

CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 OCTOBER 2018

TITLE: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME, TRAINING AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

AGENDA ITEM: 6

Reason for Report

1. The purpose of the report is:
 - a) To develop a Forward Work Programme (FWP) of items for future prioritisation and consideration by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC);
 - b) To ask the JOSC to identify any invitees to attend future meetings to contribute to discussions and deliberations;
 - c) To identify any training requirements required by the JOSC and;
 - d) To develop a schedule of meetings of the JOSC; including preferred timings of meetings.

Background

2. 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.
3. The FWP will remain flexible and will be revisited at each JOSC meeting with input from Members and officers on suggested topics for consideration.

Proposal

4. The JOSC is asked to first consider and determine items it wishes to consider at future meetings of the JOSC and what further detail it would like the report to contain, what questions it wishes officers to address and what invitees it suggests to attend for this meeting to assist Members in their investigation. An initial draft list of suggested items is listed below for Members to consider:
 - Business Plans
 - Programme Plans
 - Semi-Conductor Facility
 - South Wales Metro System

5. Attached at **Appendix A** is a scrutiny criteria form which Members can use to propose further items for the FWP which the Committee can then consider for prioritisation at a future meeting. The criteria form emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation and to ensure a strategic responsibility for Scrutiny and that its work benefits the organisation. Members are asked to complete the criteria form and return to the scrutiny officer with any suggested items they wish to consider at a future meeting. Completed criteria forms will then be considered by the JOSC at its next meeting.

6. It should be noted that in a meeting of the CCRCD Joint Cabinet on the 20 November 2017 it was recommended that the Joint Cabinet minutes are included on agendas of the JOSC and also that the Chairperson (or nominated representative) of the Joint Cabinet attend all meetings of the JOSC to give a verbal update on the progress of the CCRCD.

Training requirements

7. To assist Members in their role as a JOSC Member the Members are asked 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.

Future Meetings

8. Whilst it has previously been agreed that Bridgend County Borough Council is to act as the Host Local Authority for the administration of the CCRCD JOSC meetings, Members are asked to consider the location of future meetings of

the JOSC, taking into consideration that all meetings of the JOSC are to be held in public. Members may wish to consider the option of holding each meeting of the JOSC at the Host Local Authority venue or the meetings could rotate amongst the ten authorities in the JOSC. The funding awarded to the Host Authority to carry out its role allows for 2 meetings of the JOSC in its first year and 2-4 in its second year. It is proposed that the next meeting of the JOSC takes place in March 2019.

9. In considering its future meetings, the JOSC is also asked to consider the frequency of meetings and preferred timings of meetings to allow for greater attendance of members at each meeting.

Financial Implications

10. The 2017/18 Joint Cabinet Budget contains a contingency budget in the sum of £69,500, an element of which has been set aside to meet the cost of developing the Joint Scrutiny Committee arrangements. Based on initial estimations provided for the first year, it was agreed that an amount of £25,000 would be allocated to the host authority to carry out the Joint Scrutiny role. From 2018/19 the budget headings will be realigned to separately identify the pre-determined sum from the remaining contingency budget.

Legal Implications

11. General advice:

In considering this matter regard should be had, amongst other matters, to:

- (i) The Councils' duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and;
- (ii) Public sector duties under the Equalities Act 2010 (including specific Welsh public sector duties). Pursuant to these legal duties Councils must in making decisions have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations on the basis of protected characteristics. Protected characteristics are: a. Age; b. Gender reassignment; c. Sex; d. Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality; e. Disability; f. Pregnancy and maternity; g. Marriage and civil partnership; h. Sexual orientation; i. Religion or belief – including lack of belief.

Reason for Recommendations

To determine a clear Forward Work Programme, schedule of future meetings of the JOSC and any training requirements for the JOSC.

Recommendations

The JOSC is recommended to:

- (i) Consider items to include on their FWP taking into consideration the draft items listed in paragraph 4 of the report and schedule an item for consideration at the next meeting of the JOSC;
- (ii) Identify further items for consideration on their FWP using the criteria form attached at **Appendix A** including identifying invitees for future meetings;
- (iii) Consider and develop a schedule of training requirements for the JOSC.
- (iv) Determine the schedule of future meetings of the JOSC including frequency of meetings, location of venue and preferred start time of meetings.

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The following Appendices are attached:-

Appendix A – Scrutiny Criteria Form

The following background papers have been taken into account:-

CCRCD Joint Cabinet Report on the Governance Arrangements for the Regional Scrutiny Committee 20 November 2017