

CABINET MEETING: 13 JULY 2023

**RESPONSE TO ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
REPORT ENTITLED 'SHAPING CARDIFF'S POST-PANDEMIC
ECONOMIC RECOVERY'**

**INVESTMENT & DEVELOPMENT (COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
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AGENDA ITEM: 10

Reason for this Report

1. To provide the Cabinet response app the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee report, entitled '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*'.

Background

2. In 2022, the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee published the report of the '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*' task group. The group was tasked with delivering a report based on the following terms of reference:
 - To explore with key stakeholders what the Council's role should be in assisting Cardiff's economy to recover post-pandemic, in the context of limited funding, looking in particular at:
 - Remote and co-working needs and requirements;
 - Support for small businesses and independent artists;
 - Role of Local and District Centres;
 - Role of City Centre;
 - 15-minute city model; and
 - Broadband provision.
 - To reference good practice from other cities that have adopted the 15-minute city model, identifying key lessons that are applicable to Cardiff; and
 - To utilise the findings from the above to make informed recommendations to all relevant parties on the most appropriate approaches to take in Cardiff.

3. The task group took evidence from witnesses, as well as undertaking desk research and primary research. Witnesses included relevant Cabinet Members, senior officers, Creative Economy Unit/Creative Cardiff, Cwrt Co-Working, FSB Cymru, For Cardiff, Local and District Centre traders, Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru, Town Square, Stiwdio – University of South Wales, and Welsh Government.
4. The task group used the evidence gathered by the inquiry to develop a set of key findings and recommendations.
5. The final report of the '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*' task group is attached at **Appendix A** and was received formally by the Cabinet on 2 March 2023.
6. This report provides the Cabinet's response to the recommendations included in the final report.

Issues

7. The Cabinet's response to the recommendations of the task group is attached as **Appendix B**. The response is shaped by both the Council's ability to deliver the recommendations, the consideration of value for money, and the need to consider the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and equality considerations.
8. The response has also been led by an outcomes-based approach where consideration is placed on the impact on residents and communities. This is reflected in the Council's Recovery and Renewal Strategy that was published in 2021, which considered the needs of the wider population as well as individual business needs.
9. Much of the Council's Recovery and Renewal Strategy has informed the current Corporate Plan, and links directly with a number of the recommendations of the '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*' report.
10. In addition, the Council's Shared Prosperity Fund approach was also linked directly with the Council's Recovery and Renewal Strategy. The work of the Recovery and Renewal Strategy informed the initial Programme for the Shared Prosperity Fund, which identified the following themes for investment:
 - Neighbourhood and Community Regeneration Programme
 - Community Capacity Building Programme
 - Growing Our Cultural Capital
 - Resilient and Sustainable Communities Programme
 - Productive, Sustainable and Inclusive Business Programme
 - City Centre Recovery Programme
 - People and Skills and the Cardiff Commitment

11. The Shared Prosperity Fund Programme included a number of indicative allocations of funding. Alongside the programme an initial funding profile has been approved by Cabinet that has enabled the Council and partners to start delivering projects as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund Programme.

Reason for Recommendations

12. To approve the Cabinet's response to recommendations of the '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*' report.

Financial Implications

13. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report and in the event of any actions being undertaken that require financial resources then these will either be found from within existing budgetary allocations or considered as part of 2024/25 Budget setting process.

Legal Implications

14. In considering this report, Cabinet should have regard to:
 - (a) the Public Sector duties under the Equality Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties, when making decisions, Councils must have 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. Protected characteristics are a. Age; b. Gender reassignment; c. Sex; d. Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality; e. Disability; f. Pregnancy and maternity; g. Marriage and civil partnership; h. Sexual orientation; i. Religion or belief – including lack of belief;
 - (b) the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act') is about improving the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales. 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. In discharging their respective duties under the Act, each public body listed in the Act must set and published wellbeing objectives. These objectives will show how each public body will work to achieve the vision for Wales set out in the national wellbeing goals. When exercising its functions, Cabinet should consider how the proposed decision will contribute towards meeting the wellbeing objectives set by the Council and in so doing achieve the national wellbeing goals. The wellbeing 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 Cabinet must take account of the impact of their decisions on people living their lives in Wales in the future. In doing so, Cabinet must:

- a) look to the long term;
- b) focus on prevention by understanding the root causes of problems;
- c) deliver an integrated approach to achieving the 7 national well-being goals;
- d) work in collaboration with others to find shared sustainable solutions; and
- e) involve people from all sections of the community in the decisions which affect them.

HR Implications

15. There are no HR implications for this report.

Property Implications

16. There are no direct property implications for this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is recommended to approve the response to the recommendations of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee report entitled '*Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*' as set out in Appendix B to this report.

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	7 July 2023

The following appendices are attached:

Appendix A: Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee Report (January 2023)
– *Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery*

Appendix B: Cabinet Response to the *Shaping Cardiff's Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery* Report Recommendations