

CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL
WELL-BEING & EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

Description of Proposal: Cardiff Capital Region City Deal – Strategic Business Plan for the Wider Investment Fund

Section 1) Complete the table below to assess how well you have applied the 5 ways of working to act in accordance with the sustainable development principle.

Long-term	<p>How does your proposal balance short-term need with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long term needs by planning for the future?</p> <p>The Strategic Business Plan states: <i>“The City Deal is a long-term programme and no one can, with confidence, predict what changes will occur over the next 20 years.</i> <i>When considering the current pace of innovation in areas such as artificial intelligence, drones, driverless vehicles, 3-D printing, robotics, and automation, the future infrastructure and skills needs of the region is changing radically.</i> <i>We must therefore ensure our policies, plans and programmes are flexible and sufficiently dynamic to not only cope with change but to act as a catalyst to drive positive change in the region.”</i></p> <p>The Plan also states: <i>“Our Regional Strategic Objectives also reflect the need to focus on improving the quality of life of people and communities now and in the future and ensure our approach and actions are responsible and meet our current needs without compromising the quality of life of future generations.”</i></p> <p>This demonstrates that the Regional Cabinet are mindful of their responsibilities and that they will regularly undertake reviews to ensure they are achieving the correct balance in the short, medium and long-term.</p>
Integration	<p>How does your proposal demonstrate an integrated approach to considering economic, social, environmental & cultural outcomes together?</p> <p>The Strategic Business Plan states: <i>“We have identified four Strategic Themes where we feel we can make the biggest difference and a real improvement to the wellbeing of people in the region and in so doing support our regional objectives, wellbeing goals and the twin goals, in the Welsh Government’s ‘Prosperity for All: economic action plan’, of growing the economy and reducing inequality.</i> <i>City Deal Strategic Themes:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Skills & Employment; ❖ Innovation; ❖ Connecting the Region; and ❖ Regeneration and Infrastructure. <p><i>Identifying these themes provides a structure and method of developing proposals and schemes. However, the themes are indivisible, and all proposals will be expected to be cross-cutting and contribute, to differing degrees, to our objectives and the well-being goals.”</i></p> <p>In addition, when appraising schemes within the City Deal the Strategic Plan states:</p> <p><i>“All proposed schemes will be required to follow the same appraisal process as detailed in the Assurance Framework. Schemes will be assessed on their potential to contribute to our high-level aims and strategic objectives; demonstrate value for money, use of the five ways of working and how they contribute to the well-being goals.”</i></p> <p>Both these statements demonstrate how the Regional Cabinet are taking an integrated approach when developing and assessing proposals and schemes.</p>
<p>Involvement</p>	<p>How does your proposal involve those stakeholders, who you are seeking to support, and those with an interest in promoting and supporting economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in the region, whilst ensuring engagement reflects the diversity of the region?</p> <p>The Strategic Business Plan has been prepared using the research and recommendations of the Growth and Competitiveness Commission, as required by the Assurance Framework para 3.1. The Growth and Competitiveness Commission was established as an Independent Commission by the Regional Cabinet specifically to undertake research and extensive consultation on the City Deal, and from this work provide advice and recommendations to the Regional Cabinet.</p> <p>In addition, the Regional Cabinet will be submitting the Strategic Business Plan to each of the regions ten constituent authorities’ councils for approval.</p> <p>This means that up to 536 local councillors, all of whom have been elected by and represent their diverse communities, will determine whether to adopt this Business Plan.</p>
<p>Collaboration</p>	<p>How does your proposal involve working together with partners (internal and external) to deliver well-being objectives?</p> <p>The City Deal is a collaboration of the ten local authorities of south east Wales.</p> <p>In defining the Regional Cabinets ‘Vision’ there is a statement related to collaboration – <i>“To make the most of the opportunities our combined size gives us, we must all work together – public sector, private sector, education establishments and our communities – for the benefit of all.”</i></p>

In addition, the Strategic Business Plan states:
“We are working closely with the Welsh Government and National Government, who are both signatories to the City Deal. We have also been instrumental in establishing stakeholder groups including the Cardiff Capital Region:

- ❖ *Skills and Employment Board - representing a wide range of stakeholders, including businesses, higher and further education, local authorities and Welsh Government;*
- ❖ *Regional Business Council – providing a strong business voice;*
- ❖ *Economic Growth Partnership – bringing together partners to consider and advise on a sustainable economic growth strategy and investment decisions.*

We are actively working with the Valleys Taskforce to ensure our aims, objectives and interventions not only align but also complement each other, taking advantage of their engagement processes, to maximise benefits to the region as a whole. We are developing an effective working relationship with the Office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales to ensure that opportunities to support the well-being goals are highlighted.”

This statement only identifies a few of the organisations we work with and demonstrates that the Regional Cabinet is committed to collaboration and as the City Deal progresses and schemes are developed it is anticipated that more stakeholders will form part of our inclusive collaboration approach.

Prevention	How does your proposal put resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse?
	<p>The Cardiff Capital Region is widely recognised as a region with major strengths, an attractive environment, a strong heritage, a growing economy and emerging opportunities.</p> <p>However, it is also a region where there are concentrations of poverty and where not all have access to the opportunities available. Improving accessibility to opportunities and increasing labour market participation is critical to support an improved quality of life for all the regions residents.</p> <p>By investing resources in promoting skills; employment opportunity; job quality, security and progression the Regional Cabinet aim to promote more inclusive growth within the region.</p>

Section 2): Assess how well your proposal will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals.

Description of the Well-being goals	How will your proposal deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?	Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and contribute to the national well-being goals)?

<p>A prosperous Wales: An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>The Regional Cabinets Vision and Regional Strategic Objectives set out their aspirations and with their high-level aims, to create 25,000 new jobs and leverage £4bn private sector investment, establish the economic outcomes they are seeking to achieve when considering use of the City Deal Wider Investment Fund.</p> <p>The Regional Strategic Objectives also reflect the need to focus on improving the quality of life of people and communities now and in the future and ensure the Regional Cabinets approach and actions are responsible and meet the regions current needs without compromising the quality of life of future generations.</p> <p>The Strategic Objectives, as detailed in the Strategic Business, are:</p> <p>1. Prosperity and Opportunity - Building the capacity of individuals, households, public sector and businesses to meet challenges and grasp opportunity creating a more productive economy</p> <p>The quality of the economic environment of the region will play a crucial role in creating jobs by improving business performance, enhancing opportunity and encouraging innovation. We will nurture the economic environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ providing the right infrastructure including connectivity by means of good transport links and highspeed broadband; ➤ encouraging a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship by providing the right skills, opportunities and support to engender a confidence to be creative; ➤ ensuring that the city-regions labour market is equipped with the skills that businesses need; ➤ improving public sector efficiency and effectiveness by new ways of working; 	<p>In accordance with the Assurance Framework all proposed schemes will demonstrate their potential outputs and outcomes via a 5 Case Business Model, in accordance with HM Treasury Green Book, a tool for scoping and planning a proposal and documenting the expected outcomes.</p> <p>In addition, for Cardiff Capital Region schemes, the business case will also have to demonstrate the use of the five well-being ways of working and how it supports the wellbeing goals and the twin goals in the Welsh Government’s ‘Prosperity for All: economic action plan’ of growing the economy and reducing inequality¹.</p> <p>Any report to the Regional Cabinet seeking approval for a proposal will be require to be accompanied by a City Deal Well-being and Equalities Assessment.</p> <p>In this way the Regional Cabinet will ensure that any interventions and/or investments will aim to maximise its positive impact on communities and the well-being goals.</p>
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¹ Written statement by Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport on 11th December 2017.

- supporting all businesses to become more productive, from small retail to large advanced manufacturers;
- enhancing the business climate for emerging sectors, enterprises and innovation that can spawn new sources of jobs and incomes into the longer-term future, including creating business clusters where firms can network, share skills and spur each other to higher levels of performance;
- encourage and promote research and development and entrepreneurial enterprise.

2. Inclusion and Equality - A vibrant and sustainable economy which contributes to the well-being and quality of life of people and communities now and in the future

A vibrant and inclusive economy supports a mix of economic activities and promotes economic security and resilience. We will promote:

- access to employment and economic opportunities;
- participation in the labour market for all members of society;
- access to a range of housing, including affordable;
- access to education and training, to develop skills;
- access to social and recreational opportunities.

3. Identity, Culture, Community and Sustainability - Forging a clear identity and strong reputation as a City-Region for trade, innovation, and quality of life

For our region to gain attention and respect and effectively compete and attract businesses, tourists, investors, students, entrepreneurs, international sporting and cultural events it requires a clear, credible, appealing and distinctive identity. To promote this identity and reputation we will:

- ensure our urban centres are vibrant and vital with unique identities which all of the regions residents can use and be proud of;

- respect, protect and support our rural and natural environment and use it to promote economic and social outcomes;
- develop and promote our world-class cultural and recreational opportunities utilising the regions natural beauty and historic areas;
- provide a quality environment across the whole region including existing and new development that attracts businesses and talented people;
- demonstrate our commitment to a sustainable future and acknowledge our global responsibilities; and
- work with political and commercial partners, at a national, regional and local level to coordinate the promotion of the region.

Using these Strategic Objectives will assist the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of ‘a prosperous Wales’.

A resilient Wales:

A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).

The Regional Cabinet, as decision makers, will need to consider existing and future demands which will include new forms of sustainable energy generation, housing, new infrastructure, and facilities which will generate job opportunities such as strategic sites.

In response to these pressures the Regional Cabinet will, seek appropriate advice, and work in a way that ensures efficient and effective solutions that not only maintain the environment but where ever possible enhance it and make it more resilient, supporting economic growth with responsible environmental management.

This is referenced in “**Strategic Objective 3** – *respect, protect and support our rural and natural environment and use it to promote economic and social outcomes*”.

See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.

	<p>The City Deal has an economic focus, it is therefore, by using the natural environment to support economic and social outcomes and making the region more attractive to investors, that the Regional Cabinet can justify investing City Deal funds to enhance and maintain the regions environment.</p> <p>Therefore, using the Strategic Objectives, detailed above, will assist the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of ‘a resilient Wales’.</p>	
<p>A healthier Wales: A society in which people’s physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choice and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.</p>	<p>There is a clear evidence base that shows that for the majority of people being in good secure work is better for their health than being out of work. Employment has social, psychological, and financial benefits that improve health.</p> <p>The Regional Cabinet’s aims, as detailed in the Strategic Business Plan, and Strategic Objectives, to create additional good quality jobs and support people to up skill to fill those roles will assist in supporting the well-being goal of ‘a healthier Wales’.</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.</p>
<p>A more equal Wales: A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).</p>	<p>The Strategic Objective ‘Inclusion and Equality’ detailed in the Strategic Business Plan states:</p> <p>Inclusion and Equality - A vibrant and sustainable economy which contributes to the well-being and quality of life of people and communities now and in the future</p> <p>A vibrant and inclusive economy supports a mix of economic activities and promotes economic security and resilience. We will promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ access to employment and economic opportunities; ➤ participation in the labour market for all members of society; ➤ access to a range of housing, including affordable; ➤ access to education and training, to develop skills; ➤ access to social and recreational opportunities. 	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.</p>

	<p>Using this Strategic Objective will assist the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of 'a more equal Wales'.</p>	
<p>A Wales of cohesive communities: Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities</p>	<p>The details in the Strategic Objectives related to connectivity, transport and digital; vibrant and vital economy and urban centres; and affordable housing will all contribute to support this goal.</p> <p>Therefore, using the Strategic Objectives, detailed above, will assist the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of 'a Wales of cohesive communities'.</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language: A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.</p>	<p>The Strategic Objective 'Identity, Culture, Community and Sustainability' specifically refers to the development and promotion of the regions world-class cultural and recreational opportunities exploiting the regions natural beauty and historic areas.</p> <p>Therefore, using the Strategic Objectives, detailed above, will assist the Regional Cabinet in supporting the well-being goal of 'a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language'.</p> <p>Regard will be had to the Welsh Language Measure 2011 and consultation and communication will have regard to the Welsh Language.</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.</p>
<p>A globally responsible Wales: A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.</p>	<p>The Strategic Business Plan states that the City Deal is intended to deliver sustainable economic development and growth. The Plan also refers to our role on the international and national stage forging a clear identity and strong reputation.</p> <p>This is referenced in "Strategic Objective 3 – demonstrate our commitment to a sustainable future and acknowledge our global responsibility".</p> <p>The Regional Cabinet understand that sustainability goes beyond the region and must be considered in a national, international and global context. In making decisions the Regional Cabinets responsibility extends far wider than the</p>	<p>See the way of working detailed above and how this approach by the Regional Cabinet will seek to support the regions communities and the well-being goals.</p>

region, and to achieve the aim of a positive national and international reputation, they will consider the full range of potential implications and consequences.

Section 3) Will your proposal affect people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Explain what will be done to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts.

Protected characteristics	Will your proposal have any positive impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Will your proposal have any negative impact on those with a protected characteristic?	Is there any way to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts?
Age	The Regional Cabinet is developing and implementing a City Deal which will benefit the region through the creation of more and better jobs, more housing, improved communication and improved skills. This will provide economic growth and infrastructure improvements that will benefit all including those defined as having protected characteristics.	It is considered that there are no adverse impacts on those with a protected characteristic, indeed the vision and strategic objectives defined in the Strategic Business Plan will assist in supporting these groups as part of the regions communities.	<p>In accordance with the Assurance Framework all proposed schemes will demonstrate their potential outputs and outcomes via a 5 Case Business Model, in accordance with HM Treasury Green Book, a tool for scoping and planning a proposal and documenting the expected outcomes.</p> <p>In addition, for Cardiff Capital Region schemes, the business case will also have to demonstrate the use of the five well-being ways of working and how it supports the wellbeing goals and the twin goals in the Welsh Government's 'Prosperity for All: economic action plan' of growing the economy and reducing inequality.</p> <p>Any report to the Regional Cabinet seeking approval for a proposal will be require to be accompanied by a City Deal Well-being and Equalities Assessment.</p> <p>In this way the Regional Cabinet will ensure that any interventions and/or investments will aim to provide a positive impact on communities and the well-being goals, this will include those who are defined as having protected characteristics.</p>
Disability	As above	As above	As above
Gender	As above	As above	As above

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Gender reassignment	As above	As above	As above
Marriage and civil partnership	As above	As above	As above
Pregnancy and maternity	As above	As above	As above
Race	As above	As above	As above
Religion or Belief	As above	As above	As above
Sexual orientation	As above	As above	As above

Section 4) Identify who is responsible for the proposal and how and when decisions will be made

The Regional Cabinet, is a Joint Committee of the ten south east Wales authorities, having delegated powers related to the City Deal and Wider Investment Fund, subject to all ten Councils having decisions making powers on reserved matters within the Joint Working Agreement (JWA).

Officer responsible for completing this form:**Date form completed:**

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