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Replacement Local Development Plan

Vision and Objectives

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VISION

To create a fair, healthy, more liveable, sustainable and low carbon city by:

- Creating a greener, fairer, and stronger city that enhances the health of the current population and wellbeing of future generations;
- Meeting future needs for new low carbon homes, jobs and infrastructure;
- Developing a high accessibility city that reshapes movement around a core of active travel and public transport usage;
- Using placemaking, high quality design, sustainability management and working with local communities to create a thriving city centre and local neighbourhoods
- Enhancing our natural, historic and cultural assets;
- Placing Cardiff at the forefront of cities showing leadership and bold action to tackle climate change.

Objectives: Responding to our future needs



Objective 1:

To provide a variety of quality low carbon homes to address the housing crisis and future housing needs.

The Plan will:

- Prioritise the building of affordable homes and set targets for the delivery of affordable housing;
- Provide a range and choice of new homes of different tenure, type and location in response to specific housing needs, including responding to the needs of older people,
- Gypsy and Travellers and other groups who need specialised housing;
- Seek opportunities for new homes in city and local centres and sustainable brownfield locations.
- Require new homes to be zero carbon by 2025.



Objective 2:

To provide space for more jobs and maximise Cardiff's role as the Capital City of Wales and the economic driver of South East Wales to improve the prosperity of the region.

The Plan will:

- Ensure a range and choice of employment sites in response to employment needs;
- Prioritise opportunities for new employment sites in the city centre and sustainable brownfield locations;
- Ensure the development of high-value clusters of specialist sectors;
- Ensure the protection of existing employment land which contributes to the required supply of sites to meet employment needs;
- Ensure the economic recovery of the city post-Covid-19 and respond to the change in work practices through enhancing the city centre, increased working from home and the need for new working and meeting hubs throughout the city.



Objective 3:

To ensure the adequate and timely provision of new infrastructure to support communities and future growth.

The Plan will:

- Identify the key infrastructure required, and how and when it will be delivered including:
 - Rebalance transport infrastructure to support public mass-transit transit as part of the Metro project, and comprehensive cycle and pedestrian infrastructure;
 - Social and Community Infrastructure to support the concept of 15 minute neighbourhoods;
 - Schools, health facilities, sport/recreation, waste facilities, burial provision, water wastewater, and energy;
 - Environmental - Contributions to combat climate change, creating new accessible greenspace and public realm;
- Support Cardiff's higher education institutions/ infrastructure in recognition of their key role as part of a learning city and contribution to economic development;
- Establish measures to improve digital connectivity across the city to meet the demand from increased working from home post covid and facilitate new working meeting hubs across the city;
- Consider a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as a mechanism to secure infrastructure investment associated with new qualifying developments.

Objectives:

Creating a sustainable and healthy city which responds to the challenges of climate change and enhances the wellbeing of future generations



Objective 4:

To respond to the climate emergency so Cardiff becomes more resilient and maximises opportunities for energy-efficient solutions in line with the One Planet Cardiff Strategy to become a carbon neutral city by 2030.

The Plan will:

- Set out how Cardiff will become a zero carbon city, Council with Key Partners by 2030 and beyond, and seek ways to combat the impacts of climate change including:
 - The role of ecosystems in addressing carbon storage, natural flood management, air quality, heat islands and noise pollution;
 - Policies to deliver zero carbon new developments;
 - Managing flood risk;
 - Ensure the provision of infrastructure for cleaner vehicles.
- Set out measures to reduce Cardiff's carbon footprint and mitigate the effects of climate change through reducing energy demand including:
 - Locating development in sustainable locations to minimise the need to travel and reduce car dependency;
 - Improve energy efficiency and the generation of renewable and low carbon energy;
 - Ensure the delivery of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of a Local Heat Network for Cardiff Bay and the City Centre;
 - Ensuring an increase in tree canopy cover across the city and support wider biodiversity.
- Ensure high quality design and environmental performance of new homes.



Objective 5:

To make the city easier to move around with a focus on sustainable and active travel.

The Plan will:

- Set out how people can move around the city in a more sustainable, healthy and integrated manner with new development well located to transport infrastructure;
- Remove congestion in the city and ensure emissions meet the air quality standards;
- Secure the delivery of bus and cycling infrastructure;
- Ensure that district and local centres and the city centre become more viable and accessible;
- Ensure a high quality pedestrian environment and public realm;
- Ensure the delivery of a modal split and active travel target aligned with the Transport White Paper targets;
- Integrate the proposed Metro/Crossrail mass transit system for Cardiff;
- Promote sustainable forms of transport and the more effective integration of public transport including new transport interchanges;
- Integrate new development with national and regional investment in sustainable transport infrastructure including the South Wales Metro.





Objective 6:

To create healthier environments, reduce inequalities and improve wellbeing.

The Plan will:

- Positively contribute towards the equality of opportunity and access for all through addressing imbalances of inequality, deprivation and exclusion;
- Support the needs of homeless, unemployed, people with disabilities, BAME groups, and people in housing need;
- Promote Cardiff's role as a City of Sanctuary as a welcoming and inclusive place to live;
- Support the delivery of healthy, accessible environments to help tackle obesity, gambling addiction and access to local healthy food and promote healthier lifestyles;
- Ensure strong and cohesive communities which recognise Cardiff's commitment to make Cardiff a Child Friendly City and Age Friendly City;
- Set out how air quality and water quality standards can be achieved;
- Promote the role of greenspaces, green streets and public realm improvements, in delivering wellbeing benefits;
- Manage waste, ensure reuse and recycling and control pollution;
- Ensure the regeneration of the city centre into a healthy, accessible, green, high quality environment and experience for all;
- Deliver the regeneration of local neighbourhoods and local centres, particularly in areas of higher deprivation;
- Ensure safer environments which reduce the scope for crime;
- Facilitate equitable access and opportunity to Welsh Medium education in all areas of the city so that the language continues to thrive;
- Promote the provision of services and jobs in areas of highest need to reduce inequalities;
- Promote the role of natural and hard infrastructure to reduce noise pollution.





Objective 7:

To Ensure a vibrant, thriving mixed-use City Centre and develop Cardiff Bay's full potential as a core destination for Cardiff and beyond, whilst ensuring vibrant and thriving district and local retail centres at the heart of local neighbourhoods.

The Plan will:

- Maximise the key strategic role of the City Centre as a high density, major financial service sector and social hub of national significance and generate the agglomeration effect in attracting further investment;
- Protect and enhance the role of District and Local Centres with a range of uses serving local communities, accessible by public transport, walking and cycling;
- Ensure the comprehensive regeneration and upgrade of the city centre into a high quality, vibrant, green, inclusive, accessible, curated major 'destination environment';
- Maximise the potential for high density mixed use development related to the regional sustainable transport hub at Central Square;
- Support the ability of the city centre and expansion areas to adapt by ensuring the presumption of mixed uses and further investment alongside the key retail role;
- Continue the regeneration of land south of the regional transport hub, and connecting to Cardiff Bay;
- Bring forward the Canal Quarter development to create a major new city centre destination, connect the city to its riverfront, and creating new public spaces;
- Ensure centres can operate as flexibly as possible where a variety of retail, employment, commercial, community, leisure, health and public sector uses come together in a hub of activity to make them viable as go-to destinations once more by setting out a vision for each centre, establishing boundaries and identifying sites for redevelopment;
- Continue the regeneration of Cardiff Bay as a high density, mixed-use destination with:
 - The provision of supporting sustainable transport infrastructure including Crossrail between Central Station, the Bay and Newport Road – including the regeneration around new stations City, Lloyd George Avenue, the Bay, Ocean Way, Splott and Newport road areas;
 - Enable the regeneration of Lloyd George Avenue area;
 - Enhancements to the Mount Stuart Square area and development of an arena at Atlantic Wharf including linkages to the Bay Waterfront;
 - Future phases for the International Sports Village site;
 - Regeneration of Cardiff Docklands, including the Roath Dock/ Roath Basin and Alexandra Head areas.



Objective 8:

To ensure that the city positively adapts to the new challenges posed by the implications of the pandemic.

The Plan will:

- Pick up on lessons learned to ensure that the city is more resilient and adaptable in the event of future pandemics;
- Support the post-pandemic recovery of the city;
- Identify wider changes required which also help the decarbonisation agenda, tackle climate change and improve health and well-being;
- Identify any required positive permanent changes in places and as part of new development;
- Respond to the change in work practices post- Covid through increased working from home and need for new working and meeting hubs throughout the city.



Objective 9:

To use the placemaking approach to create sustainable places, improves the city centre and neighbourhoods, maximises regeneration opportunities, enhances the role of public spaces, ensures that future growth can be effectively managed and delivers developments of high quality design.

The Plan will:

Define placemaking principles as an overarching approach in plan-making to create great places in new and existing locations to:

- Ensure high quality architecture, landscape design and placemaking are a priority for all new development, housing, buildings, places, streets and green spaces;
- Consider the needs, health and well-being of all people at the outset;
- Promote development in the most sustainable locations and land is efficiently used with a 'brownfield first' priority;
- Promote sustainable and active travel as part of a more integrated movement network;
- Promote high density mixed-use development;
- Deliver well designed and connected public spaces;
- Define features of character and local distinctiveness in new development;
- Establish strict controls for the sub-division of existing homes, including flat conversions and HMOs.

Objectives:

Looking after our natural, historic and cultural assets



Objective 10:

To ensure the resilience of ecosystems by protecting and enhancing Cardiff's Green and blue Infrastructure, its biodiversity and other natural assets.

The Plan will:

- Make Cardiff an exemplar green city by ensuring the resilience of ecosystems;
- Identify and set out how key natural assets of the city will be protected and enhanced including:
 - Open spaces, parks and allotments;
 - Enhance the access to strategically important river valleys of the Ely, Taff, Nant Fawr and Rhymney;
 - The countryside, including strategically important 'green backdrop' formed by the ridge north of the City;
 - Cardiff's rich biodiversity and wildlife resource including designated sites and other features/ networks including trees and hedgerows.
- Recognise the role that green infrastructure can play in tackling climate change;
- Providing resilience to ecosystems, promoting well being and creating healthy environments;
- Ensure natural resources are protected including mineral and sand/gravel resources and reserves.





Objective 11.

To protect and enhance Cardiff's historic and cultural assets together with supporting sustainable tourism and cultural sectors.

The Plan will:

- Identify and set out how key historic and cultural assets of the city will be protected and enhanced including:
 - The city's Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Ancient Monuments, Registered Historic Landscapes and areas of archaeological importance;
 - Other non-designated features which make important contributions to Cardiff's historic and cultural distinctiveness.
- Set out how the Welsh Language can be protected and enhanced in line with relevant legislation including new infrastructure, developments, interpretation and signage;
- Set out how Cardiff's night time economy and music scene can form part of a vibrant and diverse city centre;
- Maximise Cardiff's role as an international tourism destination and host city of major events.

