

CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27 JULY 2023

SOUTH EAST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE – PROPOSED SCRUTINY ARRANGMENTS

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

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present Members with the draft report of the CCRCO office which sets out a proposal for the future scrutiny arrangements of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Note the contents of the report attached at appendix 1
- 2.2 Provide comments on the proposed arrangements to be fed back to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee, prior to their consideration of the report at their meeting on the 31st July 2023

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee are consulted on any proposals for the Scrutiny arrangements for the CJC, prior to its consideration by the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

4. Background

- 4.1 At its meeting of the 20 September 2021, Regional Cabinet approved a report that established Governance and Delivery Option 3 'Lift and Shift' as the preferred model for CCR's transition to one integrated model of regional public investment and economic governance under the CJC. The report further set out a comprehensive Transition Plan and Transition Board model to oversee the process of evolution and a critical path for achieving key milestone dates.

5 AREAS FOR SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 The report attached at Appendix 1 sets out the statutory guidance that states the CJs will be subject to the same performance, governance and scrutiny requirements as Local Authorities. The guidance also sets out the core principles and values around how Corporate Joint Committees (CJs) should operate and the issues members will wish to consider when putting in place the constitutional and operational arrangements for their CJC. CJs will be public bodies, and an important part of the local government family.
- 5.2 The report proposes that the current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides the Scrutiny arrangements for the CJC, as this current arrangement would best satisfy the Welsh Government's intention, as set out in the statutory guidance.
- 5.3 If this proposal is endorsed by the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee, the 10 constituent Local Authorities would need to formally appoint the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the CJC

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The considerations and comments of all members of the JOS are sought in respect of the proposal for the scrutiny arrangements for the Corporate Joint Committee. Feedback from Members will be presented to the Corporate Joint Committee prior to its consideration of the report on the 31 July 2023

8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

9 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

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