

## **CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**26 FEBRUARY 2021**

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### **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME REPORT**

#### **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS RHONDDA CYNON TAFF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

#### **AGENDA ITEM: 5**

##### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to review and agree its Work Programme and schedule an item for consideration at their next meeting on 30 April 2021.

##### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Review and agree the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme as attached at Appendix A
- 2.2 Agree that the Work Programme be reviewed at each meeting to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated.
- 2.3 Consider and determine any other matters that members may wish to scrutinise over this period.
- 2.4 Schedule an item for consideration by the JOSOC at their next meeting in April 2021

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members of the JOSC have the opportunity to consider its work programme and that the proposed work programme allows for an element of flexibility and taking into account any additional consultative documents or legislative matters requiring attention.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1 An effective FWP will identify the issues that the JOSC wishes to focus on throughout the year and provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected, as well as the approach that will be adopted.
- 4.2 The FWP will remain flexible and will be revisited at each JOSC meeting with input from Members and officers on suggested topics for consideration.

### **5. Proposal**

- 5.1. Attached at Appendix A is the JOSC Forward Work Programme. The JOSC is asked to first consider and determine an item to be considered at their next meeting to be held in April 2021. It is proposed that the JOSC agrees one item for consideration to each meeting to allow sufficient time for possible training sessions, Forward Work Programme planning, site visits and/or presentations from Officers at CCRC. Members should also consider what further detail they would like the report to detail, including a list of potential questions they wish to be addressed, and invitees to attend the meeting to assist Members in their investigation.

### **6. Training requirements**

- 6.1 To assist Members in their role as a JOSC Member the Members are requested to consider any training requirements they have in relation to the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. Scrutiny Officers will develop a schedule of training for JOSC Members which will also remain flexible and brought back to each meeting for consideration and scheduling.

### **7. Future Meetings**

- 7.1 Members have requested that where possible the location of meetings of the JOSC should be held, where possible throughout the regional offices of those Authorities that are part of the CCRC, taking into consideration that all meetings of the JOSC are to be held in public. Whilst this has taken place where possible

with meetings taking place in Bridgend, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Cardiff so far, meetings of the JOSC will continue to take place virtually until such time that it is deemed safe for meetings in public to resume.

## **8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report.

## **9 CONSULTATION**

- 9.1 The considerations and comments of all members of the JOSC are sought in respect of the draft JOSC Work Programme and it is for Members of the JOSC to propose and agree items for consideration at this Committee

## **10 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

## **11 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 11.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

**Appendix A**  
**CCRCD Joint Scrutiny Forward Work programme**  
**Items previously added as potential items for consideration**

Item	Information Request/Purpose/ Rationale	Invitees
Performance Report's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To monitor and scrutinise the CCRCD Performance reports.</li> </ul>	
Regional Business Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Business Plan?- What are targets? Expected outcomes? etc)</i></li> </ul>	
Supporting Enterprise and Business Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do we achieve an increase in productivity and business growth while maximising equality outcomes</li> <li>More information on what activity is being undertaken regarding the £4bn of private leverage</li> </ul>	
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>For the Committee to approve their revised terms of reference.</del></li> </ul>	
South Wales Metro	<p>Report to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Timescales, CCRCD , implementation plan</del></li> <li><del>Outline Plans — concern that some more rural areas are not included within the plan</del></li> <li><del>What investment opportunities are available?</del></li> </ul>	Regional Transport Authority Chair
Housing Development Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£30million investment. Is this enough to meet housing development targets?</li> <li>Where are the priority areas?</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• £30m does not seem a lot when all LA's in the JWA have targets to meet with regards to housing development.</li></ul>	
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### Other areas for further exploration

- Town centres appear to be suffering across the region. Is there anything planned to invest in these areas?
- Alternative methods for energy such as hydro and solar as these are cost saving potentials.
- There is great potential across the region to increase tourism and this also links into the infrastructure.
- Education
- Marketing