



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/21

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23 FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise and challenge the attached report (Appendix 1) which provides an update on the progress of the Cardiff Capital Region ('CCR') Joint Cabinet (the 'Regional Cabinet' - a joint committee), to oversee the Region's economic growth and to deliver the commitments set out in the CCR City Deal.
- 1.2 Committee requested the opportunity to consider this report in advance of Cabinet discussions, when scrutinising the Cabinet Work Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members: -

- 2.1 Acknowledge the contents of the attached report which has been brought to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at Committee's request; and
- 2.2 Consider, where appropriate, any comments committee may wish to make to the Council's Cabinet

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In response to the Overview & Scrutiny's request at its meeting on the 18th January 2021, that information in respect of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal is provided to a future meeting, an update report has been prepared that sets out details on progress in respect of the first five years of the Cardiff Capital Region.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will use this report as the basis for its scrutiny and challenge in advance of it being presented to Cabinet on the 25th February 2021.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee received both the Cabinet and Scrutiny forward work programmes to its meeting on the 18th January 2021, with a view to selecting any matters included in the Cabinet forward work programme for pre-scrutiny.
- 4.2 At the meeting Members identified the Cardiff Capital Region - City Deal as an area they wished to consider in greater detail and requested that this matter be brought before the Overview & Scrutiny Committee before the end of the municipal year.
- 4.3 In response to its request, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been provided with the opportunity to scrutinise and challenge the content of the attached update report which sets out the progress made by the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet in respect of the agreed commitments established in the CCR City Deal.
- 4.4 The attached progress report will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on the 25th February 2021, in view of the reporting timescales, it is advised that Members' comments and feedback be relayed to Cabinet by the Service Director, Democratic Services and Communications.
- 4.5 As Committee is aware, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council is currently the host Authority undertaking the Scrutiny arrangements of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CCRCD JOSc). The authority currently undertakes the administrative arrangements and provides dedicated support and advises members of the JOSc.

The meetings can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Council/CouncillorsCommitteesandMeetings/Committees/CardiffCapitalRegionCityDealJointOverviewandScrutinyCommittee.aspx>

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 There are no consultation requirements emanating from the recommendations set out in the report. Subject to the outcome of this Scrutiny meeting, the comments and feedback to Cabinet will be relayed by the Service Director Democratic Services & Communications.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

8.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

9.1 This is an information report presenting the Cabinet report. No decisions are being taken in this report.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, has been afforded the opportunity to undertake scrutiny of the attached report following its request to do so. Scrutiny can form a view on the attached information regarding the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, the feedback from which will be reported to the meeting of Cabinet on the 25th February 2021.

10.2 Identifying the item for review in greater detail from the Cabinet work programme ensures that the Scrutiny process continues to the wider effectiveness of decision making in the Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23rd FEBRUARY 2021

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &

COMMUNICATION