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

Background

1. This report provides Members with an update on meetings of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) Cabinet since March 2020 and details of the CCRCD Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC).
2. Members have received updates and hyperlinks to meeting papers and minutes for previous meetings, with the last update provided at Committee on 12 March 2020.

CCRCD Cabinet

3. Since the Covid-19 lockdown, the CCRCD Cabinet has met remotely three times. The agenda and papers for these meeting are available here:

<https://www.cardiffcapitalregion.wales/documents/>

4. These meeting considered the following items:

4 May 2020

- a. AGM – appointment of Cllr Anthony Hunt as Chair, Cllr Huw Thomas and Cllr Peter Fox as Deputy Chairs.

18 May 2020

- b. Regional Investment Wales Consultation
- c. COVID Strategy
- d. Investment Panel
- e. City Deal Audit Plan
- f. Outturn

- g. Quarter 4 Performance
- h. Gateway Review – Risks and Issues

15 June 2020

- i. Investment Panel
- j. Challenge Fund
- k. Western Gateway
- l. Statement of Accounts
- m. Annual Governance Statement
- n. Disclosures of Interests Update
- o. Portfolios of Cabinet Members Update.

- 5. The next scheduled meeting of the CCRCD Cabinet is on 14 September 2020.
- 6. The CCRCD has produced a Summer Newsletter, which is attached for information at **Appendix A**. This includes details of their response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The full report on how the CCRCD intends to address the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is attached at **Appendix B**.

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC)

- 7. The last meeting of the JOSC was due to be held on 20 January 2020, with substantive agenda items as follows:
 - a. Economic Growth Partnership – Initial Industrial and Economic Growth Plan
 - b. Q2 Performance Report
 - c. Minutes of Regional Cabinet – for noting
 - d. Forward Work Programme, Training and Schedule of Meetings.

- 8. Meeting papers can be accessed here:

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=441&MId=3784&Ver=4&LLL=0>

- 9. The meeting could not be held, as it was inquorate.

10. A further meeting of the JOSC was expected to be held in late March/ early April: agenda items were expected to include:
- a. Q3 Performance Report
 - b. Regional Business Council
 - c. Supporting Enterprise and Business Growth
 - d. State of the region: competitiveness and resilience
 - e. Investment Tracker.
11. This meeting was not held due to the Covid-19 lockdown.
12. The next meeting scheduled for the JOSC is 11 September 2020; this meeting will be held remotely. It is anticipated the agenda will include an update from the Director of City Deal and a Governance report that will give Members the opportunity to reflect on the JOSC to date and to raise any areas they would like enhanced moving forward. Responsibility for managing the JOSC has moved to Rhondda Cynon Taff Council.

Way Forward

11. During their meeting, Members will have the opportunity to note the update provided re the CCRCD Cabinet and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Members will be able to bear this information in mind when discussing their work programme for the remainder of 2020/21.

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 note the update provided on the CCRCD Cabinet and Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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