Appendix A

Updates against the Cardiff PSB's Priorities for Partnership Working

Wellbeing Objective 1: Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Up

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Gain UNICEF Child Friendly City status, ensuring every child and young person has their voice heard and needs taken into account when planning and delivering public services.	In October 2023, Cardiff became the first city in the UK to be formally recognised as a UNICEF Child Friendly City. This milestone reflected over six years of collaborative work by Cardiff Public Services Board partners, who joined UNICEF's Child Friendly Cities & Communities programme in 2017. Since then, Cardiff has continued to champion the rights and wellbeing of children and young people, with this work embedded through Cardiff's Child Friendly City Sustainability Plan 2023-2026. During 2025/26, Cardiff successfully completed an extensive reassessment process with UNICEF UK, including the submission of detailed evidence reports, a youth-informed report, a live assessment day and consideration by a panel of independent experts. Following this process, Cardiff has retained its UNICEF Child Friendly City status and has become the first city in the UK to be reaccredited as a UNICEF Child Friendly City. This achievement recognises the continued commitment of partners across the city to embed children's rights into policy, practice, planning and decision-making. It also reflects the role of children and young people themselves in shaping Cardiff's priorities, scrutinising progress and helping to define what a child-friendly city should look and feel like in practice. The Child Friendly City programme has continued to focus on four priority areas. Key progress during 2025/26 is outlined below: **1. Child Rights Education: Promoting knowledge and understanding of Children's Rights** Children's rights education has remained a cornerstone of Cardiff's Child Friendly City approach. Cardiff has continued to demonstrate strong city-wide engagement with UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award, with the majority of schools involved and increasing numbers progressing towards Silver and Gold status. By the end of the 2025/26 academic year, 82.8 % of Cardiff schools had achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold Rights Respecting School status. This reflects a sustained commitment across education settings to ensuring children understand their rights and experience rights-respecting cultures in everyday school life. Work has also continued to strengthen adult understanding of children's rights. Training, briefings and support have been delivered across Council services and partner organisations, including work to embed Children's Rights Impact Assessment into policy development, service planning and decision-making. This has supported a stronger and more consistent approach to considering children's rights across public services.

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	2. Participation and Engagement: Active and meaningful participation of children and young people in the city's development Children and young people have continued to influence decisions across Cardiff through the Cardiff Youth Council, scrutiny activity, school-based engagement, research projects, recruitment panels, strategic groups and youth-led reporting. During 2025/26, young people played a central role in Cardiff's UNICEF reassessment process, including helping to reflect on progress, identifying areas for improvement and communicating what has changed for children and young people since Cardiff first became a Child Friendly City. This has included work linked to the Youth Report, the refreshed Sustainability Plan and the live assessment process. The city has also continued to review and strengthen its wider participation arrangements, with a focus on improving how children and young people from different communities, backgrounds and circumstances can have regular and meaningful opportunities to share their views, shape services and see how their contributions have made a difference. **3. Place: Involving children and young people in urban planning and design processes** Children and young people have continued to shape Cardiff's built environment, public spaces and long-term planning. Work has included engagement linked to the Local Development Plan, play, active travel, neighbourhoods, parks and public spaces. Cardiff has further developed its rights-based approach to place-making, including work on child-friendly urban environments, community mapping, and the development of a strategic 'Vision for Play'. Children and young people's views have helped partners better understand how places are experienced by different groups of children, including what helps them feel safe, welcome, connected and able to play, travel and spend time in their communities. This work continues to position Cardiff as a leader in child-friendly planning and design, with learning being shared across local, national and international networks. **4. Equal and Included: Tackling inequality and promoting respect and belonging** Cardiff has continued to focus on creating a city where every child and young person feels safe, valued, respected and able to participate fully in civic life. Work during 2025/26 has included continued activity to address gender inequality, misogyny and violence against women and girls; promote inclusive leadership opportunities for young people; support neurodivergent-friendly approaches; and strengthen the visibility and voice of children and young people who may experience barriers to participation.

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	Young people have also continued to lead and shape inclusion-focused activity, including work linked to accessibility, identity, belonging and representation. This reflects Cardiff's commitment to ensuring that the Child Friendly City approach is not only about listening to children and young people generally, but about actively identifying and addressing the inequalities that affect children's rights and lived experiences. Looking ahead, Cardiff's reaccreditation as a UNICEF Child Friendly City provides a strong foundation for the next phase of work. A refreshed Child Friendly City Sustainability Plan (2026-2029) will support partners to continue embedding children's rights across services, strengthen accountability, improve participation systems and address inequalities affecting children and young people. As the first city in the UK to be reaccredited as a UNICEF Child Friendly City, Cardiff will continue to build on this achievement by working with children, young people and partners to make children's rights a reality across the city.
Through the Cardiff Commitment, improve collaboration between Schools, Employers, and Further and Higher Education Institutions to further develop the authenticity of the School Curriculum in Cardiff, strengthening the power of education to transform young people's futures and build the skills needed in 21st century workplaces	The Cardiff Commitment is a city-wide alliance of employers from growth sectors of the economy, higher education, further education, the third sector and schools, working together to harness the economic, cultural and social capital of Cardiff for the benefit of children and young people. This includes offering access to meaningful work experience, employment and training opportunities, and enriching curriculum-linked activity. Over 500 employers are now actively engaged in the Cardiff Commitment, reflecting continued growth and strengthening of the network. Over the course of 2025/26, the Cardiff Commitment has made significant progress, including (but not limited to): • Employer engagement and capacity building has expanded significantly. More than 50 employers have undertaken training in safeguarding, trauma-informed practice, neurodiversity and professional boundaries, strengthening their ability to support young people who face barriers, and improving the inclusivity of opportunities across the network. • More than 3,000 post-16 education, employment and training opportunities have been promoted through www.whatsnextcardiff.co.uk. The platform continues to provide a centralised and accessible hub for progression pathways, attracting over 2,400 active users per month and supporting partners across industry, further education, higher education and the third sector to promote opportunities. • The What's Next? Award Work Experience Programme continues to grow. In July 2025, 210 learners accessed placements, with further expansion expected to support approximately 215 learners, including increased participation from care-experienced young people. To date, over 500 placements have been developed with key employers including Admiral, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB), the Civil Service and Cardiff Council.

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	• Targeted talent pipeline activity has been developed to support progression into priority roles, including projects supporting learners into Teaching Assistant pathways in partnership with Cardiff and Vale College and the Western Learning Federation, with placements in special schools across Cardiff. • The Cardiff Commitment has been recognised nationally as best practice. The Senedd Children, Young People and Education Committee highlighted the model in its Routes into Post-16 Education and Training report, recommending that Welsh Government explore opportunities to scale this approach across Wales. • Engagement with younger learners continues at scale. Over 15,000 primary school engagements have been delivered, including Open Your Eyes Week, which involved more than 50 primary schools and leading employers such as Rolls Royce, CAVUHB, Cardiff Bus and Dauson Environmental Group. • Social value partnerships continue to deliver innovative programmes. Shape My Street and Shape My School, delivered with the Welsh School of Architecture and industry partners, is now active in 13 primary schools and was recognised nationally, winning the Education Category at the Inspire Future Generations Awards 2025. • The Debate Mate programme has expanded to nine secondary schools, supporting pupils in Years 7-10 to develop communication and critical thinking skills. Cathays High School won the Cardiff Debate Mate Cup, while Willows High School achieved third place nationally in the Accelerate Programme. • Schools continue to strengthen employer relationships through Business Forums and Industry Connect programmes, supporting pathways into key sectors including Hospitality, Construction, and Health and Social Care. Programmes such as the Junior Chef Academy, delivered with Compass Group, are demonstrating clear progression outcomes, including post-16 learners securing employment at the Principality Stadium. Construction engagement activity continues to support progression into apprenticeships with employers such as Centregreat. • Targeted provision for learners who need additional support continues to develop. Bespoke employer engagement programmes have been delivered for learners Educated Other Than At School (EOTAS), including partnerships with McDonald's and Willis Construction at Team@Severn and Nyth y Deryn Pupil Referral Unit. • Through One Million Mentors, Year 10 and Year 11 learners, including those in EOTAS provision, have accessed tailored mentoring to support confidence, aspiration and progression planning. • Supported employment pathways for learners with additional learning needs continue in partnership with CAVUHB and Cardiff Council Catering Services, with flexible models supporting participation from schools including Llanishen High School.

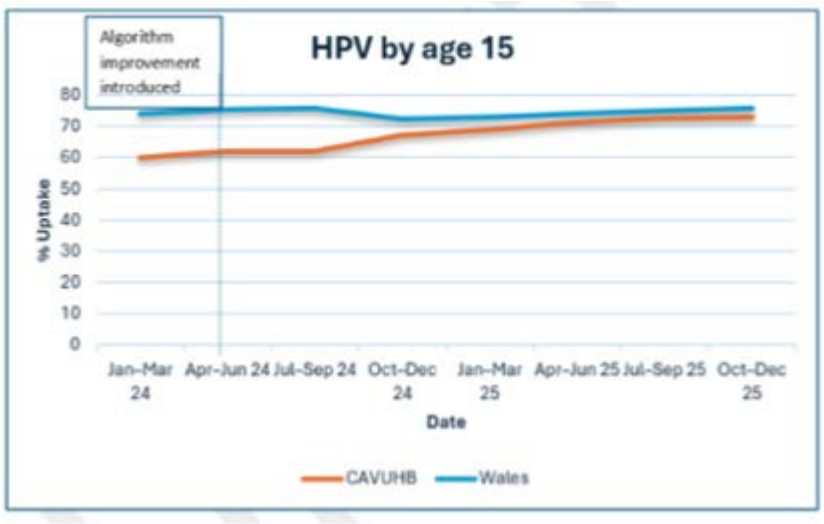
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	• Work continues to strengthen provision for Children Looked After and care-experienced young people through alignment with the Corporate Parenting Annual Plan. Despite this strong progress, challenges remain in ensuring equitable access to opportunities for those children and young people who need them most. There is a continued need to expand flexible and inclusive provision, improve coordination across partners, and ensure that opportunities are responsive to the diverse needs of learners. The introduction of targeted employer training and supported pathways represents an important step in addressing these challenges. Looking ahead, the Cardiff Commitment will continue to focus on five strategic priorities: strengthening partner support and employer capacity; expanding experiences of work across all age groups; improving visibility and accessibility of learning pathways; maximising social value from partnerships and contracts; and developing tailored provision for children and young people who face the greatest barriers to progression.
Develop approaches to identify early those at risk of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and establish preventative, multi-agency interventions that support children and families before they reach crisis point.	Over the past year, significant strides have been made in Cardiff to improve the early identification of children at risk of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and to enhance preventative, multi-agency responses that support families before issues escalate into crisis. Key developments include: **1. Integration of Early Help and Safeguarding through the Family Advice, Support and Protection Hub (FASPH)** During 2025/26, the FASPH continued to be embedded as Cardiff's integrated front door for help and harm. The model has further strengthened alignment between Early Help and safeguarding partners, supporting proportionate, timely decision-making and improved information sharing at the earliest point of contact. Progress during the year has focused on consolidating shared pathways, reinforcing consistent threshold application, and improving system confidence in early identification of vulnerability. The FASPH continues to support a whole-system approach to prevention, ensuring children and families receive appropriate support before needs escalate. **2. Locality-Based Early Help in Ely and Caerau Schools Cluster** The Locality-Based Early Help model, which embeds Early Help teams within schools to improve access to preventative support for families and promote earlier identification of concerns, was strengthened during 2025/26 through continued delivery in the Ely and Caerau schools cluster and expansion into two new schools in Grangetown. This expansion has enabled engagement with a more diverse population, improving access for families who may experience barriers to engaging through

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	centralised referral routes. Embedding Early Help within school settings has supported earlier identification of emerging need and timelier access to support, reducing the likelihood of escalation. Learning from locality-based delivery continues to inform planning for possible future expansion and adaptation of Early Help to meet the needs of different communities across the city. **3. Primary Care Early Intervention Pilot** Funded by GP clusters, the Primary Care Early Intervention Project continues to progress, embedding a Family Gateway Contact Officer within GP practices to provide a clear route into Early Help. Through this model, GPs can directly refer families presenting with non-medical issues - such as housing, parenting, or emotional wellbeing - into appropriate support. A pilot, launched in partnership with the Cardiff South-West GP Cluster, initially embedded this role across nine GP practices, and plans are now underway to expand Early Help offers throughout primary care clusters in Cardiff's south and south-east during 2026/27, aiming to enhance equitable access to Early Help via healthcare settings. The year also saw the development of a new role focussed on supporting children with disabilities and/or neurodivergence, aimed at strengthening early identification and improving access to appropriate community-based and Early Help provision. The role will enhance links between primary care, Early Help, education and specialist services. The project has continued to provide a clear, prevention-focused pathway for families presenting in GP settings with non-medical concerns, reducing pressure on statutory and specialist services and supporting earlier intervention. **4. First 1000 days: Psychology-led early-intervention across Cardiff and the Vale.** Educational Psychologists in Cardiff Parenting & Play have been working across Cardiff and the Vale with practitioners to improve outcomes for infants in the first 1000 days. The offer includes Thinking Together Conversations for individual practitioners to discuss casework with a psychologist; a psychology-led multi-agency formulation to plan interventions for babies on the edge of care; and staff training in topics such as mentalisation; attachment, relational and trauma-informed practice; and developing therapeutic relationships. Feedback from attendees this year included: *"Thorough and structured, holistic approach. Safeguarding prioritised. Trauma informed approach. Feasible and achievable intervention agreed with all agencies present. Clear evidence of excellent practice."*

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	5. Enabling parents to understand their child's anxiety and support school attendance With increasing referrals for parents worried about their child not attending school due to anxiety, Educational Psychologists in Cardiff Parenting & Play worked with colleagues in Education to create an Anxiety Based School Avoidance (ABSA) Parent Guide, intended to compliment the school-based approach, and help empower and equip parents. The Parent Guide was launched with a workshop for practitioners to deepen understanding of ABSA, share case studies and explore how the developed tools could be used to support families experiencing ABSA. The training and Guide have been shared with Early Help, Children's Services and Education Services staff, and made publicly available on Cardiff Parenting & Play Padlet. **6. Strengthening multi-agency communication for timely intervention.** Cardiff Parenting & Play have expanded their collaborative referral processes to serve families throughout Cardiff, building upon the established joint referral and assessment pathway with Barnardo's Family Wellbeing Service. Early years referrals are now consistently reviewed in partnership with HomeStart, while cases involving disabilities or additional needs are jointly assessed with Llygad (NHS Early Years Experience Team) and Family Help Disability. **7. Enhancing the offer for families of children with additional needs.** Cardiff Parenting achieved the National Autistic Society Inclusion Award this year, reflecting the neurodiversity-affirming practice for families. The Service has also broadened its offer for families with a disability or additional need this year, introducing Parent Factor in ADHD. This sits alongside Cygnet (for parents of children with autism) and Early Positive Approaches to Support (E-PAtS), a programme for families raising a young child where developmental delay and/or learning disability has been suggested or confirmed. E-PAtS is delivered in partnership with the NHS and parents. **8. Play opportunities for children in foster and kinship care** Cardiff Parenting & Play piloted a programme for Foster and Kinship Carers at Splott Play Centre. These sessions are designed to offer opportunities for Foster Families to come together, play, connect, and provide support. Sessions are facilitated by PlayWorkers, for children to experience play opportunities that support their development and interaction, for both adults and children to develop a sense of community and belonging, and to support and strengthen relationships and placements.

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Deliver a nurturing, empowering, safe and trusted approach to emotional well-being and mental health for children and young people, enhancing preventative services and supporting children presenting in acute psychological distress. **(Strategic Lead: RPB)**	Supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people remains a priority, including children presenting in acute psychological distress, and through the Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board's (RPB's) Starting Well programme, a range of initiatives provide that support, including: • **Adolescent Resource Centre (ARC):** Cardiff Council Social Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council Social Services, and CAVUHB continue to deliver direct support to young people presenting with acute psychological distress, as well as to their families. This trauma-informed, person-centred approach is solution-focused, supporting young people and families at risk of breakdown. In 2025/26, the service received 40 referrals, with over 30 families accessing ARC therapies and activities. Of these, 34 children were supported to remain within the family unit. • **Goleudy:** Goleudy supports young people and their families experiencing the highest levels of distress across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The team works with a range of multi-disciplinary partners to develop trauma-informed, formulation-driven, 'wraparound' interventions, helping young people to make sense of their experiences. Throughout 2025/26, the regional Goleudy offer supported 23 new young people through psychological and occupational therapy interventions, 33 through additional support in education, and 27 young people with complex needs through five supported apartments staffed 24/7. Work has also progressed to develop case studies demonstrating the wider system impact of these interventions. • **Enfys:** Staff from the Enfys Team[1], located within CAVUHB, as well as staff from Cardiff Council's Children's Services, have continued to work together to deliver psychologically informed therapeutic support to Cardiff children who are adopted or looked after. 39 new children received therapy in 2025/26. • **Family Lives:** Family Lives, a third sector organisation, continues to provide a Parent and Wellbeing Support Service that accepts referrals from both professionals and parents. Trained volunteers deliver a range of tailored interventions to support families with children experiencing emotional wellbeing and mental health challenges. Support is offered through one-to-one and group sessions, as well as workshops focused on effective parenting techniques, communication strategies, and understanding neurodivergence.
Improve childhood vaccination/immunisation uptake in Cardiff, particularly in the most deprived communities/ socio-economic groups, through delivering a data-led, targeted approach.	Uptake of childhood and teenage immunisations in Cardiff remains below the Welsh average, with lower rates in the most deprived areas, highlighting significant inequalities between the most and least deprived children. **HPV vaccination** There has been steady improvement in uptake of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine by age 15, bringing Cardiff closer to the Wales average for the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan region. However, uptake remains lower among boys and in the most deprived communities:

[1] A team comprised of psychology and occupational therapy that work with children and young people who are looked after, adopted, and on the edge of care.

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	 **Flu vaccination programme** To address inequalities in uptake of the influenza (flu) vaccine in schools, gelatine-free vaccines were introduced during the 2025 programme, where parents had previously been signposted to GP practices. Overall, 1,116 gelatine-free vaccinations were administered in schools, with the largest increases in uptake observed in some of the lowest-performing schools, including: • Grangetown Primary: +13 % (35 vaccines; 32 first-time recipients) • Ninian Park: +11 % (29 vaccines; 22 first-time recipients) • Albany Primary: +24 % (22 vaccines; 19 first-time recipients) • Fitzalan High: +36 % (96 vaccines; 66 first-time recipients) A further 35 gelatine-free vaccines were delivered through community catch-up clinics. **MMR catch-up programme** Using modelling data from a Public Health Wales report, the CAVUHB public health team worked with Cardiff Council's education department to identify school catchment areas at greatest risk of a measles outbreak. Three secondary schools were identified, and two participated in a pilot Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) catch-up programme (Fitzalan High and Willows High). The public health team provided briefing materials for school staff, alongside communication resources (including website content, leaflets, and videos) and parental letters translated into five additional languages (Arabic, Bengali, Czech, Somali, and Urdu). The Health Protection and Immunisation Service delivered vaccination clinics and supported pastoral teams to obtain parental consent. As a result, 12.5 % of pupils identified as requiring one or both doses of the MMR vaccine have now been vaccinated. Learning from this pilot has informed an

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	action plan to improve how CAVUHB works with schools on MMR catch-up and the ongoing delivery of school-based vaccination programmes (flu and HPV). **Community engagement and strategic planning** A targeted, community-focused approach has been developed in the City and South Primary Care Cluster, where vaccine uptake is lowest. Engagement with community leaders and the voluntary sector in Grangetown and Butetown has supported the delivery of vaccination clinics, improved communications, and facilitated conversations with parents about vaccine hesitancy. A "Let's Talk Vaccines" project is being developed for 2026/27, including community surveys, focus groups, and events. Furthermore, a Childhood and Teenage Immunisations Strategic Action Plan (2026-2029) has been developed, and a refresh of the Vaccination Equity Strategic Plan is underway.
Increase the percentage of children and young people with a healthy weight and increase physical activity levels, by delivering the Move More, Eat Well Strategy 2020-2023. NB: The Move More Eat Well Strategy has evolved into the Good Food and Movement Framework (2024-2030)	Significant progress has been made in supporting children and young people to maintain a healthy weight and increase physical activity levels through the delivery of the Good Food and Movement Framework (2024-2030). Finalised in 2024, the Good Food and Movement Framework builds on the foundations of Move More, Eat Well, shaped by wide-ranging input from communities and professionals across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. It sets out a shared vision and goals to guide collective action over the next six years, supported by two yearly Good Food and Movement Implementation Plans. Ownership of actions within the current Implementation Plan (2024-2026) has been shared across many organisations, programmes and strategic partnerships. Key themes include: 1. **Leadership and Enabling Change:** Enabling change across the system through leadership, creating an enabling policy approach, building capacity and targeting support to the needs of people and communities. 2. **Healthy Environment:** Creating an environment that enables, supports and promotes opportunities for good food, and builds movement back into daily life. 3. **Healthy Settings:** Shaping our schools, workplaces and community settings, creating opportunities that enable, support and promote good food and movement. 4. **Healthy People:** Enabling accessible and affordable opportunities for good food and movement that are equitable and inclusive for everyone throughout their lives. From a children and young people perspective, areas of progress in 2025/26 include: • The 'HerParks' research has been completed, with a report and recommendations produced. Improvements have been made to some parks and spaces to increase gender inclusivity, alongside the co-design of parks and spaces with children and young people now underway.

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	• Work has progressed against identified priorities (outdoor public spaces for play and access to affordable healthy food for families with young children) as part of the 'PIPYN' pilot. • A Good Food and Movement Schools Group has been established, bringing together partners including Healthy Schools, Play, Public Health, Dietetics, Community Focused Schools and Met Sport. Stakeholders around schools have been mapped and insight gathered to build a shared understanding of roles, links to schools, current support for whole-school approaches to food and physical activity, and the key challenges and enablers. • Insight work has progressed to develop a shared understanding of the factors affecting the timing of the secondary school day, and its impact on opportunities for good food, movement, play and sport. • Early years partners have been brought together to begin mapping the resources and training available to settings, alongside identifying perceived challenges and enablers to access and implementation. • The Nutrition Your Little One (NYLO) programme has continued to support families to build confidence, skills and knowledge around healthy eating and physical activity. Early years partners, particularly those working with Flying Start families, have continued to promote the programme, strengthening engagement with families in more disadvantaged areas. • Two phases of research into the barriers and facilitators to breastfeeding have been undertaken by the Centre for Activity and Wellbeing Research (CAWR), providing valuable insight and informing next steps. Significant progress has been made against the Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan (2024-2026). While challenges relating to resource and capacity remain, shared ownership of delivery across partners has strengthened. A refreshed Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan for 2026-2028 will build on progress to date, including strengthened shared insight and understanding. This will further evolve the work and drive a continued focus on children and young people through a collaborative approach towards shared goals. A more comprehensive update on the wider programme is available under Wellbeing Objective 3: Supporting People out of Poverty.
Reduce – and ultimately prevent – the uptake of smoking in children and young people.	The Welsh Government has set an ambitious target for Wales to become smoke-free by 2030. Smoking and vaping prevention work involves collaboration between partners including Public Health Wales, school nurses, youth workers, teachers, governing bodies, learners, and local authority colleagues, particularly those working in education and public protection. Together, partners are delivering evidence-based actions to prevent uptake and support current smokers to quit. This work also includes advocating for policy and legislative change to help create smoke-free environments.

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	The programme has six objectives, including: • Working with partners on prevention and regulation to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and limit access to illegal tobacco and nicotine products. • Delivering a programme of work to prevent smoking uptake among young people by working closely with schools and young people. **Smoking Prevention** Building on the foundations established in 2024/25, this work contributes to reducing smoking prevalence to 5 % or lower (currently 9.1 %). It delivers evidence-based initiatives to support children and young people to make informed decisions and prevent the uptake of smoking, with targeted interventions in areas of higher deprivation where smoking rates are greater. Key achievements in 2025/26 include: • Supporting children, young people, schools, communities and professionals through education, engagement, partnership working and co-produced resources, delivering 80 hours of activity to more than 1,700 learners across 17 primary schools, five secondary schools, two Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) and seven youth groups. • Engaging with children and young people at community events, promoting the 'Help Me Quit' (HMQ) programme and raising awareness of the risks associated with smoking and vaping at six community events. • Leading a multi-agency group focused on reducing smoking prevalence among children and young people, chairing four partnership meetings over the year, facilitating collaboration, ensuring delivery of agreed actions, and overseeing the development of a new five-year action plan. • Increasing internal and external communications by sharing learning and best practice from smoking and vaping prevention work across Cardiff and the Vale, including articles published through Children in Wales. • Developing a new Smoke-Free Ambassador Programme, a learner-led prevention initiative for primary-aged children that supports pupils to act as advocates for smoke-free living, while building leadership skills and increasing awareness of the harms associated with smoking and vaping. To further denormalise smoking and protect children's health, promotional materials and a leaflet highlighting the harms of second-hand smoke have been produced in partnership with Creigiau Primary School. The materials encourage people who smoke to 'Protect Little Lungs' and signposts to Help Me Quit. The leaflet outlines the risks of second-hand smoke and provides information to challenge misconceptions about smoking in the home, including how children, pets and other adults can be protected.

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Develop an integrated care model – and improve the support offer – for children and young people with co-occurring complex health and disability needs. (Strategic Lead: RPB)	Through its Starting Well programme, the Cardiff and Vale RPB utilises Regional Integration Fund (RIF) funding to continually improve the support offer for children and young people with co-occurring complex health and disability needs, including: • Planning for my Future - a regional, multi-agency approach to ensure a seamless transition into adulthood for young people with complex needs. • Children's Learning Disability Services. • Early intervention and prevention for children with additional learning needs (ALN). Looking ahead to 2026/27, the RPB's Starting Well programme has agreed the following priorities within its Annual Delivery Plan: • Develop an agreed regional approach to improving the First 1,000 Days as part of the early years' collaborative agenda. • Improve the emotional mental health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people (BCYP) through emPOWER, aligned with the NYTH/NEST Framework. • Strengthen multi-agency governance and processes to support delivery of the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) reforms. • Develop a shared understanding of, and improve the value and appropriateness of placements for children and young people with highly complex needs.
Deliver safe and supportive communities to keep our children and young people safe from harm by: • Preventing and reducing offending by children and young people through delivering the Building Safer Futures Together Strategy for youth justice. • Addressing serious youth violence through developing a robust, integrated, data-led approach to public services that work with young people.	**Preventing and reducing offending by children and young people through delivering the 'Building Safer Futures Together' Strategy.** The Cardiff Youth Justice Service (YJS) has now concluded delivery of its Building Safer Futures Together Strategy (2022-2024), which focused on four key strands: 1. Working with children, families and partners. 2. System analysis and change. 3. Better choices, safer places. 4. Making it happen: governance and leadership. A review undertaken in April 2025 confirmed that strong progress has been made across all areas. The majority of actions are now embedded within the service's business as usual activity and will continue to be monitored and reported through the statutory Annual Youth Justice Plan. During the past year, Cardiff YJS once again received very positive feedback on its Annual Youth Justice Plan and associated thematic project plan, particularly in relation to quality assurance, participation, Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) and Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) pilot activity, restorative approaches, and workforce training.

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	The YJS continues to build on its work through the Safeguarding Adolescents from Exploitation (SAFE) partnership, alongside the National Referral Mechanism pilot responding to criminal exploitation. The service will also play a key role in the development of the Virtual SAFE Hub, working with the Violence Prevention and Reduction Unit (VPRU) to reduce serious violence and exploitation affecting children and young people through a contextual safeguarding approach. This work is closely aligned with the Risk Outside the Home (ROTH) pathway pilot being implemented through Children's Services. Governance arrangements remain strong, with quarterly Cardiff Youth Justice Service Management Board meetings continuing to review performance, risk and outcomes. These meetings benefit from sustained commitment across partner agencies, including Children's Services, South Wales Police, Education, Housing, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Health and the Youth Justice Board. First Time Entrants to the youth justice system, custody levels and reoffending rates all remain low. During the year, Cardiff YJS has worked closely with other South Wales Youth Justice Services to support the implementation of the South Wales Out of Court Resolution framework, ensuring that a trauma-informed, Child First approach is applied consistently. The service also remains in regular dialogue with South Wales Police regarding the careful implementation of revised guidance in relation to knife-related offences. In addition, the YJS continues to be a key strategic partner in the ongoing development, oversight and delivery of the Serious Violence, Serious Organised Crime and Exploitation (SVSOCE) workplan. **Addressing serious youth violence through developing a robust, integrated, data-led approach to public services that work with young people.** The Cardiff Without Violence Strategy 2025–2028 was published in June 2025 and is available online for residents and professionals. The strategy is supported by an annual delivery plan and prioritises creating a safe environment where children and young people feel secure and free from the effects of violence. A key focus within the strategy has been the development of guidance for the management of weapons in schools and educational settings (WISES). In September 2025, the WISES guidance was launched. It has been developed to ensure that schools and other educational settings take a consistent and robust approach to reducing the risks associated with weapons. The guidance provides support for both young people and the professionals working with them. Violence Prevention Leads in each school are supported through a network as well as regular meetings, providing opportunities to receive updates, share information, and raise queries or concerns for joint problem solving. Following the successful implementation of the guidance and lead roles, additional guidance is now being developed for youth centres and supported accommodation for young people.

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	Welsh Government is also rolling out new, trauma-informed and consistent school safety guidance across Wales in 2027, based on the WISES model. For more details on the Violence Prevention Strategy, please refer to Wellbeing Objective 4: Safe, Confident and Empowered Communities.
Identify and recognise unpaid carers, including young carers, for the vital contribution they make to the community and the people they care for, enabling unpaid carers to have a life alongside caring. (Strategic Lead: RPB)	The Cardiff and Vale RPB's Unpaid Carers Programme continued to make progress in 2025/26 in identifying, recognising, and supporting unpaid carers across the region. Key achievements include: • The third annual Unpaid Carers Assembly was co-produced with carers and local stakeholders. This well-attended event celebrated the vital role of unpaid carers and helped elevate their voices in shaping future services. • In 2025/26, improved identification and support meant that: - Across the region, 487 new unpaid carers were identified and supported. - 53 new young carers were supported, with 126 personal objectives agreed. An average of 158 young carers in primary schools and 435 in secondary schools were identified each quarter. - 686 carer assessments were undertaken for Cardiff residents, and 597 in the Vale of Glamorgan. - By the end of Quarter 4, 5,678 carers were registered with Cardiff Council and 1,206 in the Vale of Glamorgan. • 2,179 unpaid carers across the region benefited from a range of short break options delivered by third sector organisations. • Programme leads contributed to the Senedd inquiry into support for unpaid carers. • Local authorities undertook work to review and improve assessments, alongside national work through the All Wales Directors of Social Services Action Plan. Looking ahead, the Unpaid Carers Programme will continue to strengthen outreach, awareness, and equitable access to support - ensuring more individuals recognise their caring roles and are empowered to access the services and respite they need.

Wellbeing Objective 2: Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Older

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Establish integrated, locality-based, health and care services focused on meeting and improving the health and well-being of the local population. **(Strategic Lead: RPB)**	The Cardiff and Vale RPB supports a wide range of services focused on improving health and wellbeing across the region, with the aim of increasing healthy life expectancy and reducing long-term demand for high-cost care and support. This work was showcased at the RPB's annual conference on 16 May 2025, which brought together over 150 professionals, partners, and community members to reflect on progress, strengthen connections, and renew collective efforts to enhance health and social care. The RPB's Ageing Well programme, focused on developing an Integrated Community Care System (previously @Home), continues to lead transformation towards locality-based health and care services across Cardiff and the Vale. This aligns with the ambitions of 'A Healthier Wales' and other key national strategies. The programme brings together several national and local priorities, including: • Strategic Programme for Primary Care • Six Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care • Building Capacity through Community Care – Further, Faster • Shaping Our Future Wellbeing • Age Friendly Cardiff • Community by Design Key achievements in 2025/26 include: • A programme summit was held in March 2026, bringing together 100 professional leads and directors from across organisations to share progress and shape the future vision and priorities. • 853 people received Safe@Home support, with 673 people avoiding hospital admission and nearly 10,000 hospital bed days saved. • There were 106,563 contacts through a single point of access, with 68 % of needs met without further referral to social care. • Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings are being rolled out across all nine GP clusters in the region, enabling proactive support for chronically ill and frail residents alongside integrated care hubs. These supported 24,570 people in the last year. • A new Community Nursing service specification has been developed to align with locality-based delivery. All 55 GP practices now have access to social prescribing, supporting 1,392 people in the last year. • A collaboration between the Health Board, Welsh Ambulance Service, and local authority falls services is improving response times and supporting more people to remain at home. This has included the development and promotion of prevention services, with information available online.

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	• A digitally enabled Future Care Planning model has been agreed, with development and pilot solutions to be implemented next year. The RPB is also continuing to drive improvement in integrated learning disability services across the region. The Learning Disabilities Strategic Board provides strategic direction and oversight, and increased programme management capacity is supporting progress. The national website GetCheckedOut.org has been funded to improve awareness of the importance of Annual Health Checks. Work continues with GP practices and system partners across the region to improve the uptake and quality of these checks, supported by a promotional campaign across radio, social media, and print. Shine Together, Cardiff and Vale's new Learning Disability network, has been co-developed throughout 2025/26 and is led by two lived experience support workers to strengthen co-production across priority areas. Although the official launch is planned for June 2026, the network had 53 members by the end of 2025/26. Training, information, and improved online resources have also been developed to increase knowledge and support around relationships and wellbeing, shaped by people with lived experience. The Neurodivergence Strategic Board was also established in 2025 to drive regional transformation in support for neurodivergent people. Work to review progress against the Autism Code of Practice has been completed, with identified improvements now being taken forward through the Board.
Deliver the Age Friendly City Action Plan, ensuring older people can enjoy all aspects of life and are provided with opportunities to participate in activities and events to improve their well-being and enrich their lives.	During the year, Age Friendly Cardiff has delivered a comprehensive programme of activity aligned with the Age Friendly Cardiff Action Plan 2024-2028, focused on prevention, reducing inequalities, and improving outcomes for older people. This has included publishing the Age-Friendly Cardiff Highlights Report, which captures progress across partners and sets out key achievements and areas for further development. Work has also been undertaken to challenge ageism through the promotion of age-inclusive communications and awareness-raising activity with staff and partners. A wide range of targeted campaigns has been delivered to support older people's health, wellbeing, and financial resilience. These have included promotion of Pension Credit, Power of Attorney, fire safety, and seasonal health messaging, using established communication routes such as the Age Friendly Cardiff newsletter, partner networks, Hubs and Libraries, and social media. Fire safety awareness has been strengthened through partnership working with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, including the promotion of free home safety checks through multiple channels. Health prevention has been a key focus. The Dementia Prevention handbook has been expanded through the development of community-language

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	versions (Arabic, Bengali, Somali, and Urdu), alongside short animations to improve accessibility. These resources have been distributed through targeted community settings, including GP surgeries, community venues, and places of worship, helping to improve reach among diverse communities. In addition, the Blood Pressure Monitor Loan Scheme has continued to grow, supported by the development of translated referral materials and engagement with health professionals. Over 1,200 loans had been completed by the end of the reporting period, demonstrating strong uptake. Work has also progressed to support unpaid carers, including the development of a carers transitions handbook focused on key life stages such as transitions into residential care, anticipatory grief, and life after caring. This work has been informed by engagement with carers and partners, including Age Cymru and Compassionate Cymru, ensuring the resource reflects lived experience. The handbook is now in the design stage and will be published in 2026/27. A new campaign focused on the sexual health of older people has been delivered in partnership with Public Health Wales and the Cardiff and Vale Local Public Health Team, aiming to reduce stigma and improve awareness in response to increasing rates of sexually transmitted infections among older people. The campaign was launched at Pride Cymru and supported through targeted materials distributed across health, community, and pharmacy settings. Age Friendly Cardiff has continued to act as a conduit for consultation and engagement, ensuring that older people's voices inform service design and decision-making. This has included supporting engagement on key developments such as the Ageing Well Strategy, national consultations, and city-wide initiatives. Engagement activity has been delivered through the Age Friendly Forum, newsletters, partner networks, and direct outreach, helping to reach a wide and diverse audience. The programme continues to be delivered through a whole-council and city-wide partnership approach, bringing together Council services, the Health Board, emergency services, and third sector organisations. This coordinated approach has enabled consistent and accessible delivery of services and campaigns, strengthening the overall impact of Age Friendly Cardiff across the city. Cardiff remains an active member of the World Health Organization's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. During the year, further examples of local good practice have been submitted to the Age-Friendly World platform, supporting the sharing of learning internationally and informing continuous improvement locally. Challenges remain in securing wider take-up of the Centre for Ageing Better's Age-Friendly Employer Pledge. Work will continue to strengthen commitment to age-inclusive employment across the city.

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Work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly City which helps people living with dementia and their families to thrive and which ensures that public and commissioned services are reshaped to meet current and future demand. This includes ensuring an equitable and timely access to a diagnosis and person-centred care delivered locally, as well as increasing awareness of dementia and ways to reduce risk. **(Strategic Lead: RPB)**	The Cardiff and Vale RPB's Dementia Programme continues to drive a region-wide, collaborative approach to improving brain health and dementia care, with further progress made in 2025/26. Strategic priorities such as early diagnosis, inclusive engagement, and co-production with people with lived experience remain central to delivery. The programme is increasingly recognised at national level, with recent work published in the Journal of Dementia Care and through a Bevan Exemplar project. Key achievements include: • Continued delivery of inclusive engagement and awareness events; since August 2023, over 1,100 contacts have been made across 19 co-produced "Opening Doors to Brain Workout" events, with a focus on reaching under-represented communities. • Delivery of Memory Assessment Clinics in primary care settings, where 67 % of those diagnosed were in the earliest stage of dementia, enabling timely planning and intervention. • Over 5,056 contacts made by Memory Assessment Link Workers, resulting in 3,768 referrals to support services. • 190 new organisations pledged to become Dementia Friendly, contributing to over 2,774 people gaining greater understanding of the challenges faced by those affected by dementia. • Dementia risk reduction and brain health resources updated in line with the latest research and widely distributed across the region. • The Dementia Champions Network, led by people with lived experience, continuing to shape service delivery and promote co-production. A new Co-production Plan is in development to guide future partnership working. • The EmpowerMind programme continuing to provide a platform for older people affected by mental health challenges, ensuring their voices contribute to shaping regional services. Overall, the programme is embedding a preventative, person-centred approach across services, with a strong emphasis on early intervention, equity of access, and lived experience leadership. The RPB's annual report, showcasing work from across its portfolio, is available via the CAVRPB publications page.

Wellbeing Objective 3: Supporting People out of Poverty

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Implement the Real Living Wage across the public and private sectors and by November 2025: • Increase the number of accredited Living Wage employers across the city to 300. • Increase the number of workers receiving a pay rise onto at least the Real Living Way to 13,900.	Cardiff continues to be one of the UK's leading cities in advancing the real Living Wage. There are now 220 accredited Living Wage employers across the city, collectively employing around 80,000 people. Of these, approximately 11,400 workers have received an uplift to the real Living Wage as a direct result of accreditation. The Living Wage City Partnership maintains active engagement with key anchor institutions and priority sectors to drive further accreditations. This includes the Council's Living Wage Accreditation Support Scheme, which provides targeted assistance to SMEs seeking to become accredited. Work is currently underway to refresh the three-year Action Plan, which will form a core component of Cardiff's application to retain its Living Wage City status. It is recognised, however, that achieving further uplifts will become increasingly challenging as the number of workers not already paid the real Living Wage continues to decline. The impact of the cost-of-living crisis has also presented challenges over the lifespan of the previous Action Plan. In addition, while efforts will continue to retain existing accredited employers, it is anticipated that some organisations may choose not to renew their accreditation, reflecting a trend seen nationally. The Council's vision for a Stronger, Fairer, Greener Cardiff, together with the Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy (2022-2027), reaffirms a clear commitment to championing the real Living Wage across all sectors and employers in the city.
Develop innovative, data-led approaches to tackle health inequities and amplify prevention in the wake of the pandemic and current cost-of-living crisis, including: • Improving childhood vaccination and immunisation uptake in Cardiff • Improving uptake of bowel screening • Reducing the prevalence of smoking	To tackle health inequities, partners are progressing the Amplifying Prevention programme through a whole-system approach that strengthens prevention across the life course. **Improving childhood vaccination and immunisation uptake in Cardiff** Work is underway to address data and intelligence challenges that have limited the ability to deliver targeted school-based vaccinations. A joint initiative between Cardiff Council and CAVUHB aims to provide schools with accurate information on immunisation levels, while also equipping vaccination teams with up-to-date population data for each school. This more informed approach is intended to improve planning and delivery, particularly in areas with lower uptake. The majority of vaccinations - both in childhood and adulthood - are delivered through primary care under existing contracts. To strengthen this provision, an intelligence-led approach is being developed to better support primary care delivery. Analytical profiles are being produced to map vaccination uptake alongside population characteristics at practice level, enabling more targeted action in areas of lower coverage.

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	For a more detailed update on efforts to improve childhood vaccination and immunisation uptake in Cardiff, please refer to Wellbeing Objective 1: Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Up. **Improving uptake of bowel screening** Public Health Wales is responsible for managing, delivering and quality assuring Bowel Screening Wales; however, improving screening uptake remains a system-wide shared priority and collective endeavour. The programme's latest official data for 2023/24 reported screening uptake in Cardiff at 63.2 %, below the all-Wales rate of 65.5 %. While this represents a decrease compared to previous years, the trend may be partly explained by younger individuals aged 51 and 54 being invited for screening for the first time, who are less likely to take up their offer initially (eligible age range 51-74). The eligible screening age has since been expanded further (October 2024) to include those aged 50 and over. The same report highlights persistent inequalities. At CAVUHB level, uptake among males (62.6 %) is lower than females (68.1 %), and significantly lower in the most deprived areas (53.1 %) compared to the least deprived areas (73.5 %). At primary care cluster level across Cardiff, there is also wide variation in uptake, ranging from 48.7 % in Cardiff South and City to 70.3 % in Cardiff West. Recognising the need to improve screening uptake across Cardiff and reduce inequalities across all screening programmes, partners have worked collaboratively to address these challenges. The CAVUHB Public Health Team have produced cluster-level profiles to support local conversations and targeted action. In response, primary care clusters have incorporated screening promotion into their plans, including actions to train staff and build confidence in having meaningful conversations with patients, reinforce screening invitations, and display accessible information in waiting areas and on digital platforms. Public Health Wales has also worked in partnership with the local authority, the health board, the third sector and community networks to deliver engagement activities, such as Healthy Lives events, helping to raise awareness particularly within communities with historically lower uptake. A further outcome of this partnership approach has been the development of easy-read communication materials to support individuals in making informed choices. Further work is planned, including gathering feedback from first-time non-responders to better understand barriers to participation. This is particularly important given evidence that individuals who engage with screening once are more likely to continue doing so. Additional work will explore new and innovative communication approaches to improve awareness and engagement. Public Health Wales is also developing more timely data reporting to better monitor the impact of these actions, complementing the current annual reporting cycle.

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	Reducing the prevalence of smoking *Smoking cessation* The Help Me Quit service provides expert behavioural support alongside access to free Nicotine Replacement Therapy and stop smoking medication. People who smoke are three times more likely to quit with this support than on their own. The service is accessible in hospitals, community pharmacies and community venues across Cardiff and the Vale. A team of specialist advisors delivers 19 clinics offering one-to-one support, with provision focused in areas of higher deprivation where smoking prevalence is greatest. Between April and December 2025, 973 clients were recorded as treated smokers. Help Me Quit can be accessed via self-referral or professional referral. A range of new and innovative approaches have been introduced to increase referrals and uptake: • Every woman registering a pregnancy with CAVUHB is asked about their smoking status. Those who identify as smokers are automatically referred to a dedicated Maternity Stop Smoking Practitioner prior to their first maternity appointment, enabling earlier access to support. • In September 2025, a student-focused promotional campaign at St David's Shopping Centre used digital advertising to encourage sign-up to Help Me Quit, highlighting the financial benefits of quitting. This was followed by city centre digital outdoor advertising aimed at a wider audience. • Between January and March 2026, targeted in-app advertising was used in the most deprived postcode areas across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, displaying Help Me Quit messaging when mobile applications were opened. • In December 2025, a referral incentive initiative encouraged GP practices in areas with higher smoking prevalence to deliver brief interventions and refer patients to the service. A text messaging pilot in South East Cardiff also showed promising results, with GP practices contacting patients who smoke to promote uptake. • The Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team have recently invested in the Allen Carr Easyway programme, offering free seminar places for 300 local residents. The programme supports individuals to quit without Nicotine Replacement Therapy or medication and is recommended by NICE. *Smoke-free environments* Smoking on hospital sites in Wales is prohibited. Despite legislation, Health Board policy, and the known harms associated with tobacco use and second-hand smoke, smoking continues to take place on hospital grounds. CAVUHB and Shared Regulatory Services have partnered to introduce an enhanced enforcement approach across hospital sites. Since November 2025, a No Smoking Patrol Officer has been deployed to engage with individuals, raise awareness of the legislation, and signpost patients, visitors and staff to smoking

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	cessation support. Over a five-month period, the patrol officer engaged with 1,123 individuals observed smoking. While the primary aim of this approach is to improve compliance with legislation and reduce exposure to second-hand smoke, it also provides an opportunity to promote access to stop smoking services and encourage behaviour change.
Increase the percentage of people with a healthy weight and increase physical activity levels, particularly in the more deprived communities, through the delivery of the Move More, Eat Well Strategy 2020-2023. NB: The Move More Eat Well Strategy has evolved into the Good Food and Movement Framework (2024-2030)	As highlighted in Wellbeing Objective 1, 'Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Up', the Good Food and Movement Framework (2024-2030) has continued to drive progress. Finalised in 2024, the Framework builds on the foundations of Move More, Eat Well, and has been shaped by wide-ranging input from communities and professionals across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. It sets out a shared vision and priorities to guide collective action over the next six years, supported by two-yearly Good Food and Movement Implementation Plans. Ownership of actions is shared across a wide range of organisations, programmes and strategic partnerships. Key themes include: 1. Leadership and Enabling Change 2. Healthy Environment 3. Healthy Settings 4. Healthy People Progress highlights (in addition to those reported under Wellbeing Objective 1) for 2025/26 include: **Leadership and Enabling Change** • The Good Food and Movement Leadership and Enabling Change Group continues to meet quarterly, providing strategic direction, strengthening system leadership, and offering a clear mechanism to address barriers. • A systems training package is in development with the Central South Active Partnership (CSAP), supporting a shared understanding of systems working and aligning language and approaches across partners. • Tools to assess system change have been further developed and applied, including a maturity matrix against core components of a whole-system approach and social network analysis. **Healthy Environment** • Opportunities to embed Good Food and Movement priorities within the planning system, including through the Replacement Local Development Plan, have strengthened. • Seven high-impact planning areas have been jointly identified by the Cardiff Planning Team and the Cardiff and Vale Public Health Team, with early discussions underway regarding resourcing.

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	• An Advertising and Sponsorship Policy has been approved by Cardiff Council's Cabinet, including restrictions on High Fat, Salt and Sugar (HFSS) food and drink, which will inform future contractual arrangements. • A Cardiff facilities audit has been completed, supporting a more strategic approach to infrastructure that enables communities to be active. Recommendations have been presented to the Leadership and Enabling Change Group, with a task and finish group to be established to take this work forward. • A community growing pilot site has progressed as part of the wider Cardiff Council Community Growing Plan. **Healthy Settings** • See updates reported under Wellbeing Objective 1: Cardiff is a Great Place to Grow Up. **Healthy People** • The Food Poverty Working Group and Food Cardiff's Community Food Collective have brought stakeholders together to strengthen partnerships and the local food insecurity network. • A Cardiff Activity Finder has been developed and tested with activity providers and community connectors, creating a central resource to connect residents with physical activity opportunities. • Community-based physical activity programmes have continued across a range of Cardiff neighbourhoods, using an asset-based approach to strengthen local connections, support skills development, reduce antisocial behaviour at targeted times, and identify gaps in provision. Significant progress has been made in delivering the Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan (2024-2026). While challenges remain around resource and capacity, shared ownership across the system has continued to strengthen delivery. A refreshed Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan for 2026-2028 will build on this progress, incorporating shared insight and learning to further develop the approach, with a continued focus on supporting deprived communities through collaborative action towards shared goals.

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Work together to tackle and prevent homelessness, with a focus on delivering sustainable and affordable housing options across the city to meet the growing levels of acute housing need, including for those who need specific housing with support.	In December 2023, Cardiff declared a housing emergency in response to significant pressures and sustained demand for homelessness services. At that time, all 1,699 units of temporary accommodation across the city were operating at full capacity, housing 707 families, 806 single people, and 186 young people. Waiting lists for temporary accommodation had increased by 150 % since 2021. In response, Cardiff strengthened its Homelessness Prevention services, expanding access to support and placing a greater emphasis on early intervention. Services are now widely accessible through Community Hubs and other locations across the city. Alongside these changes, Housing and Development have significantly increased the range and volume of housing solutions available to tackle homelessness. Key developments include: • Delivery of a modular housing scheme at Ty Ephraim, providing 35 units of accommodation for single people. • Completion of the purchase of 77 former student flats on Richmond Road. • Completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Scott Harbour development, delivering family apartments within a converted office building. • Acquisition of 31 additional properties from the open market. Further progress is being made through new developments currently underway, including 44 flats at Waungron Road, Fairwater, designed to support move-on from homelessness, and 20 family apartments within the former Regus office building in Butetown. Additionally, contracts have been exchanged on the purchase of a 40-unit student accommodation block in Gabalfa, with completion expected in August 2026. Through a combination of new housing developments and the adoption of an innovative ‘meanwhile use’ approach - utilising future development sites to install high-quality, demountable modular homes - the supply of temporary accommodation has increased, significantly reducing reliance on hotel provision. Cardiff is at the forefront of this approach, pioneering ‘meanwhile use’ developments in Wales. A flagship scheme of 156 modular homes has been delivered at the former Gasworks site in Grangetown, with units designed to be relocated for future use as permanent development progresses. In addition to modular housing, large-scale property acquisitions have played a key role in expanding accommodation capacity. To support longer-term supply, Cardiff’s Housing Development Programme continues to deliver significant results. In 2025/26, the programme delivered 337 new council homes. To date, 1,831 homes have been completed, with the potential to deliver over 4,000 additional homes across 65 development sites.

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Build on the success of Cardiff's 'No Going Back' approach to rough sleeping, by developing a trauma-informed, public health-based approach to positively impact the lives of vulnerable people, especially those with street-based lifestyles.	The Community Safety Partnership's Street-Based Lifestyles and Complex Needs Strategic Group continues to address the growing complexity and risks faced by individuals who spend extended periods on the streets, by taking a public health approach to service delivery. Work is ongoing to support the development and implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding, which is being led by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The Memorandum of Understanding will aim to support a harm reduction approach within supported accommodation to reduce drug-related harm and improve health and wellbeing. Additionally, partners are working with supported accommodation providers to strengthen the physical environment and improve safety through a programme of design changes and target hardening measures. This includes supporting the implementation of women-only floors and settings, piloting a behaviour management model, and improving CCTV coverage where appropriate. Alongside this, the team has funded: • A programme of wellbeing sessions supporting up to 150 vulnerable adults, promoting health, belonging and community cohesion. • Targeted community outreach for those at greatest risk, strengthening pathways between street-based support, supported accommodation, and health and substance misuse services.

Wellbeing Objective 4: Safe, Confident and Empowered Communities

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Respond to the new statutory Serious Violence Duty, underpinned by a public health-based approach to violence reduction.	The Cardiff Without Violence Strategy 2025-2028, was published in June 2025, and is available for residents and professionals online. The Strategy focuses on six key areas: • Violence that affects children and young people • Knife crime and the possession of offensive weapons • Organised crime and exploitation • Violence in the night-time economy • The safety of women and girls in public spaces • The vulnerabilities and increased risk of violence of those with street-based lifestyles The Strategy adopts a health-based approach and is supported by a Partnership Delivery Plan outlining key projects and interventions. Clear governance arrangements are in place to support a thematic approach to addressing the causes of violence, underpinned by a data-led approach.
Tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and sexual violence, and take action to strengthen the support available to victims, including agreeing and implementing an updated Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence strategy.	Addressing Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) remains a key priority for the Community Safety Partnership. Progress in 2025/26: • **Recommissioning of specialist VAWDASV services:** Preparatory work has been completed to support the recommissioning of specialist services, aligning provision with the regional VAWDASV Strategy and strengthening outcome-focused, survivor-centred commissioning approaches. • **Implementation of the VAWDASV Training Plan:** The National Training Framework continues to be delivered at scale, including the ongoing rollout of Group 1 training, targeted delivery of Group 2 Ask and Act, and the continued development of Group 3 Workplace Champions. • **Improving data collection and analysis:** Progress has been made in strengthening the quality and consistency of partner data, improving the evidence base to inform planning, commissioning and evaluation. • **Survivor engagement and participation:** Work is underway to map and expand engagement opportunities, ensuring lived experience informs service development, governance and policy in a trauma-informed way. • **Regional data dashboard:** The regional dashboard is nearing completion and will provide clearer, high-level insight into demand, activity and outcomes to support strategic oversight.

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	• **Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs):** MARAC SOPs and Terms of Reference have been reviewed and updated to improve consistency and support effective, survivor-focused multi-agency responses. • **Female genital mutilation (FGM) and honour-based abuse pathways:** Progress has been made in strengthening multi-agency pathways, supporting earlier identification, safeguarding and access to specialist support. Priorities for 2026/27: • **Recommissioning of specialist VAWDASV services:** Award contracts and mobilise new services. • **Implementation of the VAWDASV Training Plan:** Continue to increase uptake of the National Training Framework, with a focus on targeted Group 2 Ask and Act delivery in priority services, sustaining Group 3 Workplace Champion capacity, and strengthening assurance and reporting. • **Improving data collection and analysis:** Further embed agreed data standards, strengthen outcome-focused reporting, and use emerging data trends to inform commissioning, performance management and service improvement. • **Survivor engagement and participation:** Establish a clearer regional approach, expanding safe, trauma-informed opportunities for lived experience to inform service design, governance and strategic decision-making. • **Regional data dashboard:** Finalise and embed the dashboard within governance arrangements, ensuring it is routinely used to support oversight, performance discussions and partnership accountability. • **MARAC Standard Operating Procedures:** Implement recommendations from the national MARAC review through clear communication, practitioner briefings and ongoing quality assurance. • **Older persons and VAWDASV:** Embed learning from the University of South Wales pilot, strengthen workforce awareness and confidence, and ensure clear links between safeguarding processes and specialist support. • **Children and Young People (CYP):** Embed trauma-informed, age-appropriate approaches to identifying and responding to VAWDASV across education, health, social care and youth services. • **Tackling perpetration:** Embed equalities and anti-misogyny principles through public engagement, behaviour change campaigns, partner-led initiatives, digital resources, school-based programmes, and community messaging (including White Ribbon). • **Sexual violence:** Further develop and embed data collection and analysis to improve understanding of demand, emerging trends and outcomes, informing planning and commissioning.

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Work in partnership to identify vulnerability and prevent harm in the evening and night-time economy.	The Community Safety Partnership continues to work collaboratively with partners to prevent harm within Cardiff's evening and night-time economy. Over the last 12 months, the Partnership has developed and progressed a range of initiatives to improve safety, raise awareness, and strengthen responses to vulnerability. Key projects include: • **Night-time Economy Safety Video:** Co-produced with Cardiff Metropolitan University students to promote awareness of safety services available in the city centre at night. The video can be viewed on YouTube. • **Calico virtual reality training:** Delivered to 50 police officers working in the night-time economy, enhancing understanding of women's safety in public spaces. • **Vulnerability Awareness Training eLearning module:** Developed to improve accessibility and uptake of training across the night-time economy workforce, in line with the Violence Prevention Strategy. The module is expected to launch in the coming months. The Partnership also continues to deliver and promote a range of support services, including the Alcohol Treatment Centre, Night Marshals, the Safe Places App, Street Pastors, and the Student Safety Bus. Work is underway to improve access to consistent, partnership-agreed safety messaging that reflects the Cardiff context. A website and communications campaign are planned for summer 2026 to launch the "Cardiff Code", supporting residents and visitors to make informed and safer choices while enjoying the city's night-time offer.
Safeguard those at risk of exploitation and those who have been a victim of crime. This includes embedding a contextual approach to safeguarding across Cardiff.	During 2025/26, governance arrangements have been strengthened through the integration of the Safeguarding Adolescents from Exploitation (SAFE) Partnership with serious violence and organised crime structures. This has led to the establishment of the Serious Violence, Safeguarding, Organised Crime and Exploitation (SVSOCE) Group, enabling a more coordinated and strategic multi-agency response aligned to the Cardiff Without Violence Strategy (2025-2028) and supported by a clear delivery plan. The SVSOCE Development Plan focuses on: • Building workforce capability and confidence. • Strengthening engagement with families and communities. • Preventing violence and exploitation through early intervention. • Improving the use of data and intelligence. • Delivering coordinated, multi-agency responses to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

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	SVSOCE Priority Areas: 1. Workforce Development, Training and Practice. 2. Engagement with Parents, Carers and Communities. 3. Communications, Awareness and Public Confidence. 4. Violence Prevention and Community-Based Solutions. 5. Tackling Knife Crime and Weapons. 6. Exploitation, Organised Crime and Disruption. 7. Transitional Safeguarding. **2025/26: Good Practice Highlights** • A comprehensive multi-agency learning and development programme has strengthened practitioner knowledge, confidence and consistency. Specialist training and webinars on exploitation, cuckooing and related harms reached over 600 practitioners across Wales, significantly enhancing workforce capability. • Engagement with parents, carers and communities has improved awareness of available support and referral pathways, supporting earlier identification and intervention. Practitioner forums, youth engagement activity, and strengthened partnerships with community and third sector organisations have enabled more joined-up, locally informed responses and improved access to funding for targeted diversionary activity. • Communications and awareness have been strengthened through a coordinated campaign aligned with National Exploitation Awareness Day, alongside the development of a Padlet resource hub. Progress has also been made in developing multi-agency cuckooing guidance, with closer collaboration between housing and safeguarding partners improving clarity of roles and professional confidence in responding to safeguarding concerns. • Prevention and early intervention activity has progressed through the development of evidence-informed resources for schools and partner agencies focused on violence and exploitation. Work with Cardiff University's National Software Academy is supporting the creation of a SAFE curriculum and interventions website to improve accessibility and strengthen community-based responses. • Ongoing multi-agency collaboration and national learning has supported a shared understanding of transitional safeguarding, informing more consistent and developmentally appropriate support for young people moving into adulthood. • Youth-led activity has also been a key feature of the programme. This includes a short film developed by Cardiff Youth Service's Young Creators group in partnership with the Community Safety team, raising awareness of e-bike and e-scooter legislation, safety risks, and parental responsibilities.

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	• The Connect Programme, which addresses violence between girls, was delivered in nine Cardiff secondary schools to 114 participants. Commissioned in response to a 25% increase in A&E attendances linked to peer-on-peer violence, the six-week intervention focuses on reducing conflict, strengthening emotional regulation, and improving communication. It also addresses peer dynamics, online behaviour, and decision-making in high-risk situations. **Responding to Exploitation and Harm Outside the Home** During 2025/26, further work has been undertaken to strengthen responses to exploitation and harm occurring outside the home. Key developments include: • **Audit and Review:** Targeted audits and reviews have strengthened safeguarding assurance by testing decision-making, risk assessment, and the effectiveness of responses. • **Data and Information Sharing:** Work is underway to improve data quality, consistency and visibility across partners, supporting better-informed decision-making. • **Systems and Process Review:** A multi-agency Task and Finish Group is reviewing safeguarding pathways to strengthen escalation processes, contextual responses and arrangements for addressing group-based exploitation, while reducing duplication and improving system coherence. • **Public Awareness and Prevention:** A public awareness campaign and universal exploitation e-learning module are increasing recognition of exploitation indicators and reporting routes across communities and partner organisations. • **Taxi, Private Hire and Licensing Safeguarding:** Safeguarding arrangements across licensed transport are being strengthened through updated policy, improved oversight, and an agreed multi-agency action plan.
Disrupt the illicit supply of substances in our communities to prevent and protect children and vulnerable adults from exploitation, neglect, and abuse, and to reduce violent crime.	Tackling organised crime and exploitation remains a key priority for the Community Safety Partnership, supported through the Wales Without Violence Strategy. This work continues to focus on raising awareness of exploitation, strengthening support for vulnerable groups, improving access to recovery services, and enhancing intelligence-sharing to disrupt organised criminal activity. Key developments over the past year include: • **Local Drug Information System (LDIS):** The Area Planning Board (APB) Support Team continues to deliver the LDIS in partnership with South Wales Police and Public Health Wales. This enables partners to review intelligence and coordinate timely, multi-agency responses to emerging drug threats. The system supports targeted harm reduction interventions and, where appropriate, enforcement activity to reduce risks to communities.

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	• **Force Harmful and Controlled Substances Group:** The APB remains an active contributor to this group, supporting a coordinated regional approach. This includes the continued use of rapid drug testing to identify substances linked to fatal overdoses, enabling swift information sharing and response. Partnership working has been particularly important in responding to emerging risks such as nitazenes, ensuring consistent communication and timely mobilisation of services. • **Operation Pester:** South Wales Police continue to deliver Operation Pester, disrupting drug supply networks through targeted text message broadcasts to numbers linked to drug lines. These messages discourage purchasing and provide tailored harm reduction advice, including signposting to Cardiff and Vale Drug and Alcohol Support (CAVDAS). The initiative has continued throughout 2025/26 as part of the wider disruption approach.
Reduce - and ultimately prevent - health and well-being harms from substance use, focussing on prevention and early identification of harmful alcohol use, and developing safe alternatives for people who currently use substances in public spaces.	Reducing harm and improving early intervention remains a shared priority across the Community Safety Partnership and the Cardiff and Vale Area Planning Board (APB). Key areas of progress include: **1. Harm Reduction in Hostels** Multi-agency work is progressing to establish a more consistent harm reduction approach within hostel settings. Specialist interventions are now being delivered on-site in two Cardiff Council complex needs hostels, improving access to support for residents. Work is ongoing to expand provision across additional sites during 2026/27. In parallel, partners are developing a Memorandum of Understanding and supporting operational guidance to ensure a proportionate and coordinated response to substance use in accommodation-based services. This will strengthen safeguarding, reduce drug-related harm, and support staff to respond appropriately. Governance arrangements for implementation are being developed through existing partnership structures. **2. Emergency Unit Alcohol Screening Pilot Project** The APB-funded pilot at the University Hospital of Wales has significantly strengthened early identification of alcohol-related harm. During the evaluation period, 143 patients were screened in one month, compared to a baseline of approximately 2-3 per month prior to the pilot. The pilot has also improved pathways into treatment, generating 186 referrals, with a median assessment time of four days and some same-day assessments. Early outcomes are positive, with over 80 % of those engaging in treatment reporting improvements in quality of life. The model has demonstrated the value of embedding specialist staff within acute settings, enabling opportunistic intervention, delivery of brief advice, and stronger links between hospital and community services. It has also helped to normalise conversations around alcohol use and reduce stigma.

Priority	Update
	While some areas for development have been identified - including data quality, governance, and staffing consistency - there is strong stakeholder support for continuation. Work is underway to strengthen oversight, improve data capture, and explore options for longer-term integration into business-as-usual provision.
Implement the CONTEST counter terrorism strategy and work in partnership to respond to the requirements of the new PROTECT Duty.	Counter-extremism is an area of focus for the Community Safety Partnership in Cardiff. The Cardiff & Vale CONTEST Board, which reports into the Community Safety Partnership, brings together partners across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to implement the UK Government's CONTEST Strategy, with a focus on the four P's of the Strategy, namely: • Prevent: To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. • Pursue: To stop terrorist attacks. • Protect: To strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack. • Prepare: To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack. Progress across 2025/26 in Cardiff includes: • From a Prevent perspective, following the publication of the 2025 Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP), which outlines threat and risk, work was undertaken with partners across South Wales to develop a regional Situational Risk Assessment. The Prevent Partnership Board has delivered significant progress throughout the year, including strengthened regional collaboration, expanded Prevent awareness training co-delivered with Counter Terrorism Policing Wales, and delivery of the Prevent Champions programme to build capacity across local authority and third sector partners. Cardiff Prevent also hosted a pan-Wales conference to support knowledge sharing and partnership working. A number of Home Office-funded projects, aligned to identified risks, have been delivered across Cardiff and the wider region. The Home Office Performance Assessment for 2025/26 has been completed, with Cardiff receiving an 'exceeding' rating across all areas. Looking ahead, Prevent partners will continue to strengthen early intervention, awareness and partnership capability in response to emerging risks. • From a Protect and Prepare perspective, following the publication of the 2025 CTLP, work was undertaken to refresh the Action Plan for the Cardiff Protective Security Preparedness Group (PSPG). Good progress has been made in delivering the Action Plan, including a programme of work to review and map Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) measures across the city, identifying locations for potential upgrade while managing pressures associated with ageing infrastructure, increasing maintenance demands and limited funding.

Priority	Update
	Partnership work has also strengthened wider protective security arrangements, including development of command and control capabilities, exploration of integrated CCTV approaches, and increased focus on cyber security resilience. A comprehensive review of security infrastructure across Cardiff has been conducted, informed by ongoing city development and its associated risks. Strong multi-agency working has supported the safe delivery of events across Cardiff throughout the year, with counter-terrorism messaging and public vigilance campaigns delivered in collaboration with partners and reinforced through established forums such as the Events Liaison Panel and Safety at Sports Grounds Group. Work has also been undertaken with partners to develop training and exercising opportunities for businesses. Looking ahead, following the publication of statutory guidance for the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn's Law), work will take place to ensure that the city is prepared to meet the requirements of the Protect Duty, with the Cardiff PSPG overseeing delivery.
Deliver local partnership-based projects which tackle significant anti-social behaviour issues through a problem-solving approach.	The Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Anti-Social Behaviour Group brings agencies together to develop solutions to complex community issues. Over the past 12 months, the Group has strengthened the strategic response to key issues including grass fires and deliberate fire-setting, criminal damage, and the use of e-bikes and e-scooters. The Partnership has enhanced enforcement activity in response to illegal use, resulting in several successful operations to seize vehicles and take action against unsafe drivers. This has been complemented by a strong focus on education, targeting parents, professionals and young people to improve understanding of the legal requirements around e-bikes and e-scooters. In partnership with the Cardiff Youth Service Digital Team and young people from the Youth Service Content Creators Group, a short awareness film - "Know the Law - Ride Safe" - has been produced. The film is aimed at young people and explains the legalities of e-bike and e-scooter use, alongside key messages on road safety, safe charging, and the importance of purchasing from reputable retailers. In parallel, established locality-based partnership arrangements across Cardiff continue to bring agencies together to respond to place-based issues through shared problem-solving, targeted interventions, and improved coordination. This approach supports a more responsive and intelligence-led model, addressing community safety concerns at neighbourhood level while maintaining oversight through the Community Safety Partnership. In Butetown, targeted interventions have addressed longstanding issues including drug litter, rough sleeping, anti-social behaviour, and wider public safety concerns. Multi-agency responses have delivered enhanced cleansing regimes, increased visible patrols, environmental improvements, and closer engagement with outreach services and accommodation providers. These actions have led to noticeable improvements, with ongoing monitoring in place to sustain progress and respond to emerging or displaced issues.

Priority	Update
	In Adamsdown and Splott, locality working has focused on visible drug use, underreporting, and crime associated with public spaces. Partners have coordinated outreach activity to engage individuals and improve access to support services, alongside enhanced patrols and environmental measures such as target hardening in parks. A key development has been the establishment of a resident and business forum, strengthening local intelligence, improving relationships with police and councillors, and ensuring community concerns directly inform operational responses. In Ely and Caerau, activity has focused on prevention, community engagement, and addressing underreported crime. Initiatives include a street lighting pilot to improve perceptions of safety, the introduction of a Crimestoppers Zone to encourage anonymous reporting of serious crime, and a coordinated response to seasonal fire-setting risks. These interventions reflect a shift towards preventative, data-informed approaches, with ongoing evaluation and shared learning across partners. These collective efforts continue to support safer, stronger communities, ensuring a proactive and coordinated response to anti-social behaviour and wider community safety concerns.
Establish a partnership approach to reduce the number of older people becoming victims of fraud.	In October 2023, Age Friendly Cardiff launched a dedicated website offering a range of resources to support older people in improving their health and wellbeing. A key focus of the site is crime and security, providing guidance on staying safe online and preventing fraud. This resource was recently shared with the national Community Safety Advisors Network as an example of good practice. Age Friendly Cardiff also promotes Independent Age's Scamwise handbook at public-facing events, raising awareness of common risks such as cold calling. This is complemented by a regular newsletter shared with residents and promoted through local hubs and GP surgeries. In addition, South Wales Police has strengthened its social media presence, regularly sharing fraud prevention messaging and practical advice on staying safe. Officers also deliver community-based fraud awareness events with local groups, supporting direct engagement and access to advice and support.
Continue to make the case to UK Government for additional and more sustainable funding to cover the cost of policing the capital city, as is the case in other UK capitals.	The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales has continued to engage with the UK Government to present the case for South Wales Police to receive capital city funding to support the additional resource demands associated with policing Cardiff. Recent correspondence with the Policing Minister has seen the UK Government reaffirm its position that Cardiff does not face the unique challenges of policing a global city such as London and therefore does not require additional funding. The Police and Crime Commissioner maintains the view that the demands presented by Cardiff provide legitimate grounds for South Wales Police to receive capital city funding and will continue to make the case.

Priority	Update
Welcome and support refugees and asylum seekers to build a new life in Cardiff, including continuing to lead the local response to the Ukraine and Afghanistan crises.	2026 marks ten years since Cardiff welcomed the first Syrian family to the city under a Home Office refugee resettlement programme. While the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme has now concluded, this work established a strong foundation for collaborative resettlement activity in Cardiff. Building on this legacy, Cardiff Council continues to work closely with local and national partners to deliver tailored resettlement support for people arriving through newer pathways, including those fleeing conflict in Afghanistan and Ukraine. Each resettlement scheme presents distinct challenges, requiring a coordinated and flexible partnership response. The Council's in house Refugee Support Team draws on over a decade of experience and works in close collaboration with statutory services, voluntary and community sector organisations, landlords and employment partners to respond holistically to the needs of different client groups. Following the UK Government's phased closure of Initial Accommodation arrangements in late 2025, the city received a number of Afghan case referrals from elsewhere in the UK. In response, partners across housing, benefits and the private rented sector worked together to support local housing responses. This included strengthening relationships with private landlords and letting agents, alongside ongoing joint work with support services to address affordability considerations. Despite reforms to the two-child benefit cap introduced in April 2026, rental affordability remains a significant issue for many households. Through coordinated casework and employment-focused support delivered with partner agencies, the emphasis remains on improving long term sustainability and reducing reliance on financial assistance. Although well below the peak experienced in December 2022, new visa applications from Ukraine increased slightly during the first quarter of 2026. The Refugee Support Team continues to work in partnership with sponsors, community groups and public service providers to coordinate arrivals, deliver initial orientation, and provide ongoing support. This includes helping longer-term visa holders to access and navigate housing, health and education services, ensuring a joined up response that supports integration and wellbeing.

Wellbeing Objective 5: A Capital City that Works for Wales

Priority	Update
Work together to deliver new apprenticeship and trainee opportunities across the city's public services.	Partners continue to work collaboratively to deliver and expand apprenticeship and trainee opportunities across the city's public services. In 2025/26: • **Cardiff Council:** The Council remains committed to creating opportunities for young people and supporting a diverse workforce. Through its Corporate Apprentice and Trainee Scheme, service areas are supported to develop new roles. In 2025/26, 52 new apprenticeship and trainee placements were provided, bringing the total number of in-year placements to 163. • **Cardiff and Vale University Health Board:** The Health Board continues to embed apprenticeships as a core mechanism for workforce development, progression and inclusion. In 2025/26, there was a stronger focus on upskilling the existing workforce, with 178 current staff commencing apprenticeship programmes, alongside 115 staff already in learning and 151 who have completed programmes through the Academy. Provision evolved to reflect emerging skills needs, including new digital apprenticeship pathways in areas such as cyber security and user-centred design, alongside the recruitment of 8 new entrant apprentices. This activity is complemented by an ongoing programme of work placements and supported employment delivered with partners to widen access to NHS careers. Looking ahead, there will be a continued focus on strengthening digital and Leadership & Management capability, while maintaining opportunities for new entrants. • **South Wales Police:** South Wales Police[2] continue to offer a range of entry routes into the organisation, including apprenticeships and trainee placements. In 2025/26, 12 new non-officer apprenticeships and 136 new officer apprenticeships were delivered, alongside 24 trainee placements (including summer placements, internships and graduate opportunities). In total, this equates to 24 non-officer apprenticeships, 281 officer apprenticeships and 28 trainee placements in-year. • **South Wales Fire and Rescue Service:** The Service continues to deliver its Apprenticeship Scheme as part of the Welsh Apprenticeships Programme. While no new cohorts were introduced during 2025/26, the programme has continued to support existing learners, with numbers reducing from 52 to 38 as apprentices completed their frameworks. In addition, two new apprenticeships were created within Fleet and Engineering and headquarters functions. A new cohort is planned for 2026/27. • **Natural Resources Wales (NRW):** NRW continue to offer targeted placement and apprenticeship opportunities aligned to its regulatory responsibilities. In 2025/26, 9 individuals undertook apprenticeships or placements within the Cardiff area. This included Waste Regulation Higher Education placements focused on preparing future officers for new Digital Waste Tracking duties, a Waste Regulation Enforcement Apprenticeship supporting work to tackle waste crime, and a Flood Risk Activity Permit placement. NRW remains committed to developing its pipeline of skilled regulatory staff and collaborating with partners on future opportunities.

[2] Due to the way roles are deployed across the force, it is not possible to disaggregate data specifically for Cardiff.

Priority	Update
	• **Cardiff and Vale Probation Delivery Unit:** The Probation Delivery Unit supported pathways into employment through targeted engagement and training activity. This included a general employment event and a young adults-focused event in Cardiff, both designed to connect individuals with employers, training providers and support services. Feedback from participants indicates strong engagement, with the majority reporting that the events met or exceeded expectations and helped them access training, advice and employer contacts. In addition, a CSCS course delivered in September 2025 supported six people on probation, with three completing successfully and two progressing into employment. These initiatives help reduce barriers to employment by building skills, confidence and access to opportunities.
Work in partnership to support Cardiff's major events programme, being mindful of their impact on the cost of delivering public services.	Partners continue to work closely together to deliver Cardiff's annual events programme, with a strong emphasis on maintaining business-as-usual operations during major events. Funding has been secured to continue the Cardiff Music City Festival in 2026 and 2027. This homegrown flagship event brings together the city's music and cultural sector to deliver a high-impact programme, building on the success of the 2024 and 2025 festivals, which together have attracted around 94,000 attendees and generated over £5.4 million in economic impact. Partners are working collaboratively to support the delivery of Blackweir Live and the Cardiff Castle Concert Series with DEPOT Live. In 2025, over 24 concerts were delivered, increasing to more than 29 planned for 2026. In 2025, DEPOT Live concerts generated over £25 million in economic impact, with income reinvested in grassroots culture and parks. Economic impact for 2026 is projected to exceed £40 million. The city will host the FA Community Shield in 2026 at the Principality Stadium. Cardiff has also secured the Tour de France Grand Départ final stage on 4 July 2027, with significant partnership planning underway to deliver one of the world's largest and highest-profile sporting events. Partners across the city, alongside UK and Ireland stakeholders, are working together to deliver the host city role for the UEFA Euro 2028 tournament. Preparations are underway for the 31-day tournament, which will include six matches in Cardiff, one of which will be the opening match. Global audience figures are expected to reach 5 billion. In the lead-up to these major events, partners will work collaboratively to develop a refreshed Tourism & Events Strategy and a new Cultural Strategy, helping to enhance and promote the city's offer.

Priority	Update
Aim to double the number of Welsh speakers in Cardiff by 2050.	The 2022-27 Bilingual Cardiff Strategy is the second iteration of the city's Welsh language promotion plan, designed to align with Cymraeg 2050, the Welsh Government's ambitious action plan to reach a million Welsh speakers by 2050. It also complements Cardiff Council's Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022-31 (WESP). Annual Population Survey results for the year ending December 2025 estimate that 96,800 people aged three and over in Cardiff are able to speak Welsh. This represents 26.4 % of the local authority population and is significantly higher than the 12.2 % reported in the 2021 Census. While caution is required when interpreting Annual Population Survey data, these figures indicate a continued positive trend in Welsh language growth in Cardiff. National Census data provides the evidence base for measuring progress against Cymraeg 2050. The target for the 2031 Census is for 15 % of Cardiff's population aged three and over to report Welsh language skills. Several milestones have been achieved under the 2022-27 Bilingual Cardiff Strategy during 2025/26: • The third Gyrfa Gymraeg event was held at Cardiff University Students' Union on 11 June 2025, promoting Welsh language careers, training, and further and higher education opportunities. Delivered in partnership with Cardiff's universities and Cardiff and Vale College, the event was attended by over 700 Year 12 pupils from Welsh-medium secondary schools across South Wales. • The Cymraeg i Bawb (Welsh for All) project has been expanded nationally following the success of the South East Wales pilot, chaired by Cardiff Council. • A total of 1,620 Cardiff Council staff have confirmed they have Welsh language skills in 2025/26 - an increase of 9.5 % on 2024/25 (1,480). This represents 21.3 % of the workforce and exceeds the Strategy's target of 20 % a year ahead of schedule. • Welsh language youth provision has expanded across Cardiff through the CFTi partnership with Cardiff Youth Service, Urdd, and Menter Caerdydd, now delivering over 40 Welsh language youth sessions each week. • Support has been provided for the establishment of new Welsh language nursery provision at Ysgol Coed-y-Gof. • Over 16 million words have been translated for Cardiff Council colleagues and external partners - the highest annual total to date. During 2026/27, a revised Bilingual Cardiff policy to promote the use of Welsh within Cardiff Council's workplaces will be presented for approval. This will support the transition to the CEFR language proficiency framework, in line with the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Act 2025, and further develop staff Welsh language skills and capacity to deliver Welsh language services. The Bilingual Cardiff Strategy will also be reviewed and refreshed during the year in alignment with the WESP and the replacement Local Development Plan, which designates Cardiff as an area of linguistic importance.

Priority	Update
Work together to maximise outdoor recreation using green and blue infrastructure.	The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership, established in 2020 as part of the Wales-wide Local Nature Partnerships Cymru programme, continues to bring together cross-sector stakeholders to support initiatives that protect and enhance biodiversity. Alongside the Council, the Partnership plays an important role in promoting the use of green and blue spaces, including parks, rivers, waterways and outdoor activity centres, and in encouraging inclusive outdoor recreation. Cardiff Council-led outreach and engagement programmes focused on parks and green spaces generated over 23,000 volunteer hours in 2025/26. This significant contribution has supported environmental improvements, attracted additional investment, and fostered a strong sense of community pride and ownership. Consideration is currently being given to the development of a new Playground Strategy, which would include a review of the distribution and sustainability of play provision to ensure it aligns with community need. This may also provide an opportunity to take a more integrated approach by aligning with related priorities, including parks, play sufficiency, child-friendly city ambitions, good food and movement, and inclusive provision for neurodivergent children and young people.
Work together on maximising opportunities for local employment and supply chains during the development and building of significant new public sector infrastructure, such as health or local authority estates, ensuring that new infrastructure supports the city to achieve decarbonisation and climate resilience, to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.	**Maximising Opportunities for Local Employment and Supply Chains** Cardiff Council, in partnership with Ardal[3], continues to support major construction companies to develop local supply chains through targeted Meet the Buyer events. Main contractors are also required to advertise supply chain opportunities via Sell2Wales. Since 2020, the Council has applied the Welsh TOMs (Themes, Outcomes, Measures) framework to increase Community Wellbeing Benefits (CWB) secured through major contracts. In 2025/26, £5.1 million in CWB commitments were achieved, delivering tangible outcomes including: • 2,276 apprenticeship weeks. • 6,285 days of employment*. • 148 weeks of work experience*. • 419 hours of employment support*. (*Targeting economically inactive individuals.) Cardiff Council and Ardal are working with the Welsh Government to develop an updated set of TOMs measures aligned with the evolving policy framework. These are expected to launch in 2026, building on existing successes while strengthening support for local communities. The THRIVE online platform is now fully implemented to track delivery. The Council also continues to influence emerging statutory guidance under the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023, which came into force in March 2026.

[3] Ardal is the procurement service run by Cardiff Council. The service delivers a collaborative procurement partnership across Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, and Torfaen Councils, as well as managing South-East Wales regional frameworks.

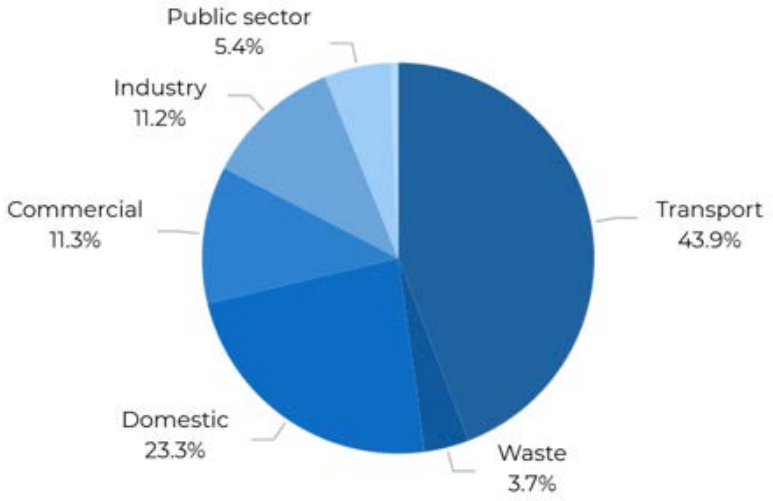
Priority	Update
	CAVUHB also works collaboratively to maximise opportunities for local employment and supply chains through major infrastructure developments, ensuring that new estates contribute to decarbonisation, climate resilience, and improved community health and wellbeing. Working alongside NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and the Welsh Government, the Health Board continues to support the development of statutory guidance and wellbeing impact metrics associated with the 2023 Act. These metrics are currently in development, with data being compiled in preparation for 2027 reporting requirements. **Decarbonisation** Through Ardal, Cardiff Council continues to work with the South East Wales Procurement Network to promote a consistent and collaborative approach to carbon reduction. In partnership with Caerphilly and Newport Councils, Ardal has co-led the development of new minimum standards for Carbon Reduction Plans (CRPs). These standards have now been adopted across the region and encourage suppliers to submit CRPs at lower contract thresholds than those set out in Welsh Procurement Policy Note (WPPN) 006. Ardal is also reviewing its internal Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Procurement Guidance, which supports officers in identifying and delivering carbon reduction opportunities throughout the procurement cycle. This updated guidance is expected to be available by Q2. Carbon literacy continues to be strengthened across procurement teams, with many officers completing Carbon Literacy training. Additional sustainable procurement training is shared regularly. In March 2025, Cardiff Council appointed its first Senior Strategy Officer (Carbon) to advance this work across Ardal authorities. The Ardal Procurement Team has also: • Participated in the Welsh Government Energy Service pilot, trialling a standardised supplier data collection template. • Provided councils with quarterly Power BI dashboards on procurement spend and carbon footprint data. • Enabled directorates to identify high emission spend categories and suppliers to target decarbonisation measures. • Embedded carbon reduction requirements within procurement documentation and processes. • Updated the Pre-Tender Report (PTR) to require consideration of decarbonisation and the circular economy. • Enhanced the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) to include additional carbon-related questions and CRP requirements.

Priority	Update
	• Developed a Carbon Journey animation and infographic to support supplier engagement and understanding of net zero actions. Despite progress, carbon reporting remains challenging. Previous reporting has relied on proxy (Tier 1) data. Plans are underway to improve accuracy by capturing Tier 2 (organisational-level) data for the 2025/26 Annual Net Zero Reporting, with a longer-term ambition to collect Tier 3 (contract-specific) emissions data from suppliers. To support this, Ardal is identifying high-spend suppliers within the highest-emitting categories across partner councils. These suppliers will be engaged to provide emissions data where available. The Welsh Government Energy Service data collection tool will also be issued to selected suppliers. In addition, Ardal is exploring the development of a shared regional emissions database to reduce duplication and improve data sharing across authorities. CAVUHB has also implemented a standardised and proportionate approach to requiring Carbon Reduction Plans within procurement processes. This has supported NHS Wales in improving the accuracy of emissions reporting through increased use of supplier-specific data. As this work is ongoing, it is not yet possible to provide a definitive summary of emissions reductions for 2025/26.

Wellbeing Objective 6: One Planet Cardiff

Priority	Update
Set out a collective carbon reduction ambition for public services.	The One Planet Cardiff (OPC) Strategy was published in 2021, with an overarching strategic goal of mapping a pathway for a Carbon Neutral city. A Climate Emergency Board (CEB) was subsequently established as a sub-group of the Cardiff PSB, bringing together public service partners and other city stakeholders, including Universities and Utility Companies, to share best practice and develop joint initiatives in response to the climate emergency. It was ultimately agreed that the CEB would explore the potential for joint initiatives in the following areas: low emission fleet and infrastructure; procurement; estates, including tree planting and land management; and engagement for culture change. Surveys conducted by the CEB indicate that each member organisation has its own ambitious targets and approaches to carbon reduction. While follow-up work has focused on identifying common ground, a unified PSB-wide approach has yet to be established. Over the past year, however, the CEB has made strong progress in knowledge sharing, including the exchange of case studies and the development of a shared understanding of key challenges. During this period, partners have: • Considered next steps to build on the collaboratively developed Cardiff Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). • Shared learning on circular economy approaches, water conservation, and travel policies. • Engaged with the Welsh Government's collaborative procurement framework to support joint purchasing of electric vehicles. • Delivered a workshop on the health impacts of climate change in partnership with the Future Generations Commissioner. • Supported the Coed Caerdydd project, with over 37,000 trees planted in 2025/26. The percentage of emissions by sector for Cardiff in 2023 (the latest data available) is shown in the chart below. Transport remains the largest source, accounting for 43.9 % of total CO_2 emissions, followed by the domestic sector (23.3 %) and the commercial sector (11.3 %).

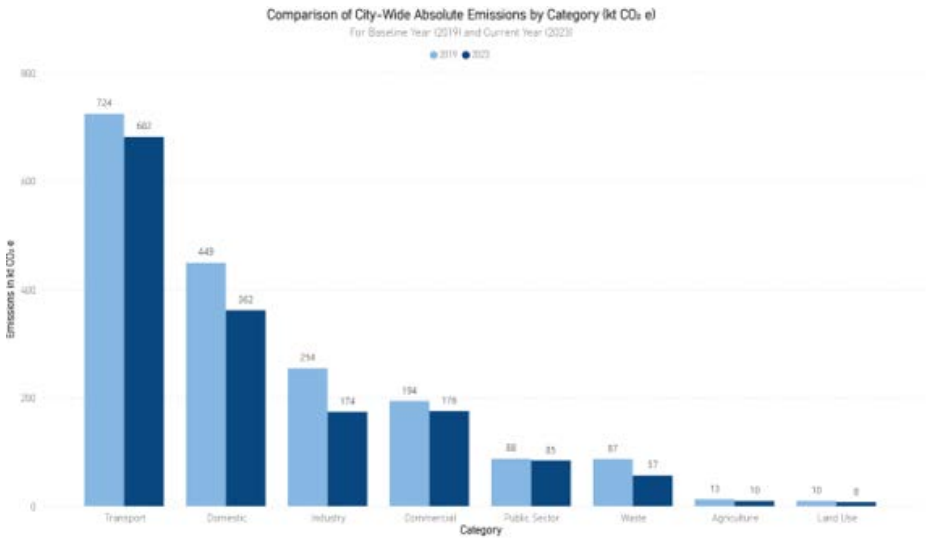
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City-wide emissions (covering all residents, organisations and visitors within the Cardiff boundary) totalled 1.55 million tonnes in 2023. This represents a 21.6 % reduction in per capita emissions and a 14.7 % reduction in total (absolute) emissions compared with 2019.

Further analysis of trends from 2019 to 2023 shows a sustained decrease in emissions, although levels temporarily increased between 2020 and 2021 as activity rebounded following COVID-19 restrictions. Transport remained the largest contributing sector throughout this period. Waste emissions saw the greatest reduction, falling by 34.8 % , reflecting increased diversion from landfill

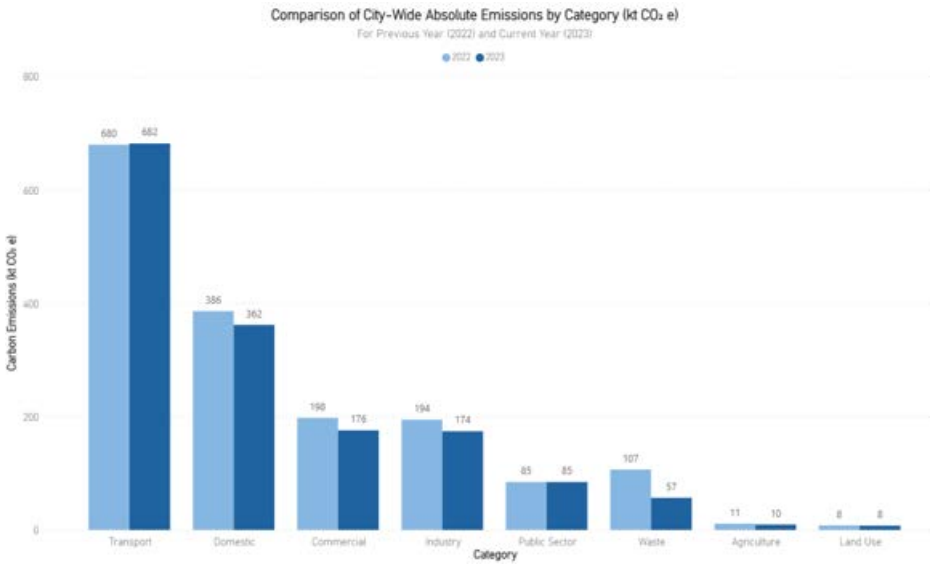
Cardiff city-wide sector carbon emissions and % change in emissions 2019-23 (DE SNZ)										
Calendar Year	Transport kt CO2 e	Domestic kt CO2 e	Commercial kt CO2 e	Industry kt CO2 e	Public Sector kt CO2 e	Waste kt CO2 e	Agriculture kt CO2 e	Land use kt CO2 e	Grand Total kt CO2 e	Per Capita Tonnes
2019	724.0	449.4	194.1	254.2	87.7	86.9	12.7	9.6	1,818.70	5.1
2023	681.6	361.6	175.6	174.0	84.5	56.7	9.5	7.6	1,551.10	4.0
% change	-5.9	-19.5	-9.5	-31.5	-3.6	-34.8	-25.2	-20.8	-14.7	-21.6



Priority	Update
	Between 2022 and 2023, emissions dropped significantly, with per capita emissions decreasing by 11.1 % and total (absolute) emissions by 7 %. Transport continued to be the largest source of emissions, while the waste sector again experienced the most significant percentage reduction (46.8 %). Overall, while progress has been made, the data highlights that the key challenges and priorities for further action remain transport, domestic retrofit, and industrial and commercial decarbonisation.
Lead a programme of work on creating behaviour change and developing enabling environments with PSB staff, focusing on travel, energy use and food.	From a behaviour change perspective, over the past year the Climate Emergency Board (CEB) has: • Showcased key behaviour change initiatives from member organisations, including Natural Resources Wales' water-saving initiative and Cardiff Capital Region's travel consultation and standardised sustainable travel policy. These examples have informed and inspired partner organisations to develop similar approaches, which will continue to be shared through future meetings. • Progressed the procurement of a sustainable travel incentive scheme. This scheme will encourage behaviour change by rewarding staff who choose public or active travel, helping to reduce carbon emissions while promoting health benefits. Cardiff Council's procurement approach also enables partner organisations to join the scheme in a straightforward way, supporting shared data analysis across the PSB area.

Cardiff city-wide sector carbon emissions and % change in emissions 2022-23 (DE SNZ)

Calendar Year	Transport kt CO2 e	Domestic kt CO2 e	Commercial kt CO2 e	Industry kt CO2 e	Public Sector kt CO2 e	Waste kt CO2 e	Agriculture kt CO2 e	Land use kt CO2 e	Grand Total kt CO2 e	Per Capita Tonnes
2019	679.5	385.8	197.5	194.4	84.5	106.5	11.0	8.0	1,667.20	4.5
2023	681.6	361.6	175.6	174.0	84.5	56.7	9.5	7.6	1,551.10	4.0
% change	0.3	-6.3	-11.1	-10.5	0	-46.8	-13.6	-5.0	-7.0	-11.1



Priority	Update
Work together to reduce the carbon impact of PSB members' procurement activities and move to a circular economy.	• Supported Cardiff Capital Region to launch a second round of the Switch Together (formerly Solar Together) group-buying scheme. This initiative enables residents and small businesses across South Wales to access more affordable solar panels and battery storage. Delivered in partnership with other Welsh councils, the scheme has generated significant interest, with over 2,831 applications across the region, including approximately 708 from Cardiff (as of 29 April 2026). The scheme will reopen for a further four-week period, and partner organisations are encouraged to promote it to staff. The CEB also hosted a workshop on 19 June 2025, facilitated by the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, focusing on the health impacts of climate change and the use of foresight techniques. This supported behaviour change within member organisations by shaping how climate risks and adaptation are considered in practice. In addition, Cardiff Council participated in an Innovate UK study exploring how to embed net zero considerations into decision-making processes. The key learnings from this work have been shared with the Board.
Work together to transition to a low emission public sector fleet by: • Exploring opportunities for shared depot facilities, optimising opportunities for integrated electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and possible direct renewable energy supply. • Exploring technical opportunities that could enable partner organisations to utilise each other's existing on-site charging infrastructure. • Exploring opportunities to develop shared procurement arrangements for new EV fleet vehicles.	In 2023/24, the Climate Emergency Board (CEB) contributed to the development of a Welsh Government-led procurement framework, enabling Welsh local authorities, including Cardiff Council, to jointly purchase electric vehicles and achieve significant cost savings. The framework supported the procurement of 232 vehicles in 2024/25, with updated figures for 2025/26 to be shared with the Board shortly. Work is also underway to build on this approach, with Cardiff Council planning to launch an EV salary sacrifice scheme in summer 2026. The CEB continues to explore opportunities for shared depot arrangements to optimise electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Cardiff Council has completed modelling work to assess the capacity of the Lamby Way depot for EV charging. Given its proximity to a solar farm, the site has strong potential to support fleet decarbonisation both within the Council and across collaborating CEB partner organisations.

Priority	Update
Work together to reduce the carbon impact of PSB members' procurement activities and move to a circular economy.	The Welsh Government Energy Service has presented data highlighting opportunities for collaborative procurement that could reduce both carbon emissions and costs. A feasibility study is currently underway to explore the development of a heat network within the Cathays Park area, which has the potential to deliver carbon savings for a number of CEB member organisations. Member organisations regularly present their initiatives to reduce emissions through procurement. These presentations have encouraged other partners to review and strengthen their own approaches, while also providing practical examples of how to comply with emerging procurement regulations. Although organisations continue to operate their own strategies, there is increasing alignment across partners on this agenda. In addition, the Climate Emergency Board (CEB) receives regular briefings from circular economy experts at Cardiff Metropolitan University. These updates highlight best practice and innovative approaches that can be applied within partner organisations. Cardiff Council has also worked with Cardiff Metropolitan University to develop a series of recommendations linked to key projects. This will be a focus for further discussion at the CEB over the coming year, with a view to identifying opportunities for collaboration.
Work together to reduce carbon in public service estates by: • Comparing and collating overall cost estimates for net-zero by 2030 amongst all partners, and identifying funding gaps, strategic issues, and opportunities for onward discussion with policy makers. • Embedding carbon sequestration, tree planting and environmentally responsible land management protocols in estates' strategies.	Cardiff Council has undertaken a major study on the costs associated with achieving net zero across its buildings. This study has been shared with the Climate Emergency Board (CEB) and is regularly referenced in national discussions on retrofit funding. While this remains a challenging area, partners continue to explore decarbonisation opportunities and share best practice, helping to ensure a consistent understanding of emerging developments and opportunities. There is clear evidence that organisations are learning from one another. Information on Welsh Government decarbonisation grants has been regularly shared with CEB partners. In addition, a feasibility study to extend the Cardiff Heat Network to partner organisations has been promoted through the Board, offering potential carbon reduction benefits for organisations located near the network. The CEB continues to support the Coed Caerdydd initiative, which is expanding tree cover across the city and enhancing carbon sequestration (see the priority update below for further details). While significant progress has been made, the CEB is also exploring additional opportunities to integrate carbon sequestration and sustainable land management into estates strategies.

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Increase the opportunity to absorb emissions and improve biodiversity with green infrastructure. This includes exploring the use of public sector land to increase tree planting to increase carbon sequestration and improve biodiversity.	Coed Caerdydd is a 10-year initiative designed to enhance tree cover across Cardiff, supporting the One Planet Cardiff Strategy. The programme aims to increase tree coverage in the city from 18.9 % to 25 % by 2030. Since its launch in 2021, the project has led to the planting of 155,000 new trees. In 2025/26 alone, more than 37,000 trees were planted across 230 public sites including Rumney Police station and Cardiff University. The initiative has seen strong collaboration from Climate Emergency Board (CEB) members, including Cardiff University, the University of South Wales, South Wales Police, and CAVUHB, all of whom have facilitated tree planting on their land. The scheme relies heavily on volunteers and has utilised around 3,000 volunteer hours in the last planting season and a total of 21,000 hours since its inception.
Work together to develop and deliver a Local Nature Recovery Action Plan.	The Cardiff Local Nature Partnership (LNP) is developing a Local Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) to support delivery of the objectives set out in the National Nature Recovery Action Plan. The NRAP will outline the key actions required to restore and enhance nature across the city. Work has continued to gather input from local wildlife groups and subject matter experts, and a comprehensive list of proposed actions has now been compiled. Following recent changes to the national framework, the supporting background document is currently being updated, with a final draft of the NRAP expected in summer 2026. To support delivery, dedicated webpages will be developed on the Outdoor Cardiff website to share information and promote opportunities for action. These are expected to go live later in the year. A Cardiff NRAP delivery group has also been established to support project development and monitor progress against actions. All organisations and community groups contributing to nature recovery are encouraged to participate.
Complete and sustain implementation of the Healthy Travel Charter to support a modal shift amongst public service staff.	Partners across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have continued to collaborate on the delivery of the Cardiff and Vale Healthy Travel Charters. Key developments this year include: • Continued strong participation in Cardiff and Vale Healthy Travel Charter peer group meetings, including increased engagement and membership, alongside tailored discussions with signatories on request. • Active promotion by Charter organisations of key awareness campaigns throughout the year, including Bike Week, National Clean Air Day and Cycle to Work Day. • Work at a national level (separately funded by Public Health Wales) to further develop the Healthy Travel Charter approach. This has helped better align activity across Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and Transport for Wales in supporting employers to promote sustainable travel. This work has

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	resulted in a new set of consolidated Healthy Travel Charter standards, due to be published in Q1 2026/27, alongside new signatories and with the option for adoption across regions in Wales. • Engagement with St Fagans (Amgueddfa Cymru) to explore sustainable transport options to and from the site, informing a Transport for Wales-hosted workshop on further refinement of the Healthy Travel Charter standards. During 2026/27, the intention is to transition all willing signatories from the original Cardiff and Vale Healthy Travel Charters to the new national standards once published. This will provide organisations with a more flexible pathway for improvement, enhanced national support, and an opportunity to build on the strong foundations established through the original Charters.
Work together on maximising opportunities for developing walkable neighbourhoods during the development and building of significant new public sector infrastructure, such as the health or local authority estate, progressing Cardiff's ambition to become a '15-minute city.'	Progress has been made in embedding the principles of walkable neighbourhoods into wider regeneration and planning work. A draft Regeneration Strategy was presented to Cardiff Council's Cabinet in December 2025, where approval was given to undertake public consultation. A six-week consultation was launched on 19 December 2025 and concluded on 1 February 2026. The finalised Strategy was then presented to and approved by Cardiff Council's Cabinet in May 2026. The Strategy aims to enhance the vitality and viability of Cardiff's district and local centres, supporting the development of sustainable communities in line with the placemaking objectives of the emerging Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP). It provides a structured approach to future investment and regeneration across Cardiff's centres and neighbourhoods. The Strategy seeks to prioritise areas of greatest need and opportunity, while embedding placemaking principles that reflect the unique character of each area. It also establishes an overarching framework to guide the design and delivery of more detailed local placemaking and regeneration plans. The eight principles are: • Diverse Green and Blue Networks • Vibrant Public Life and Public Realm • Attractive Built Environment • Thriving Neighbourhoods • Prosperous Centres • Well-Connected and Accessible for All • Distinct Image and Identity • Engaged and Empowered Communities The principle of Well-Connected and Accessible for All promotes the creation of public spaces and infrastructure that enable safe, seamless and equitable movement, regardless of age, ability, gender or mode of transport.

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Promote healthy, local, and low-carbon food and support Food Cardiff's bid to become the first Gold Sustainable Food Place in Wales.	Partners across Cardiff have continued to build on the city's achievement of the Gold Sustainable Food Places Award (October 2024), working collaboratively through Food Cardiff to promote healthier, more local and lower-carbon food. Partnership activity has supported progress on improving the city's food environment and promoting healthier choices. This includes Cardiff Council's approval of a revised Advertising and Sponsorship Policy, which restricts the promotion of high fat, salt and sugar products across the Council estate, including bus stops. This represents a key contribution to shared partnership objectives around creating healthier food environments, with implementation to take place as existing contracts expire. In parallel, organisations are working collectively with suppliers and service providers to strengthen sustainability and social value within food provision, including school meals, while preparing for the introduction of updated Welsh Government Healthy Eating Regulations later in 2026. An evaluation of the Council's Food Strategy Action Plan has been completed, and work is now underway to refresh the strategy. This will ensure continued alignment with Food Cardiff priorities and support the next phase of delivery towards a more sustainable, healthy and resilient local food system.
Improve water quality through nature-based, whole catchment solutions to water resources management	The River Restoration Programme (RRP), led by Natural Resources Wales (NRW), is a national initiative focused on restoring rivers across Wales to a more natural state. The programme aims to improve ecological health and deliver multiple benefits for biodiversity, climate resilience and communities. This programme complements wider whole-catchment initiatives led by NRW and partners. The River Ely catchment approach continues to provide a strategic framework for identifying priorities to improve water quality, enhance natural capital and strengthen flood resilience across local authority boundaries. Building on this approach, similar catchment-scale activity is now developing within the River Taff. The RRP supports NRW's statutory duties under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) and Habitats Regulations, enabling the delivery of both large and small-scale projects. Funded through the Welsh Government Nature and Climate Emergency Fund, the programme has continued to make progress during 2025/26, enhancing ecological condition, biodiversity and the quality of blue-green spaces for local communities. Progress in the Cardiff area includes: • Nant Dowlais (St George's-super-Ely): Work on the lower Nant Dowlais has reinstated natural meanders, improving habitat diversity and supporting long-term ecological recovery. Remaining works are expected to be completed in early 2026.

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	• Nant Dowlais Phase 2 (St Fagans & Stockland): A second phase is now underway, focusing on the upper Nant Dowlais catchment to address water quality and habitat pressures within a modified watercourse. Opportunity mapping and an options appraisal are in progress and are due for completion in summer 2026. Resulting actions will be prioritised to restore natural river processes, strengthen climate resilience, and enhance ecosystem services and landscape quality for the benefit of people and nature. In Cardiff's urban environment, three sites were initially identified for blue-green space improvements: Roath Brook (Roath Recreation Ground), Nant Glandulais (Peppermint Park), and Nant y Wedal (Heath Park). • Nant y Wedal, Heath Park: This scheme has been prioritised and is progressing from outline to detailed design in early 2026, with strong support from the landowner and local community. A second public consultation was undertaken in March 2026, and construction is scheduled for summer 2027. The project will restore a heavily modified watercourse, improving habitat quality, biodiversity and overall ecological function. A key objective is to enhance the park's green and blue space for residents, visitors and hospital patients by improving access, landscape quality and ecosystem services. The scheme is being delivered in partnership with Cardiff Council, University Hospital of Wales, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and local community groups, and is expected to act as a demonstrator for future urban river restoration projects. More information can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website. Looking ahead, further engagement activity is planned to support the whole-catchment approach to water management. NRW's "Taking Action for a Flood Resilient Taff" consultation opened on 1 April 2025 and will run until 31 March 2027. Community engagement activity is planned to commence during 2026-27 to support the development of long-term, catchment-wide solutions. More information can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website.

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Understand the impact of the changing climate on our services and estates such as the flood risk, implementing climate adaptation solutions as required.	Cardiff PSB commissioned a comprehensive Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA), delivered by external consultants, to identify the most significant climate risks facing the city and the partnership. The assessment was approved by the PSB in October 2025 and identifies a range of high-priority risks, including flooding, infrastructure disruption, overheating, and impacts on health, businesses and biodiversity. It also highlights inconsistencies in how climate risks are currently captured across partner organisations' risk frameworks, as well as opportunities to strengthen collaboration in managing shared risks. In response, the PSB agreed a structured approach to embedding climate risk more consistently across partner organisations. This includes translating the findings into corporate/strategic and operational/service-level risk frameworks, ensuring that both high-level and service-specific risks are reflected. It was also agreed that partners would identify climate risks that are shared across organisations, particularly where there are interdependencies or opportunities for a coordinated response. While the final CCRA was awaited, partners began to strengthen their shared understanding of climate risk through joint activity. In June 2025, Cardiff PSB's Climate Emergency Board joined Vale PSB's Asset Management and Climate Emergency Sub-Group in a Future Generations Cymru-facilitated workshop on the long-term impacts of climate change on health. The session trialled an integrated foresight and prevention approach, enabling partners to explore the impacts of extreme heat, cold and flooding across both areas, identify long-term risks and opportunities, and develop practical next steps to inform future planning and collaboration. Since approval of the CCRA, partners have begun to take forward this work, with initial activity focused on reviewing existing risk registers and considering how the findings can be integrated. Work is now underway to convene a series of workshops, bringing together nominated leads from across organisations, starting in summer 2026. These workshops will support the consistent embedding of climate risks within organisational frameworks and begin the process of identifying shared risks across the partnership. Shared risks will be recorded and monitored through a collective Climate Change Risk Register, maintained by the CEB. This will support a more coordinated, partnership-based approach to managing climate risks, strengthening resilience across Cardiff and improving the PSB's collective response to future climate challenges.

Wellbeing Objective 7: Modernising and Integrating our Communities

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Increase the use of data, including shared data, across public services to inform decision making and service reform, building on the successful approach adopted during the pandemic.	Work to strengthen data sharing and learning across services has continued to progress in 2025/26, with several projects currently being delivered that support integrated service delivery, earlier intervention, and evidence-led decision-making: • The Single View of the Child project aims to address recommendations from serious case reviews over the last 20 years, which found that better information sharing across partner organisations could have helped prevent tragic outcomes for the children involved. The project links together data from multiple services, including children's social care, schools and education, and youth justice and exploitation. Though held in different IT systems, data from these systems has been matched to create a joined-up record for individuals which practitioners can access. The project has a successful pilot in 2025 and is now planning for a full launch later in 2026. • The Summary Care Viewer (SCV) provides a joined-up view of health and social care data, complementing Single View, and is currently live with a number of services across the Health Board and both Cardiff and Vale Councils. • The Community Safety Dashboard continues to provide a high-level view of crime data across Cardiff, supporting evidence-based discussions and targeted analysis. Now embedded within the Community Safety Team, the dashboard is more closely aligned with service delivery, helping to drive more effective and focused interventions. • The City Dashboard, which is also publicly available via the Council's website, brings together a broad range of data, including the Cardiff PSB's Wellbeing Plan outcome indicators, to provide an overview of key trends and performance across the city. Regular maintenance of the dashboard is ongoing, with quarterly checks in place and new indicators added as data becomes available.
Take an integrated approach to the management of public sector land, buildings, and services in localities, responding to the needs and strengths of each community, including existing and planned communities.	Significant progress has been made in taking a more integrated and strategic approach to the management of public sector land, buildings, and services. The Partnership Asset Management Board (PAMB) meets quarterly, providing a senior-level forum for public sector organisations within Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan to coordinate the strategic planning, development and management of public property, assets and partnership capital schemes. Its revised terms of reference, agreed in March 2025, reinforces its role in supporting the delivery of Cardiff Public Services Board, Vale Public Services Board and Cardiff and Vale RPB priorities. The Board oversees the RPB's Strategic Capital Plan and facilitates alignment of capital strategies, enhances understanding of each organisation's strategic planning and governance arrangements, and helps identify joint opportunities to deliver greater value and improved outcomes for communities.

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	A number of priority partnership schemes are being progressed through the Board, including the development of new integrated hub projects. The hubs seek to provide fit-for-purpose, co-located facilities that bring services and staff together in one place, enabling a more holistic and accessible offer to residents. The PAMB also provides a mechanism to monitor and mitigate shared risks, which are captured in the Strategic Capital Plan and tracked across partner organisations. Key risks include capacity constraints across all partners due to pressures within each organisation and financial constraints both revenue and capital. Despite these challenges, there is strong commitment to collaborative working and forward strategic planning. Current efforts build on previous successful joint capital projects, supported by a dynamic pipeline of gaps, opportunities and projects, strong project governance structures, shared partnership principles, templates and robust partnership project management techniques.
Increase levels of citizen engagement in decision making, particularly from civically disengaged groups and young people, exploring a joint approach to citizen engagement and consultation.	Cardiff PSB's Consultation Overview Report consolidates key findings from consultation and engagement activities undertaken by public service partners across the city. It provides valuable insights into residents' and service users' experiences of their lives, communities and interactions with public services. The inaugural report was developed to inform the PSB's current Local Wellbeing Plan, and the Board has committed to updating and publishing it on an annual basis. Organised around the PSB's Wellbeing Objectives, the report also includes, where possible, demographic analysis to provide a deeper understanding of how experiences and perspectives vary across different communities. The next edition is due to be published in summer 2026. The Cardiff and Vale Public Services Engagement Group has continued to meet; however, a number of sessions were cancelled due to competing demands. Despite this, the group has successfully established strong working relationships, enabling members to seek advice and share good practice on an informal basis when needed.
Lead public services that respond to and reflect the diversity of the city, including responding to and implementing in full the recommendations of the Race Equality Taskforce.	The Cardiff Race Equality Taskforce, established in 2020, brought together Cardiff Council and public service partners to identify practical actions to improve race equality across the city. In March 2022, the Taskforce published its final report, setting out recommendations to improve outcomes for ethnically diverse communities. These recommendations were accepted by Cardiff Council and the Cardiff PSB, with responsibility for delivery shared across partner organisations. To support implementation, the Public Service Equality Network was established to coordinate delivery, promote shared learning and maintain a collective focus on improving equality outcomes across public services. Building on this work, recommendations have been embedded within relevant organisational strategies and plans across the partnership. For Cardiff Council, this includes incorporation within its Strategic Equality Plan 2024-28, while actions for other public sector partners are being progressed and monitored through the governance arrangements of the Public Service Equality Network.

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	During 2025/26, progress has continued to be monitored through established review processes. This includes annual reporting against agreed actions and performance measures, enabling partners to assess achievements, identify areas requiring further focus, and consider risks and challenges that may impact delivery. These processes also provide an opportunity to demonstrate how equality considerations are being embedded into the planning, delivery and evaluation of services across organisations. To further advance equality, diversity and inclusion across public services, the Network has reviewed best practice and identified areas for improvement. It has developed a set of actions to support the transition from best practice to common practice across partner organisations, focusing on five key themes: • Leadership and Culture • Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training • Workforce Diversity • Inclusive and Informed Service Delivery • Social Value The Cardiff PSB will continue to oversee this work through an annual report, ensuring that progress is tracked across the partnership and shared learning is applied to improve outcomes for communities. The first of these reports is scheduled for 2026/27.

