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Annwyl / Dear Nigel

PRAP 12 January 2016 - What Matters Review

Thank you for your letter of 18th January 2016, which was also discussed at the meeting of the Cardiff Partnership Board on the same day.

Partners were a little surprised to note the observation that the Committee felt that some of the responses were defensive and lacked clarity as those attending did not share this view. There is a wealth of information and reports publically available on the work of the Cardiff Partnership and the Board would be happy share any further information as requested by the Committee.

As highlighted during the meeting, the Action Plan, which will sit below the What Matters Strategy, will be developed by April 2016 following stakeholder discussions and the Partnership would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further once it has been finalised.

Regarding the achievements to date of the Cardiff Partnership, Annual Reports have been produced since the publication of What Matters (the last one being Summer 2015) which clearly set out achievements both in terms of outcomes for citizens and performance measures. These reports have been circulated to all Council Members and are publically available on the Cardiff Partnership website. In addition, these reports, along with quarterly progress reports, are submitted to Welsh Government for review as part of our reporting requirements. Information around milestones for each of the Programmes is also readily available on the Cardiff Partnership website.

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In relation to costs to provide the core secretariat for the Partnership, it would no doubt be helpful to committee to clarify that these relate to:

- servicing the meetings (eg preparing agendas, papers and minutes);
- undertaking the annual review;
- undertaking the strategic needs assessment
- preparing programme and neighbourhood intelligence reports
- providing policy support and responses on statutory partnership agendas such as community safety; children and young people and poverty;
- providing co-ordination of the partnership programmes and quarterly performance reporting;
- maintaining the Cardiff Partnership website;
- undertaking stakeholder engagement; and
- progressing some partnership initiatives agreed by the Board.

The support to provide this consists of approximately 0.3 FTE of the Operational Manager's role and approximately 2.5 FTE policy and performance support and 1 FTE partnership analyst function. The approximate cost to the Council for providing the statutory partnership secretariat is £143,800 (including on-costs). In addition there are six Neighbourhood Partnership Officers and a Neighbourhood Co-ordinator at a cost of £231,7000 (including on costs). This resource should be compared back to the resource in existence in 2011 which, as part of a review undertaken at the time, identified 36.3 FTE posts at a cost of £1,338,510.

The Cardiff Third Sector Council, by its very nature, already works with vulnerable groups and through its established networks and will continue to do so going forward. Social media has also played an increasing role in promoting the work of the partnership and content is regularly communicated via the City Council, South Wales Police, C3SC, Communities First, Cardiff Debate and other partner twitter accounts and Facebook pages. The Board does not have a stand alone consultation plan but, through the Joint Communications group, makes use of existing established mechanisms depending on the particular issue and also identifies opportunities for joint working (e.g. as in the case of the social media campaign for the Public Services Day in June 2015).

The Cardiff Partnership is happy to discuss potential ideas for the scrutiny of partnership working in the future, once the Committee has developed proposals for this to be undertaken.

Yn gywir,
Yours sincerely,



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