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# Strategic Planning & Transport: Councillor Caro Wild

# CAPITAL AMBITION



As one of the UK's fastest-growing cities it is crucial that growth is well-planned, sustainable, and that its benefits are felt by everyone in the city.

Growth is a big opportunity for Cardiff – a successful city is a place where people want to live – but it will bring challenges too. This Administration is committed to making sure that Cardiff grows in a resilient way, that its communities – new and old – are well-planned and well-connected, and that its infrastructures and public services are fit for the future.

Getting our transport system right is one of this Administration's top priorities. Tackling congestion will reduce carbon emissions and improve the quality of the air we breathe, improve people's health and support the city's economy. Transport within Cardiff is currently dominated by private car journeys. This is changing, with more and more people cycling or walking to work, catching the bus or taking the train. But it's not changing fast enough. It's time for Cardiff to go up another gear.

Each day over 90,000 people – well over a third of the city's workforce – come in and out of Cardiff from elsewhere in the Cardiff Capital region. Four out of every five come by car. This Administration wants Cardiff to be a capital city that works for Wales. Investing in a quick, reliable and sustainable transport system linking the city and the region has to be a project of national significance. We will work with our city-region partners and with Welsh Government to make sure that it happens.

## We will:

- Work with Welsh Government and city-region partners to **deliver the first phase of the Cardiff Metro**, supporting a step-change in how people commute into, and travel around the city.
- **Ensure that land use in the city is well-planned and well-managed** through the continued implementation of the Local Development Plan, delivering **new high-quality communities and housing** through a detailed master planning approach.
- Retain Cardiff Bus in public ownership and enhance the public bus transport infrastructure:
  - Delivering bus priority measures on key corridors and development of strategic park and ride sites.
  - Developing integrated strategic transport hubs at Cardiff Central and Cardiff West, whilst exploring with partners the potential for a hub at University Hospital Wales.
  - Explore smart ticketing options, integrated with the Metro.
- Start delivering a Cardiff Cycling Strategy, which will include:
  - Phased implementation of new **Cycle Super Highways**.
  - An upgrade of popular routes including the **Taff Trail, Bay Loop and Castle Street**.
  - A review of the most appropriate **Cycle Hire** model for Cardiff, considering technology-led proposals.
- Place active travel at the heart of planning, transport and highway policy by:
  - Designing **safer routes to our schools and around our communities**, ensuring every school has an active travel plan for cycling and walking.
  - Rolling out more **20mph and pedestrian-friendly zones** across the city to make our streets safer and calmer.
  - Shifting car-culture through initiatives such as Car Free Day, Car Sharing and Car Clubs.
- Deliver a best-practice **Clean Air Strategy**, working across Cabinet Portfolios and Council Directorates.
- Begin to **address historic under-investment in our roads and footways** by increasing capital investment.
- **Extend enforcement of moving traffic and parking offences and deploy new technology** to manage the road network, in order to improve driver behaviour and enhance the safety of our roads.
- Bring forward a Green Paper on **Sustainable Transport in Cardiff**.