

**CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
SCRUTINY MEETING: 28 MARCH 2019

WIDER INVESTMENT FUND – ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2019/20

REPORT OF CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM: 4

Reason for this Report

1. To update the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) 2019/20 Annual Business Plan in respect of the effective operation of its Wider Investment Fund.

Background

2. The Joint Working Agreement (JWA) governing the delivery of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, requires that an Annual Business Plan be prepared to set out activity relating to the proposed management of the Wider Investment Fund (WIF).
3. At its meeting held on 18 February 2019, the Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet endorsed and approved the Annual Business Plan 2019/20.
4. As approved by the CCRCD Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 15 February 2018, part of its function under their Terms of Reference is:
 - To seek reassurance and consider if the CCR City Deal is operating in accordance with the Joint Working Agreement, its Annual Business Plan, timetable and / or is being managed effectively; and
 - To monitor any CCRCD project's progress against its Programme plan.
5. Attached at Appendix A therefore is the report that went to the Regional Cabinet on the 18 February along with the Annual Business Plan 2019/2020 for the Committee's consideration and comment.

Current Situation

6. The Plan set out key targets, goals and anticipated outcomes as well as proposed investment for approved projects to be developed over the course of the year. The Plan enables the distillation of the five year JWA Business Plan approved by Regional Cabinet on 23 February 2018.
7. During its consideration of the CCRCO Annual Business Plan 2019/20, Members may wish to consider the following:
 - a) Suitability of activities illustrated in the Business Plan and how they relate to the Joint Working Agreement;
 - b) Does the document clearly illustrate what success will look like i.e. aims, objectives and outcomes?
 - c) Are there suitable performance measures?
 - d) How projects, timescales and budgets will be monitored;
 - e) Major risks for the CCRCO project for 2019/20 and how these are being mitigated;

Financial Implications

8. The financial implications in respect of the CCRCO Annual Business Plan 2019/20 are set out in Appendix A, para. 18-28.

Legal Implications

9. In considering this matter regard should be had, amongst other matters, to:
 - (i) The Councils' duties under the Well –being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015; and
 - (ii) Public sector duties under the Equalities Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties Councils 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: 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.
10. The legal implications in respect of the CCRCO Annual Business Plan 2019/20 are set out in Appendix A, para. 14-17.

Recommendations

11. The Joint Committee is recommended to consider and provide comment and recommendations in relation to CCRCO Annual Business Plan 2019/20.

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The following Appendices are attached:-

*Appendix A - The Wider Investment Fund - Annual Business Plan 2019/20
Report Of Cardiff Capital Region Director*

The following background papers have been taken into account:-

CCRCD Joint Working Agreement Business Plan