



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 10.00 am

County Borough Councillors - Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor A Whitcombe – Caerphilly (Chair)
Councillor R Bevan – Rhondda Cynon Taf (Vice Chair)
Councillor P Hourahine – Newport
Councillor S Perkes – Vale of Glamorgan
Councillor S Garrett – Monmouthshire
Councillor N Yeowell – Torfaen
Councillor P Wong – Cardiff
Councillor O Jones – Cardiff

Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Ms Kellie Beirne – Director Cardiff Capital Region City Deal
Ms Nicola Sommerville – Head of Business Development & Growth
Ms S Daniel – Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence

Councillor D Isaac – Merthyr Tydfil
Councillor M Cross – Blaenau Gwent
Councillor P Davies – Bridgend

1 Election of Chairperson

Councillor A Whitcombe (Caerphilly County Borough Council) was elected as Chair of the CCRCD JOSCD for the 2022-23 Municipal Year

2 Election of Vice Chairperson

Councillor R Bevan (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council) was elected as Vice Chair of the CCRCD JOSCD for the 2023-23 Municipal Year

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of the 18 March 2022 were noted by the Committee

5 WORK PROGRAMME

The Service Director Democratic Services presented the report to Members with the opportunity for them to review and agree its Work Programme for the 2022-23 municipal year

Members commented that holding the JOSc meetings on a virtual basis worked well for this Committee, given the geographical location of the members. Members acknowledged that meeting in person, once per year would be beneficial so members had the opportunity to engage with each other in person.

Following consideration it was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Work Programme be reviewed periodically to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated.
2. Consider and determine any other matters that members may wish to scrutinise over this period.

6 INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL

The Director Cardiff Capital Region City Deal welcomed new members to the Committee and gave them an Overview of the projects and work of the CCRCd which included the following:

- The CCRCd, established in 2017 is owned, managed and directed by the 10 Local Authorities in South East Wales Region who work in partnership with the UK Government and Welsh Government. The CCRCd represents a population of 1.5million.
- It has a value of £1.2billion with £732million earmarked for the development and delivery of the South East Wales metro. The remaining £500million sits within the wider investment fund.
- Strict targets have been set by the UK and Welsh Government to increase GVA by 5%, create 25,000 high skilled jobs and leverage £4.6billion in additional investment.

As part of the Overview, members were also presented with the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal's current investment portfolio which detailed the current roadmap and Investment Programmes. The [plan](#) also details the Governance arrangements in place and the progress on the Corporate Joint Committee

The Chairman thanked the Director for her presentation and invited members to make comments and ask questions

A Member asked how the joint Overview and Scrutiny fit into the work they will be undertaken and what is the nature of the work they will be asking them to review over the next few years as the area of work they are covering is vast and what will be useful for the Committee to prioritise

The Director replied that in previous years the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has largely looked at investments that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal has already made. Going forward, in addition to providing scrutiny on a lessons learned approach, she advised that it would be beneficial if the Joint

Committee could look at pre-decision Scrutiny, such as the recent purchase of Aberthaw with a masterplan which has to be developed and delivered. The Celtic Seas offshore wind project, Cardiff Parkway which is a brand new Rail Infrastructure which covers the South East Region

Members agreed with the Pre-scrutiny approach and that having the checks and balances in place, before decisions are taken and commented that they would like to start with the pre-scrutiny of the Aberthaw project given the long term integrated strategic impacts associated with the project.

The Director welcomed the comments and invited the Committee to hold a future meeting at Aberthaw to include a site visit so they could see the potential the site has to offer.

The Chair stated that currently, there is no Green Energy Apprenticeship Framework on offer in Wales, with the closest being in Scunthorpe which he encouraged Members to lobby Welsh Government on changing. The Head of Business Development & Inclusive Growth advised that there are huge gaps in future skills needs and requirements which the Regional Skills Partnership are picking up with Welsh Government and various training providers. Alongside the masterplan for Aberthaw, there will also be a skills mapping exercise to ensure we have the right skillsets and developing these in our communities now

Following conclusion of their discussions the Committee **RESOLVED** to hold their next meeting at Aberthaw

7 Urgent Items

None

**A Whitcombe
Chairman.**