

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Special Regional Cabinet Meeting

9.30am on Monday 21 October 2019
Ebbw Room, Penallta House, Caerphilly County Borough Council,
Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7FQ

Minutes

Present

Leaders and Chief Executives

Cllr Nigel Daniels	Leader	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Michelle Morris	Chief Executive	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Cllr Huw David	Leader	Bridgend CBC
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive	Bridgend CBC
Cllr Barbara Jones	Interim Leader	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Sean Morgan	Cabinet Member	Caerphilly CBC
Christina Harrhy	Chief Executive	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Caro Wild	Cabinet Member	Cardiff Council
Cllr Kevin O'Neill	Leader	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Ellis Cooper	Assistant Director	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Cllr Peter Fox	Leader	Monmouthshire CC
Paul Matthews	Chief Executive	Monmouthshire CC
Cllr Debbie Wilcox	Leader	Newport CC
Will Godfrey	Chief Executive	Newport CC
Cllr Andrew Morgan (Chair)	Leader	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Chris Bradshaw	Chief Executive	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Cllr Anthony Hunt	Leader	Torfaen CBC
Alison Ward	Chief Executive	Torfaen CBC
Cllr Neil Moore	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas	Chief Executive	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers

Jenna Walters	Solicitor	Accountable Body
Anil Hirani	Accountancy Manager	Accountable Body
Gareth Gates	Accountant	Accountable Body
Christopher Lee	Section 151 Officer	Accountable Body
Kellie Beirne	Director	City Deal Office
Rhys Thomas	Chief Operating Officer	City Deal Office
Nicola Somerville	Head of Inclusive Growth & Business Development	City Deal Office
Liz Fitzgerald	Business Development & Partnerships Officer	City Deal Office
Mari Lowe	Business Development & Partnerships Officer	City Deal Office
Nicola Butler	Business Support	City Deal Office

Guests and Observers

Victoria Robinson	Operational Manager for Planning & Building Control	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Alastair Milburn	Managing Director	Effective
Ffion Pocock	Senior Account Manager	Effective
David Rosser	Regional Manager	Welsh Government
Dr Angharad Penny Evans	South East Regional Team	Welsh Government

Apologies

Cllr Huw Thomas	Leader	Cardiff Council
Paul Orders	Chief Executive	Cardiff Council
Cllr Kevin O'Neill	Leader	Merthyr Tydfil CBC

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1. Welcome and Apologies

- (1) Cllr Andrew Morgan opened the meeting and apologies were noted.
- (2) Attendees observed a minute's silence for the anniversary of the Aberfan disaster.

2. Declarations of Interest

- (1) Cllr Sean Morgan declared his interests as a member of the Regional Transport Authority and CSC Foundry Boards.
- (2) Michelle Morris, Rob Thomas and Paul Matthews declared their interests as members of the CCR Investment Panel.
- (3) Cllr Barry declared his interest in respect of the Metro.
- (4) Mark Shephard declared a personal interest as a Director of CSC Foundry having been appointed to that body by his authority, Bridgend CBC.
- (5) Cllr Jones apologised to all members of the City Deal for any inconvenience caused by the actions of the Member for Caerphilly CBC.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (1) The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2019 were agreed as accurate.

4. Disclosure of Interests – Addressing Proposals Related to WAO Audit of Financial Statements 2018-19

- (1) Kellie Beirne introduced the report. The WAO had written to Kellie and Christina Harray. The response sets out what the WAO had said and that regard must be had to proper processes and disclosures of

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interest. Members and officers are reminded of their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct.

- (2) The CCR Regional Cabinet fully endorsed all the recommendations and suggestions. Training for officers and members was recommended.
- (3) Christina advised that the authority had dealt with the issues formally and robustly.

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- (4) Kellie confirmed that paragraph 5 in the Joint Working Agreement would be updated to take account of the WAO's explicit recommendations. Kellie said that the Accountable Body had advised that as it was not a substantive matter it did not require authorisation by the CCR Regional Cabinet.

- (5) It was **RESOLVED** that the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:

- (1) considered and noted the recommendations made by the WAO in respect of Registrations of Interest;
- (2) endorsed and approved the proposed responses and actions set out above in respect of addressing the recommendations made;
- (3) agreed to receive updates as part of ongoing quarterly performance monitoring in respect of progress on the key proposed actions set out above and;
- (4) approved the proposed amendment to the JWA as set out in paragraph 5 to the report.

5. Investment Panel Recommendations to Regional Cabinet – Sift Approvals to Next Stage

- (1) Cllr Morgan reminded members that Appendix 2 was exempt.
- (2) Kellie introduced the report. There was a brief discussion around projects and progress.
- (3) It was **RESOLVED** that the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:
 - approved the Terms of Reference for the Investment Panel, which are in line with the previously agreed 'advisory' function of the group;
 - approved the recommendations made by the Investment Panel (set out in full in the attached Recommendation Log) in respect of approving the three projects at SIFT phase;
 - in respect of the proposals to develop i) a Housing Investment Fund and ii) Transport Interchange at Cardiff 'Metro Central';
 - (1) noted and approved the attached conditions and

- (2) approved the release of £198,000 of Programme Development Support Budget to enable the commencement of due diligence and the next phase of business case development;
- in respect of the proposal to fibre enable Core Valleys Lines noted further details on any proposals would be reported back to the Regional Cabinet;
- endorsed the need for a member of the Investment Panel to attend in an observational capacity, meetings of the Regional Transport Authority in respect of the process of assessing investment submissions against the Common Assessment Framework and,
- considered and agreed the proposal of Investment Panel to nominate the Chief Executive of Cardiff Council as the new representative of the Chief Executive's Group/ Programme Board in order to complete the line-up and ensure constancy and continuity.

Cllr David joined the meeting.

6. Regional Response to Welsh Government Consultation on Draft National Development Framework 2020-2040

- (1) Vicky Robinson introduced the report.
- (2) Kellie clarified the recommendations as some last-minute changes had been made. She confirmed a letter would be sent to the Minister on behalf of the Portfolio Lead to highlight items at a regional level.
- (3) Discussions took place around concerns that the consultation did not address all the issues of the region or that matters were not adequately joined up. Whilst some authorities would be writing to the Minister directly, Cllr Morgan agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the CCR Regional Cabinet.
- (4) It was **RESOLVED** that the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:
 - noted the content of this report and the discussion paper at Appendix 1 and endorsed the CCR Chair and Portfolio Lead, Cllr Neil Moore, in responding formally to the consultation with the CCR response.
- (5) Cllr Morgan noted that this was Cllr Wilcox's last formal meeting as she would be attending the House of Lords full-time from 1 December. Cllr Morgan thanked Cllr Wilcox for all her support and efforts for the CCR City Deal. Cllr Wilcox in turn thanked colleagues for their support and the progress and direction of the CCR City Deal; she hoped that the regional working that had been established would continue to grow.