



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at 2.00 pm at the Valleys Innovation Centre, Navigation Park, Abercynon CF45 4SN.

County Borough Councillors - Central South Consortium Joint Education Service. Members in attendance:-

Councillor S. Merry (Cardiff Council)

Councillor J. Rosser (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Councillor C. Smith (Bridgend County Borough Council)

Councillor L. Burnett (Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Councillor L. Mytton (Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council)

Officers in attendance

Mr C. Bradshaw (Lead Chief Executive, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Ms P. Ham (Director of Learning & Skills, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

Mr N. Batchelar (Director of Education, Cardiff Council)

Ms G. Davies (Director of Education & Inclusion Services, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Mr P. Griffiths (Service Director, Finance and Improvement Services - Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Others in attendance:-

Ms L. Blatchford (Acting Managing Director, Central South Consortium)

Ms E. Thomas (Temporary Assistant Managing Director, Central South Consortium)

Mr S. Day – ISOS Partnership

Ms L. Muteham (Professional Learning Lead, Central South Consortium)

Mr R. George (Strategic Lead - Curriculum, Central South Consortium)

1 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

2 To Elect a Chair

After discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee.

3 **Appointment of Vice Chair**

After discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee.

4 **Appointment of the Chair of the Advisory Board**

After discussion, Members **RESOLVED** to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee.

5 **Minutes**

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee held on the 28th March 2019.

6 **AGENDA**

The Chair advised that the agenda would be considered out of sequence.

7 **Calendar of Meetings for the 2019-2020 Municipal Year**

RESOLVED to agree the following Calendar of Meetings of the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee for the 2019-20 Municipal Year (to be held at the Valleys Innovation Centre Navigation Park, Abercynon);

- Monday 15th July 2019 at 10:00am -12:00pm
- Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Thursday 19th December 2019 at 10:00am -12:00pm
- Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 10:00am -12:00pm
- Thursday 19th March 2020 at 10:00am -12:00pm
- Monday 25th May 2020 at 10:00am -12:00pm

8 **Curriculum - Plans for Supporting Headteachers**

The Professional Learning Lead (Central South Consortium) along with the Strategic Lead – Curriculum (Central South Consortium) presented Members with an update in relation to the plans for supporting Headteachers moving towards the new curriculum for Wales.

After considering the information put before them, Members **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the content of the presentation.

9 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the following item of business on the grounds of that it involves the

likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10 ISOS Review of the Central South Consortium

The Lead Chief Executive along with Mr Day of the ISOS Partnership updated Members with a summary of the findings and recommendations of the review.

Members discussed the report and RESOLVED to agree the report be shared with each member local authority before formal consideration by Cabinets of the five Councils that comprise the Consortium

11 2018 -2019 Year End Position

The Service Director, Finance and Improvement Services (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council) outlined the Treasurer's Report in respect of the draft Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 (that incorporates the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement) along with the draft outturn position for the year.

Following consideration of the report, it was **RESOLVED**:

1. To approve the earmark reserve request set out at 3.2 of the Report.
2. Note the draft Statement of Accounts for the Central South Consortium for the year-ending 31st March 2019 (Appendix1) and the draft outturn position for the year (Section 4 - Table 2).
3. To approve the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement (as incorporated within the draft 2018/19 Statement of Accounts).

12 Internal Audit Report

The Acting Managing Director (Central South Consortium) presented Members with the Internal Audit Report issued by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Internal Audit Service to the Central South Consortium in 2018/19, in line with the Annual Internal Audit Plan.

Members were informed that the Central South Consortium is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of those functions.

It was explained that one aspect of governance is the system of internal control and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Internal Audit Service undertakes audit work each year to independently assess the adequacy of this area from a financial administrative perspective. The Acting Managing Director highlighted that this work is undertaken in line with the Legal Agreement for the Central South Consortium.

The Acting Managing Director went on to explain that based on the work undertaken by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Internal Audit Service during the year in respect of the General Ledger, no recommendations for improvement were reported.

Following consideration of the report, Members **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Internal Audit report for 2018/19.

13 Freedom of Information Requests

The Acting Managing Director (Central South Consortium) presented the report in respect of Freedom of Information requests received and responded to by Central South Consortium during 2018/19.

Following consideration of the report, Members **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the Freedom of Information requests received and responded to by the Central South Consortium during 2018/19.

This meeting closed at 3.25 pm

**Cllr S Merry
Chair.**