

DATE: 26th FEBRUARY 2021

TITLE: CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

REPORT OF: SERVICE DIRECTOR, FRONTLINE SERVICES RCTCBC

AGENDA ITEM: 4

1. Reason for this Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Cardiff Capital Region Transport Authority (CCRTA).

2. Background

- 2.1 The CCRTA is a sub-committee of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Regional Cabinet and is responsible for taking forward the transport elements of the City Deal.
- 2.2 The CCRTA is Chaired by [Cllr Huw David](#), the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council and the vice-Chair is [Cllr Andrew Morgan](#), the Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, both of whom sit on the [CCRCD Regional Cabinet](#).
- 2.3 In order to appraise members of the work of the CCRTA, the three reports that were considered by the [CCRTA Board](#) on [18th January 2021](#) are appended for information;

Appendix 1:

- ULEV Update – this clearly sets out the work being undertaken by the CCRTA on behalf of the ten local authorities in South East Wales to deliver a regional strategy and programme to enable transition away from petrol and diesel powered vehicles and a move towards 100% electric vehicles, including buses, taxis and private cars. Noting that the Metro transformation is also delivering an electrified rail service across the Core Valley Lines (CVL)

Appendix 2:

- Metro Plus Programme – this report offers an update on the latest position regarding the delivery of this ambitious programme which sets out to add value to the existing Metro commitments with a £50M programme reaching

each and every participating council. It notes the challenges that local authorities are dealing with in delivering this programme and establishes a way forward for dealing with programming and financial issues.

Appendix 3:

- Local Transport Fund (LTF) Bid 2021/22 – this report provides the information within the bid that was submitted to Welsh Government by Merthyr Tydfil Council, acting on behalf of the region, for LTF and ULEV funding; summing almost £20.8M. The bid requests £6.41M towards delivery of the first phase of Metro+ projects and £3.57M towards the development of a potential second phase of Metro+ projects, together with specific enhancements to the CVL transformation and development of Metro Enhancement Framework corridors. It is noted that the Metro+ programme includes circa £10M of City Deal funding. The ULEV bid seeks to secure £10.817M to build on the progress made with 20/21 ULEV funding as identified in the ULEV report. The ULEV programme (and other transport opportunities) are seeking circa £3M of City Deal funding committed as match funding to influence the programme, maximise the likelihood of successful bids and establish a return on investment through, for example, concession agreements. During 21/22 further bids will be made to OLEV to enhance this programme.

2.4 It is advocated that the foregoing reports demonstrate an aspirational programme of ongoing work which will begin to deliver practical benefits on the ground during 2021.

2.5 The CCRTA and the CCRCDC will also benefit from future anticipated establishment of Corporate Joint Committees which have the potential to align strategic transport and land use planning to optimise and target strategic interventions.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members: -

3.1 Acknowledge the content of the attached reports; and

3.2 Consider, where appropriate, any comments committee may wish to make to the CCRTA and CCRCDC

4. Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 For the information of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.2 To ensure that the programmes identified are an acceptable way forward.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implications are as advised in the individual reports attached at appendices 1, 2, & 3.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The legal implications are as advised in the individual reports attached at appendices 1, 2, and 3.
- 6.2 In considering its endorsement of this report the CCRTA must have regard to, amongst other matters:
- 6.3 the obligations set out in the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards;
- 6.4 The public sector duties under the Equality Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties, when making decisions, public bodies 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, which are set out in section 4 of the Equality Act 2010;
- 6.5 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 (which includes the Councils comprising the CCRC) 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, the Regional Cabinet should consider how the proposed decision will contribute towards meeting the wellbeing objectives and in so doing achieve the national well-being goals.
- 6.6 The well-being duty also requires the CCRTA to act in accordance with a 'sustainable development principle'. This principle requires CCRTA 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 CCRTA must take account of the impact of their decisions on people living their lives in Wales in the future. In doing so, CCRTA must:
- look to the long term;
 - focus on prevention by understanding the root causes of problems;
 - deliver an integrated approach to achieving the 7 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.
- 6.7 CCRTA must be satisfied that the proposed decision accords with the principles above.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: ULEV Update

Appendix 2: Metro Plus Programme

Appendix 3: Local Transport Fund Bid 2021/22

Background Papers