
COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report provides Members with:
 - i. A correspondence update;
 - ii. Details of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 9 February 2019 and 28 March 2019;
 - iii. An opportunity for Members to discuss an indicative Committee Forward Work Plan May – July 2019.

Correspondence update

2. Following most Committee meetings the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered.
3. At the Committee meeting on 17 January 2019, Members received a report detailing the correspondence sent and received up to that meeting. Since then, correspondence has been sent following the Committee meeting on 17 January 2019 and 19 February 2019.
4. The list below details the position with regard to responses to correspondence:
 - i. *Response Received*– from Councillor Russell Goodway, to the Chair's letter following scrutiny of plans to regenerate the Dumballs Road area, considered at Committee on 11 October 2018.

- ii. *Response Received*– from Councillor Bradbury and Councillor Goodway to the Chair’s letter regarding the report to Cabinet on Heritage Buildings, considered at Committee on 8 November 2018.
 - iii. *Response Received* – from Councillor Goodway to the Chair’s public letter regarding the report to Cabinet on the Indoor Arena, considered at Committee on 8 November 2018.
 - iv. *Response Received*– from Councillor Peter Bradbury and Councillor Michael Michael to the letter of Councillor Ramesh Patel, Chair of the Joint Committee meeting held on 19 November to scrutinise the Public Spaces Protection Order: Dog Controls.
 - v. *No response required* – from Councillor Peter Bradbury to the Chair’s letter regarding the leisure centre management contract with GLL, considered at Committee on 17 January 2019.
 - vi. *Response Received* – from Councillor Chris Weaver, to the Chair’s letter regarding Corporate Plan and Budgetary Proposals 2019/20, considered at Committee on 19 February 2019.
5. There are no correspondence responses outstanding. Copies of the Chair’s letters and responses received can be found on the Council’s website page for the relevant Committee meeting, with a hyperlink provided at the top of the page, entitled ‘*correspondence following the committee meeting*’.

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal

6. At the Committee Meeting on 6 December 2018, Members requested sight of the minutes of the meetings of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) City Deal. The draft minutes for the first JOSC meeting, held on 15 October 2018, were circulated to Members ahead of their 17 January 2019 committee meeting.
7. The next meeting of the JOSC was held on 9 February 2019, with a further meeting held on 28 March 2019; the agenda and papers for these meetings are available at:

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=441&LLL=0>

8. In the morning of 9 February 2019, JOSC Members toured the Compound Semi-Conductor Foundry building, near Newport, enabling Members to see the facilities and meet representatives of IQE, the company that specialises in research, development and production of compound semi-conductors and has its headquarters in St Mellons, Cardiff. IQE have over 50% of the global market share re compound semi-conductors.
9. At the meeting in the afternoon of 9 February 2019, the JOSC considered the following items:
 - a. Compound Semi-Conductor Foundry Project
 - b. Joint Working Agreement Business Plan
 - c. Forward Work Programme, Training and Schedule of Meetings.
10. At the meeting Members:
 - a. Requested that a Confidential Briefing report on IQE and its share price be shared with CCRCD JOSC Members, on a confidential basis;
 - b. Requested a detailed breakdown on new jobs created and those that would be safeguarded as a result of investment from the CCRCD. Members also asked for a timeline for creation of the additional jobs;
 - c. Noted the JWA Business Plan;
 - d. Proposed adding the following items to their Forward Work Programme:
 - i. Education – how to ensure young people have access to the opportunities arising from CCRCD
 - ii. Marketing & Advertising IQE to customers and local communities, to ensure they are aware of local opportunities;
 - e. Discussed the future scrutiny of the South Wales Metro and received advice that this scrutiny should be undertaken jointly with the Welsh Government and the Transport Authority and that Welsh Government would be expected to lead on this;

- f. Recommended that the CCRCD Joint Cabinet revisit and reconsider the budget allocated to joint scrutiny, to allow Members greater flexibility to carry out their role and have additional meetings as the need arose;
 - g. Requested training on the role of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Member and for Joint Scrutiny Chair training to be arranged for the Chair and Vice Chair of JOSC.
- 11. In the morning of 28 March 2019, JOSC Members were able to attend a training session, which covered the role of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Member, effective joint scrutiny and how to use these to enhance shared outcomes.
- 12. At the meeting in the afternoon of 28 March 2019, the JOSC approved the minutes for the meeting on the 9 February 2019 and considered the following items:
 - a. Wider Investment Plan
 - b. Forward Work Programme, Training and Schedule of Meetings
 - c. Compound Semi-Conductor Project: The Protection of City Deal funds (*confidential item*).
- 13. The minutes from the meeting on 28 March 2019 are being prepared and will be circulated to Committee Members when available.

Committee Forward Plan

- 14. As part of the Council's response to the Wales Audit Office report '*Overview and Scrutiny - Fit for the Future?*' (July 2018), the Head of Democratic Services has introduced publication of the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site. These have been published for October

2018 – January 2019 and January 2019 – April 2019, on the Council's internet site, under the Forward Plan heading.¹

15. The next published FWP will cover the period May 2019 – July 2019. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix A** and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting. This is an indicative FWP, subject to change following the appointment of a new Committee at Council's Annual General Meeting in May 2019.
16. Members are requested to note that the Libraries Strategy is shown in both May and June 2019. The consultation period on the proposals commences early May, with a decision report proposed for Cabinet in June. Members are asked to consider the approach they wish to take to this scrutiny i.e. policy development scrutiny, pre-decision scrutiny or both.

Way Forward

11. During their meeting, Members will have the opportunity to reflect on the correspondence update, note the update provided re the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cardiff Capital Region City Deal meetings on 9 February 2019 and 28 March 2019 and discuss the information provided in **Appendix A** and agree any amendments.

Legal Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out

¹ Available at: <http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=142&RD=0&LLL=0>

any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

13. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- I. Reflect on the update on committee consultation;
- II. Note the update provided on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Cardiff Capital Region City Deal meetings on 9 February 2019 and 28 March 2019; and
- III. Consider the updated Committee Forward Work Plan attached at **Appendix A**, agree any amendments required and approve for publication on the Council's internet.

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