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**STATUS UPDATE REPORT MARCH – SEPTEMBER 2020 CCRCD
JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM 4

Reason for this Report

1. To inform CCR Scrutiny Committee of the multiplicity of activities, outcomes and delivery that has taken place in the period March – September 2020. Mainly comprising the Covid-19 Lockdown period, a significant amount of progress has been made and given the new arrangements for scrutiny co-ordination and development, this report and accompanying presentation seeks to:
 - Bring all Members fully up to date and provide a comprehensive overview of advancements and progress overall;
 - Highlight critical policy issues and developments;
 - Provide a sense of overall direction and priorities coming into the Gateway Review preparation period; and,
 - Enable Scrutiny Committee Members to see the full picture, in order to identify priorities for scrutiny in the forthcoming period.

Background

2. The last CCR Scrutiny meeting was held in Tredomen in January 2020. This meeting was not quorate and prompted Members to call for a reinforcement of scrutiny arrangements. This has been accepted by Regional Cabinet and with new arrangements in place now for scrutiny co-ordination and support and an accelerated programme of CCR delivery – resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic and economic recession – this report seeks to set out the core elements of progress over the period of lockdown. This will enable CCR Scrutiny Committee to best consider the focus, resources and outcomes needed over the forthcoming period in relation to the effective discharge of its scrutiny function.

3. Set out at Appendix 1 is a presentation of all project delivery approvals, progress with the Investment Pipeline, policy issues and significant priorities that have emerged and been acted upon during the lockdown period.
4. This provides a comprehensive overview of the programme status as at September 2020 and gives a clear indication of future priorities.
5. In addition to this and, in response to Member's previous requests about strengthening Communications and Engagement materials, Appendix 2i and 2ii provide an overview of communications progress in Q1 of 2020-21 and in 'magazine' format, a compilation of all articles, thought leadership pieces and collateral content.

Financial Implications

10. There are no direct financial implications associated with this information report. However, all projects, programmes and priorities cited within the attached documents, have all been subject to the required business case development process, financial due diligence and are the subject of Investment Panel assessment and Regional Cabinet approvals.

Legal Implications (as reported to Regional Cabinet 19/12/19)

16. There are no direct legal implications associated with this information report. All projects, programmes and priorities cited within the attached documents, have all been subject to the legal due diligence and review and are the subject of Investment Panel assessment and Regional Cabinet approvals.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

17. 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 (which includes the Councils comprising the CCRC) must set and published well-being objectives. These objectives will show how each public body will work to achieve the vision for Wales set out in the national well-being goals. When exercising its functions, the Regional Cabinet should consider how the proposed decision will contribute towards meeting the 'well-being duty' and in so doing assist to achieve the national well-being goals.
18. The well-being duty also requires Councils to act in accordance with a 'sustainable development principle'. This principle requires Councils 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 the Regional Cabinet must take account of the impact of

their decisions on people living their lives in Wales in the future. In doing so, the Regional Cabinet must:

- look to the long term;
- focus on prevention by understanding the root causes of problems;
- deliver an integrated approach to achieving the seven 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.

19. The Regional Cabinet must be satisfied that the proposed decision accords with the principles above.
20. To assist the Regional Cabinet to consider the duties under the Act in respect of the decision sought an assessment has been undertaken, which is attached as an Appendix to this report (Well-being of future generations assessment) for Member's consideration.
21. In preparing reports due regard must be given to the Statutory Guidance on the Act 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>

Equality Act 2010

22. In considering this matter, regard should be had, amongst other matters, to the Councils' duties under the Equality Act 2010. Pursuant to these legal duties the Regional Cabinet must in making decisions 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:
 - 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

RECOMMENDATIONS

23. It is recommended that the Cardiff Capital Region Scrutiny Committee notes the overall activity, progress and advancements as during the period March –

September 2020 and from this, gauge work programme priorities for further detailed assessment and scrutiny

Kellie Beirne
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Date to be inserted

Appendices

- Appendix 1 CCR Scrutiny Committee Status Update
- Appendix 2 i – CCR Communications Report Q1 2020-2021
- Appendix 2 ii – CCR Magazine Q1 2020-2021