

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

Background

1. This report provides Members with an update on recent meetings of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Cabinet and details of the CCRCD Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) meeting held on 23 September 2019.
2. Members have received updates and hyperlinks to meeting papers and minutes for previous meetings, with the last update provided at Committee on 19 September 2019.

CCRCD Cabinet

3. The last scheduled meeting of the CCRCD Cabinet was held on 12 September, as detailed in papers to Committee Members for their meeting on 19 September. The minutes of the meeting are available here:
<https://www.cardiffcapitalregion.wales/event/special-regional-cabinet-meeting/>
4. A Special Cabinet meeting was held on 21 October 2019, with meeting papers available here:
<https://www.cardiffcapitalregion.wales/event/special-regional-cabinet-meeting/>
5. This meeting considered the following items:
 - a. Disclosure of interests, following WAO review identifying need to tighten CCRCD processes;

- b. Investment & Infrastructure funding – allocation of £198,000 to Housing Fund (£98,000) and Cardiff Metro (£100,000) and replacement of out-going Newport Council Chief Executive with Cardiff Council Chief Executive on SIFT panel; and
 - c. Regional response to Welsh Govt. consultation on National Development Framework 2020-2040.
6. The next scheduled meeting of the CCRCDC Cabinet has been moved from 9 December to 19 December 2019.

JOSC

7. The last meeting of the JOSC was held on 23 September 2019, with substantive agenda items as follows:
- a. Regional Transport Authority - Metro Plus Update
 - b. Skills Partnership – Developing a Skilled Workforce and Tackling Unemployment
 - c. Quarter 1 Performance Report.
8. There were the following outcome from the scrutiny:
- a. Regional Transport Authority Transport Update
Members asked that this item remain on the Forward Work Programme and that they receive an annual update. Members noted the progress made to date and that the project was still in its early stages.
 - b. Developing a Skilled Workforce and Tackling Unemployment
Members noted the report and stated that in order for the Committee to effectively challenge they be provided with the relevant data within the report to allow them opportunity to provide effective scrutiny. Members recommended greater engagement with schools and parents on STEM to ensure all are aware of the potential opportunities available to them.
9. Meeting papers can be accessed here:
<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=441&MId=3685&Ver=4&LLL=0>
10. JOSC Members discussed the letters from Cardiff Council Scrutiny Chairs, including the letter sent from this Committee, outlining Members concerns about resources for JOSC. They agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the

future support requirements for the JOSC and how the JOSC can deliver an effective scrutiny function focussed on an outcome based approach. It is planned that, following the workshop, a detailed request for resources would be made to the CCRC D Cabinet; JOSC Members have already expressed concerns that the meetings of the CCRC D are too few and the resources do not allow for sufficient member development sessions, informal meetings and networking opportunities.

11. The next meeting of the JOSC is scheduled for January 2020, date to be confirmed, with agenda items expected to include:
 - a. Economic Growth Partnership – Industrial and Economic Growth Plan
 - b. Q2 Performance Report

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 23 September 2019 and planned for January 2020.

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 23 September 2019 and January 2020.

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