

CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23 September 2019

TITLE: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME, TRAINING AND SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REPORT OF CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

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 agree a schedule of meetings of the JOSC

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. Attached at **Appendix A** is the JOSC Draft 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 January 2020. 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 CCRCD. 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 who they would like to invite to attend the meeting to assist Members in their investigation.
5. Attached at **Appendix B** 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 those in the CCRCD areas. 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.

Training requirements

6. 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

7. 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 have previously requested that where possible the location of future meetings of the JOSC should be held, where possible throughout the regional offices of those Authorities that are part of the CCRCD, taking into consideration that all meetings of the JOSC are to be held in public. Based on what the JOSC agree for their Forward Work Programme, officers will look at appropriate timings for these items and look to schedule them in calendars in the near future. It is envisaged that for the forthcoming year 2019/20 we will increase the number of meetings to 4. The

number of meetings and budget for the JOSOC will be considered on an annual basis.

Financial Implications

8. The 2018/19 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 2019/20 the budget headings will be realigned to separately identify the pre-determined sum from the remaining contingency budget.

Legal Implications

9. 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, and training requirements for the JOSOC.

Recommendations

The JOSOC is recommended to:

- (i) Consider and discuss items to include on their FWP taking into consideration the draft Forward Work Programme attached at **Appendix A**

- (ii) Identify further items for consideration on their FWP using the criteria form attached at **Appendix B** including identifying invitees for future meetings;
- (iii) Consider and develop a schedule of training requirements for the JOSC.
- (iv) Consider the schedule of future meetings of the JOSC including frequency of meetings and location of venue.

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The following Appendices are attached:-

Appendix A – Draft Forward Work Programme

Appendix B – 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