
REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 15 JANUARY 2018 – MINUTES

Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Cllr Garth Collier	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Michelle Morris, Managing Director	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Cllr Huw David, Leader	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr David Poole, Leader	-	Caerphilly Council
Christina Harray, Interim Chief Exec	-	Caerphilly Council
Cllr Huw Thomas, Leader	-	Cardiff Council
Paul Orders, Chief Exec	-	Cardiff Council
Cllr Kevin O'Neill, Leader	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Gareth Chapman, Chief Exec	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Cllr Peter Fox, Leader	-	Monmouthshire Council
Paul Matthews, Chief Exec	-	Monmouthshire Council
Cllr Debbie Wilcox, Leader	-	Newport Council
Will Godfrey, Chief Exec	-	Newport Council
Cllr Andrew Morgan, Leader (Chair)	-	Rhondda Cynon Taf Council
Chris Bradshaw, Chief Exec	-	Rhondda Cynon Taf Council
Cllr Richard Clark	-	Torfaen Council
Alison Ward, Chief Exec	-	Torfaen Council
Cllr John Thomas, Leader	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Carys Lord	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers:

Christine Salter	-	Accountable Body
David Marr	-	Accountable Body
Liz Weale	-	Accountable Body
Neil Hanratty	-	Cardiff Council
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Sheila Davies, Director	-	City Deal PMO
Matthew Swindell	-	City Deal PMO

Apologies:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Darren Mephram, Chief Exec	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader	-	Torfaen Council
Rob Thomas, Chief Exec	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Hrjinder Singh	-	Accountable Body
John Duddridge	-	City Deal PMO
Sian Lewis	-	City Deal PMO

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Morgan welcomed colleagues to the meeting after the Christmas and New Year period, specifically welcoming Christina Harry as Interim Chief Executive of Caerphilly Council following the retirement of Chris Burns and apologies for absence were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on items on the meeting agenda.

3. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 20th November 2017

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

4. Report on the Regional Economic Growth Partnership (Update) (Minute No.18)

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication as it contains exempt information of a kind described in paragraphs 13, 14 and 21 of parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12a to the Local Government Act 1972.

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director to update the Cabinet on the appointment of the Board of the Regional Economic Growth Partnership (REGP).

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet noted the appointment of the REGP Board.

5. Report on Quarter 2 Performance Reporting to Welsh & UK Government (Minute No.19)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director:-

1. To inform Regional Cabinet of the Quarter 2 reporting position, against the CCRCDC Implementation Plan 2016-2020 (formally adopted on the 1st March 2017) and CCRCDC Transition Plan (formally adopted on the 17th March 17).
2. To discharge the reporting requirements within the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCDC) Assurance Framework (JWA Schedule 8, point 2.2.9).
3. To recommend that Regional Cabinet approve the Quarter 2 report in Appendix 1, to be circulated to both Welsh and UK Government.

RESOLVED: that Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:

- a) Considered and deemed acceptable to approve the Quarter 2 performance report.

- b) Authorised the Programme Director of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal to formally submit the Quarter 2 performance report, including supporting information to both UK and Welsh Governments, and other stakeholders as required, on behalf of the Regional Cabinet.

6. Report on the CCRCDC 2017/18 Budget Monitoring Position Statement – Month 08 and Proposed 2018/19 Budget (Minute No.20)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Accountable Body Section 151 Officer:-

- 1. To provide the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet (Regional Cabinet) with an update of the Actual Spend, Commitments and Projected Out-turn against the 2017/18 Revenue Budget as at 30th November 2017 (Month 08).
- 2. To provide Regional Cabinet with the proposed 2018/19 Revenue Budget and indicative budgets to 2022/23, to assist with Medium Term Financial Planning.

RESOLVED: that Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:

- a. Noted the actual expenditure, income and projected full year out-turn position based on the 30th November 2017 (Month 08), against its approved 2017/18 Revenue Budget.
- b. Approved the proposed 2018/19 Regional Cabinet Annual Budget as outlined in this report to cover the Joint Committee Costs (which costs include, the costs of the Programme Management Office and the Accountable Body in carrying out its roles and duties).

7. Report on the Use of 2017/18 HMT Grant – Revenue / Capital (Minute No.21)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Accountable Body Section 151 Officer to advise Regional Cabinet on the options available to fund revenue expenditure associated with the Programme of Projects approved as part of the Wider Investment Fund, including the preservation of HMT revenue grant funding.

RESOLVED: subject to the ten Councils comprising the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal approving the JWA Business Plan, on or before the 31 March 2018, the Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet:

- a) Considered and deemed appropriate to approve the use of part of its Local Authority £120 million capital funding (referred to in the Joint Working Agreement as the Councils' Contribution) to meet the capital element of the CSC project funding requirements as set-out in this report, thereby preserving part of the HMT revenue grant funding to support projects which come forward that have revenue funding requirements;
- b) Noted that in the event that Recommendation a) is implemented, the need for the Council Bridge Loan facility in respect of the CSC Project will no longer be required and instead would be met by existing partner authority contributions.

8. Report on the Metro Central Project (Minute No.22)

Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of this report are exempt from publication because they contain information of the kind described in paragraphs 14 (information realign to the financial or business affairs of any particular person) and 21 (public interest test) of parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. In all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf Councillor Huw Thomas, Cardiff Council, to agree in principle to allocate £40m from the City Deal Investment Fund towards the Metro Central project to assist with securing match-funding from UK Government, Welsh Government and the private sector and ultimately to assist with delivery of the project.

RESOLVED: that Cardiff Capital Region Joint Cabinet agreed in principle to allocate £40m of City Deal Investment Fund capital towards delivery of the Metro Central project as outlined in the report, subject to:

- i. Discharge of the JWA Business Plan reserved matter.
- ii. Formal approval of the Full Business Case by the City Deal Regional Cabinet in accordance with the City Deal Investment Fund Assurance Framework and full consideration by the appropriate advisory bodies and sub-committees;
- iii. Completion of the GRIP and WelTAG processes; and
- iv. Commitment to match-funding from Welsh Government, UK Government and the private sector as outlined in this report.

Cllr Morgan, in agreement with Regional Cabinet colleagues, asked to action two matters:-

1. Regional Cabinet Members asked for it to be clarified in Paragraph 55 that funding would be within the £40m envelope only; and
2. Recommendation ii. would be amended to read:-

Formal approval of the Full Business Case by the City Deal Regional Cabinet in accordance with the City Deal Investment Fund Assurance Framework and full consideration by the appropriate advisory bodies and sub-committees, whose assessment will also include Future Generations Act pillars for sustainability assessment (as referred to in paragraphs 50 and 51 to this report).

Cllr Morgan thanked colleagues for attending and the meeting was concluded.