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

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides Members with an update on meetings of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Cabinet and the CCRCD Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC), following the last update provided at Committee in November 2022.

Background – City Deal

2. The CCRCD has its own website at:
[Cardiff Capital Region - Re-energising our Region, Reshaping our Future](#)
3. This website contains useful background information on the role of CCRCD, the team supporting CCRCD, its priority sectors, as well as the following:
 - i. Research to inform CCRCD
[Research & Policy Papers - Cardiff Capital Region](#)
 - ii. Business Plans and Annual Reviews
[Key Documents - Cardiff Capital Region](#)
 - iii. Quarterly reviews of CCRCD publications
[Newsletters & Publications - Cardiff Capital Region](#)
 - iv. Updates on projects
[Project Hub - Cardiff Capital Region](#)
 - v. Updates on investments
[Investment Hub - Cardiff Capital Region](#)
 - vi. News & Events
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4. The website also provides details on the governance of the CCRCD, including links to:
 - i. Regional Cabinet meetings
 - ii. Joint Scrutiny Committee
 - iii. South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee
 - iv. Regional Transport Authority
 - v. CSWC Foundry Board

[Governing Bodies - Cardiff Capital Region](#)

CCRCD Cabinet

5. The CCRCD Cabinet has met once since the last update to Committee. The agenda and papers for this meeting is available here, with a list of items considered at the meeting shown below:

[Governance Papers - Cardiff Capital Region](#)

28 November 2022

- Declaration of Interests for Elected Members Protocol
- 2022/23 Month 7 Joint Committee Revenue Budget Monitoring Report
- 2022/23 Annual Business Plan – Quarter 2 Performance Report
- Proposals for CCR's engagement at MIPIM 2023¹
- Regional Economic Growth Partnership – Succession Arrangements for Transitional Year 2023024
- Update on South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) and Proposed Way Forward
- Audit Wales – Investment Framework Review
- Exempt Items:
 - o Deed of Variation – Easement at Imperial Park, Newport
 - o Acquisition and Remediation of Former Aberthaw Power Station- Update
 - o Report of the Investment Panel: Recommendation Logs, Strategic Outline Case and Project Updates.

¹ MIPIM is the world's largest property investment event, with exhibitors from +100 countries and over 25,000 investors, property developers, architects and planners attending.

6. The update report on the CJC explains there has been progress made on some of the outstanding technical matters regarding the establishment of CJCs, including VAT and consequential amendments. Some of these require orders to be laid before parliament, and indicative timings suggest the majority of these could be in place by April 2023.
7. The update report on the CJC sets out a proposed way forward to transition from the City Deal to the CJC, focusing on clarifying:
 - i. what the Cardiff Capital Region needs to be able to deliver and how
 - ii. what needs to be in place by April 2023 to enable movement from the 'bare minimum' CJC currently in operation to a transition state
 - iii. how to build on the transition state to get to a fully functioning CJC, bringing all staff and activity under one organisational umbrella.
8. The update report on the CJC also sets out there will be a CJC Board with ultimate responsibility for the transition, supported by a CJC Transition Board, CJC Working Group and Individual Workstreams. Rhondda Cynon Taf Council are the CJCs transactional support services provider, whilst Cardiff Council is the City Deal's Accountable Body; both are being asked what levels of support may be required over the transition period and beyond.
9. The next meeting of the Regional Cabinet is yet to be scheduled.

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC)

10. The JOSC is currently supported by Rhondda Cynon Taf Scrutiny Services and details and papers for meetings since 2020 can be found here:
[Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/scrutiny-services)
11. The JOSC has not held a meeting since the last update to Committee in November 2022. However, it has undertaken a site visit to the Aberthaw Power Station, on 19 December 2022.
12. The next meeting of the JOSC is yet to be scheduled.

Way Forward

13. During their meeting, Members will have the opportunity to note the update provided re the CCRC D Cabinet and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Legal Implications

14. 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

15. 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 note the update provided on the CCRCDCabinet and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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