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CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6th October 2023

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS, RCTCBC

NEXT STEPS AND DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 2023- 2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with the opportunity to consider matters in respect of its Work Programme for the 2023 -24 Municipal Year and the next steps for the Committee in respect of calendar of meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:-

2.1 Following consideration of the information received from the Chair of the PSB, during agenda item 4, consider and determine matters they may wish to consider, challenge and scrutinise throughout the 2023-24 Municipal Year, with particular focus on the practice of the Five Ways of Working, as discussed in the training session with the Office of Future Generations Commissioner on the 5th September, and on the future action plans of the Public Services Board to deliver the Well-Being Plan; and,

2.2 Subject to 2.1, Instruct the Scrutiny Officers to devise a draft Forward Work Programme for Members consideration and approval at the next meeting of the Committee

2.3 Instruct the Scrutiny Officer to devise a draft Calendar of meetings for the Committee following consideration of the survey feedback, referenced in section 6 of the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 An effective Work Programme will identify the issues that the JOSC wishes to focus on and scrutinise 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. Members' input are sought on suggested topics for consideration as determining its own work programme and deciding on what evidence to seek to fulfil its scrutiny role; asking relevant and timely questions at meetings are all key to good scrutiny

3.2 The Work Programme will remain flexible and will be revisited at each JOSC meeting with input from Members and officers on suggested topics for consideration.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

4.1 The JOSC plays a crucial role in holding the Public Services Board accountable and ensuring transparency and effectiveness in governance. The newly merged Public Services Board is in the process of developing its Work Programme and in the meantime it is essential for JOSC Members to be aware of the Board's priorities and planned policies, legislation, and projects for the forthcoming year, as set out by the Chair of the Public Services Board in item 4 on the agenda, thereby allowing the Scrutiny Committee to identify and prioritise matters that are of significant public interest or have potential implications for the communities that form part of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region. Where possible and with agreement of inclusion on the Work Programme, site visits will also be undertaken.

4.2 Members of the JOSC will be able to ensure the PSB is taking all reasonable steps to meet its objectives, monitor progress to date and consider the extent to which differences are being made to the communities of Cwm Taf Morgannwg in improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.

5. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

5.1 To assist Members of the JOSC, Members are requested to consider any training requirements they have in relation to their role as a Member on the CTM PSB JOSC. 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.

6. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE JOSC

6.1 A short survey was circulated to all Members, Co Opted Members and Deputy Members of the JOSC following the initial training session on the 5th September 2023. The Survey sought details on Members preferences on the scheduling of

future JOSC meetings, including the meeting location arrangements. The feedback from this survey will be used to form a calendar of meetings for Members consideration.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 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.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 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.

9 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

10 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

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

11. LINKS TO PSB'S WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES

11.1 The recommended approach set out supports the Public Services Board Wellbeing objectives by ensuring progress of the PSB is robustly scrutinised by the Committee, the public and others with a vested interest.

11.2 The proposed approach will also support the requirements set out in the 'Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' which states:

- A public body must take account of the importance of involving other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure those persons reflect the diversity of the population;
- Effective involvement of people and communities in decisions that affect them is at the heart of improving well-being currently and in the future; and,
- It is vital to factor people's needs; ensuring engagement is meaningful and effective.

12. CONCLUSION

12.1 Members of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to identify any items they would like

to review in greater detail and to agree for Scrutiny Officers to draft a Forward Work Programme based on input sought from Member of the JOSC for the 2023 - 24 Municipal Year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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