development. Work regarding the place promotion element is currently being funded by the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, whilst the cluster development work, which will focus on skills, will be progressed in 2023/24.
58. In addition, a small amount of funding has also been allocated to support a regional engagement function for the People and Skills priority. The regional role would be limited to coordination of a regional steering group, relationship management with Further Education, interaction with the Regional Skills Partnership and Welsh Government and support for any regional commissioning framework for skills provision.

#### **Reason for Recommendations**

59. To update Cabinet on Levelling Up Fund and Shared Prosperity Fund proposals.

#### **Financial Implications**

60. This report provides an update on the latest position with regard to the Levelling Up Fund and the Shared Prosperity Fund.

61. The Cardiff Council submission to Round 1 of the Levelling Fund was not successful but a Round 2 bid in relation to the £50 million Cardiff Crossrail Phase 1 was awarded. This project is proposed to link Cardiff Central with Cardiff Bay and is match funded by £50 million Welsh Government Funding.
62. The project now requires the completion of a Full Business Case to set out a more detailed specification and full costing for the scheme. Costs for preparation and development of the business case will be met from within the Levelling Up Fund allocation. It is proposed that the full business case will be brought back to a future meeting of Cabinet to consider.
63. The Council is currently also reviewing proposals which may form bids to Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund including the Ely Youth Zone project.
64. The Shared Prosperity Fund regional allocations were announced in December 2022 and a detailed project overview has been developed along with a year one profile. It is proposed that related projects will consist of a mix of direct delivery, procurement, commissioning and grants payable.
65. The proposed investment plans will result in grant income to the Council to support specific projects. Any expenditure will need to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant which will include ongoing monitoring of outcomes, clear expenditure deadlines and specific grant allocations to be spent by the end of each financial year.
66. Resources and controls will need to be in place to support the grant reporting and administration processes. The Shared Prosperity Fund grant allows a proportion of the award to be used towards such administration costs.
67. Projects prioritised in line with the criteria set out in the report should be after a robust options appraisal and selection process, which considers factors such as deliverability of the project outcomes, whether those projects are undertaken by the Council or by external bodies to be supported by grant. Council capacity and skills in place to deliver such projects will need to be considered as part of the submission along with consideration of timing of key tasks such as recruitment, planning, consultation and also procurement processes to ensure value for money.
68. Any projects should identify and confirm any match funding requirements at an early stage and also be clear as to whether they are supported by the grant revenue or capital streams as well as wider considerations such as ongoing operating and maintenance costs, VAT implications on expenditure proposals any recurring costs that may continue to be incurred after any grant may no longer be available.
69. No funding is available to continue projects beyond the timescale of this grant, so each will need to have a clear exit strategy to avoid unbudgeted cost pressures at the end of the scheme adversely impacting on the budget gap identified in the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

## Legal Implications

70. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 provides power to local authorities to do anything that is likely to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area. Statutory Guidance indicates that such power may be used in a wide range of purposes, which may include but are not limited to, sustainable development, improving and conserving the quality of the local environment, promoting economic development, and providing assistance to communities, promoting local culture, heritage and biodiversity.
71. Legal Services understand from the body of the report that the Levelling Up Fund and the Shared Prosperity Fund will provide grant funding to the Council to support specific projects. Accordingly, any expenditure will need to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant and must be in compliance with Subsidy Law (formerly called State Aid).
72. Further legal advice, including advice in relation to specific project matters, will be provided as proposals are progressed. To the extent that any proposed scheme and initiative involves the procurement of works, goods or services then the Council must comply with its Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Rules and procurement legislation.
73. In addition, to the extent that any of the proposed schemes and initiatives are dependent on the making of any orders or the obtaining of any consents or the like then it will be necessary to follow the appropriate statutory processes. By way of example only if a scheme is dependent on the making of a traffic regulation order (TRO) then the outcome cannot be guaranteed as individuals have the right to object. Due and proper consideration would need to be given to any such objections in determining how to proceed.

## Consultation and Engagement

74. The report refers to a public consultation/engagement exercise being undertaken in relation to proposed projects under Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund. It should be noted that any consultation and engagement must (a) be carried out when the proposal is at a formative stage (b) consultees must be given sufficient information to understand the project and to respond (c) consultees must be given sufficient time to respond and (d) responses must be conscientiously taken into account when finalising the relevant decision as a consultation exercise gives rise to the legitimate expectation that due regard will be given to the outcome of the consultation in determining the way forward.

## Equality Duty.

75. In considering this matter, the Council must have regard to its public sector equality duties under the Equality Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). This means the Council must give due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, gender

reassignment, sex, race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality, disability, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, religion or belief – including lack of belief.

76. An Equalities Impact Assessment should be considered in relation to specific projects to identify the equalities implications of the proposed decision, including inequalities arising from socio-economic disadvantage, and due regard should be given to the outcomes of the Equalities Impact Assessment.
77. When taking strategic decisions, the Council also has a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome resulting from socio-economic disadvantage ('the Socio-Economic Duty' imposed under section 1 of the Equality Act 2010). In considering this, the Council must take into account the statutory guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers ([WG42004 A More Equal Wales The Socio-economic Duty Equality Act 2010 \(gov.wales\)](#)) and must be able to demonstrate how it has discharged its duty.

#### Well Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

78. The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act') places a 'well-being duty' on public bodies aimed at achieving 7 national well-being goals for Wales – a Wales that is prosperous, resilient, healthier, more equal, has cohesive communities, a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language, and is globally responsible.
79. In discharging its duties under the Act, the Council has set and published well being objectives designed to maximise its contribution to achieving the national well being goals. The well being objectives are set out in Cardiff's Corporate Plan 2022-2. When exercising its functions, the Council is required to take all reasonable steps to meet its well being objectives. This means that the decision makers should consider how the proposed decision will contribute towards meeting the well being objectives and must be satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to meet those objectives.
80. The well being duty also requires the Council to act in accordance with a 'sustainable development principle'. This principle requires the Council to act in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Put simply, this means that Council decision makers must take account of the impact of their decisions on people living their lives in Wales in the future. In doing so, the Council must:
  - Look to the long term
  - Focus on prevention by understanding the root causes of problems
  - Deliver an integrated approach to achieving the 7 national well-being goals
  - Work in collaboration with others to find shared sustainable solutions

- Involve people from all sections of the community in the decisions which affect them

81. The decision maker must be satisfied that the proposed decision accords with the principles above; and due regard must be given to the Statutory Guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers, which is accessible using the link below: <http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/statutory-guidance/?lang=en>

### General

82. The Council has to be mindful of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards when making any policy decisions and consider the impact upon the Welsh language, the report and Equality Impact Assessment deals with all these obligations. The Council has to consider the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and how this strategy may improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.

83. The decision makers must be satisfied that the proposals fall within the Council’s approved policy and budget framework.

### HR Implications

84. This report in the main has no direct HR implications. Any proposals to create additional roles within the Council will be subject to the usual post creation and recruitment procedures in due course.

### Property Implications

85. The report does not contain any specific property implications. Where the Council is required to undertake or advise on property transactions or valuations to deliver Council objectives, such work should be managed in accordance with the Council’s Asset Management processes and in consultation with relevant service areas, such as Legal, as appropriate.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to

1. Note the update on the Levelling Up Fund and delegate authority to the relevant Directors to continue the development of the Ely Youth Zone and the Taff River Corridor projects for submission as Round Three Levelling Up Fund bid.
2. Note the progress in delivering Shared Prosperity Fund in Cardiff.

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