

**CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE: UPDATE**

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**Background**

1. This report provides Members with details of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) meeting held on 24 June 2019.
2. At the Committee Meeting on 6 December 2018, Members requested sight of minutes of the meetings of the JOSC for the CCRCD. These have been provided as follows:
  - i. 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.
  - ii. A hyperlink to the draft minutes for the second JOSC meeting, held on 9 February 2019, was included in the Committee Business report to Committee on 9 April 2019.
  - iii. The draft minutes for the third JOSC meeting, held on 28 March 2019, are available at:  
<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=441&MId=3682&LLL=0>
3. At the JOSC meeting on 28 March 2019, Members requested the following:
  - i. Pre-meetings to be held, directly before the scheduled meeting, to enable JOSC Members to consider lines of enquiry;
  - ii. Executive Summaries to be included in all future reports;
  - iii. To revisit the Terms of Reference of the JOSC;
  - iv. That the Forward Work Plan of the JOSC include the following:

- a. Developing a Skilled Workforce
- b. Performance reports alongside Business Plans
- c. Investment & Intervention Framework
- d. Structure & Governance of Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

## **JOSC - 24 June 2019**

4. The JOSC met on 24 June 2019 to consider the following:
  - i. Annual Business Plan 2019-20: Quarter 4 Performance Report
  - ii. Investment and Intervention Framework & Toolkit
  - iii. City Deal Office – restructure & resourcing plan
  - iv. Forward Work Plan – Training and schedule of meetings.
  
5. As requested, prior to the meeting the JOSC held a pre-meeting to discuss lines of enquiry. Members also received Executive Summaries as part of the meeting papers, as previously asked for. The reports to the JOSC focused on the items requested including the performance report being considered alongside the relevant business plan and a report on the Investment and Intervention Framework & Toolkit.
  
6. Following consideration of the items, the JOSC Members made the following comments, observations and recommendations:
  - i. **2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Q4 Performance Report –**
    - a. That the JOSC receive an update on the outstanding actions in the report when they receive the Q1 Performance report
    - b. Recommended that the CCRCDD Director feedback to Welsh Government the collective view from the Local Authorities of the decision not to go ahead with the M4 relief road at Newport so Welsh Government could take these into consideration in their future planning.
  - ii. **Investment and Intervention Framework Toolkit**
    - a. Noted the report and agreed that the item remain on the Forward Work Programme to allow them to revisit should they deem this necessary
  - iii. **Establishment of the CCRCDD Office – Restructure and Resourcing Plan**
    - a. Noted the report
  - iv. **Forward Work Programme, Training and Schedule of Meetings**
    - a. To be added to the Forward Work Programme:
      - Skills for the Future Report
      - JOSC Terms of Reference – The panel wish to revisit their terms of reference in a facilitated workshop to ensure they are relevant and

allow for sufficient scrutiny of the CCRCD. Members also recommended that they be reviewed annually.

- b. Whilst discussing the Forward Work Programme, Members of the JOSC recommended the following:
- that the support for the scrutiny function in Bridgend is reviewed in relation to direct support for the CCRCD JOSC
  - That sufficient funding is sought so that the JOSC are able to carry out investigation panels, hold special meetings, invite expert witnesses and undertake site visits as projects develop.
  - Cllr M Rahman wished to express his disappointment that there were no Cabinet members present at the meeting, recommended that every meeting should have at least one in attendance so they could be held to account by members.

7. The last meeting of the CCRCD Cabinet was held on 12 September and considered:

- i. Statement of Accounts
- ii. Month 4 Budget Monitoring Report
- iii. Valleys Regional Park Proposals
- iv. Regional Transport Authority report
- v. Supporting Local Sustainable Growth – Bridgend
- vi. ‘Strength in Places’ Fund – submission of Full Business Case for CS Connected.

8. The papers for the CCRC Cabinet on 12 September are available at:

<https://www.cardiffcapitalregion.wales/event/regional-cabinet-public-meeting/>

9. The next scheduled meeting of the JOSC is to be held on 23 September 2019, with agenda items expected to include:

- a. Skills Partnership – Developing a Skilled Workforce and Tackling Unemployment
- b. Quarter 1 Performance Report

10. In addition, work is underway to hold a facilitated workshop in October to revisit Terms of Reference and provide further training for JOSC members.

## **Way Forward**

11. During their meeting, Members will have the opportunity to note the update provided re the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cardiff Capital Region City Deal meeting held on 24 June 2019 and planned for 23 September 2019.

## **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 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. Note the update provided on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Cardiff Capital Region City Deal meetings on 24 June 2019 and 23 September 2019.

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**13 September 2019**