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Minutes of the meeting of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 27 July 2023 at 4.00 pm.

This meeting was recorded, details of which can be accessed [here](#)

County Borough Councillors – Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members were present:-

Councillor A Whitcombe (Caerphilly CBC) (Chair)
Councillor R Bevan Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC (Vice Chair)
Councillor P Davies Bridgend CBC
Councillor P Hourahine Newport CBC
Councillor S Perkes Vale of Glamorgan CBC
Councillor P Wong Cardiff Council
Councillor S Griffiths Bridgend CBC

Officers in attendance

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Ms S Daniel, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence

Councillor M Cross Blaenau Gwent CBC
Councillor S Garratt Monmouthshire CC
Councillor D Isaac Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Councillor N Yeowell Torfaen CBC

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the following Local Authorities:

Torfaen
Monmouthshire
Merthyr Tydfil

2 Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the code of conduct, no declarations were made pertaining to the agenda

3 Election of Chairperson

County Borough Councillor A Whitcombe was nominated as the Chairperson for the 2023-24 Municipal Year

4 Election of Vice Chairperson

County Borough Councillor R Bevan was nominated as the Vice-Chairperson for the 2023-24 Municipal Year

5 Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 20.3.2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6 Draft Work Programme

The Service Director Democratic Services presented the report to Members with the opportunity for them to review and agree its Work Programme for the 2023-24 municipal year

Members commented that holding the JOSOC meetings on a virtual basis worked well for this Committee, given the geographical location of the members. Members acknowledged that meeting in person, once per year would be beneficial so members had the opportunity to engage with each other in person.

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

1. Consider and determine any matters that members may wish to scrutinise over this period.
2. Determine if any items that the Joint Committee considered in the last Municipal Year should be added to the 2023-24 Work Programme for future monitoring and scrutiny.
3. Agree that the Work Programme be reviewed periodically to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated, particularly where items are identified for matters of pre-scrutiny throughout the calendar year.

7 Corporate Joint Committee - Proposed Scrutiny Arrangements

The Service Director Democratic Services presented the report to Members which sets out a proposal for the future scrutiny arrangements of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

Members were advised that the report sets out the statutory guidance that states the CJsCs 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 (CJsCs) should operate and the issues members will wish to consider when putting in place the constitutional and operational arrangements for their CJC. CJsCs will be public bodies, and an important part of the local

government family.

The Service Director continued that 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.

The Service Director concluded that 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

Members commented on the importance of the Scrutiny of the CJC's and stated that it was important that adequate funding is provided to support the Scrutiny function and this should include funding to provide training for Members.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the contents of the report attached at appendix 1
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

8 Urgent Items

**Councillor A Whitcombe
Chair.**