
REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 18 JUNE 2018

Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Michelle Morris, Managing Director	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Cllr Huw David, Leader	-	Bridgend Council
Darren Mepham, Chief Exec	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr David Poole, Leader	-	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 Anthony Hunt, Leader	-	Torfaen Council
Alison Ward, Chief Exec	-	Torfaen Council
Cllr John Thomas, Leader	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas, Chief Exec	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers:

Christine Salter	-	Accountable Body
Jenna Walters	-	Accountable Body
Hrjinder Singh	-	Accountable Body
David Marr	-	Cardiff Council
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Liz Fitzgerald	-	City Deal PMO

Apologies:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Cllr Hywel Williams	-	Bridgend Council
Christina HARRY, Interim Chief Exec	-	Caerphilly Council
Cllr Geraint Thomas	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Alyn Owen	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Cllr Richard Clark	-	Torfaen Council
Sheila Davies, Director	-	City Deal PMO
Liz Weale	-	Accountable Body

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Morgan welcomed colleagues to the meeting, thanked Newport Wafer Fab for hosting the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.

2. Election of the Chair

Cllr Fox nominated Cllr Morgan to continue to act as the Chair, noting that at this time continuity and consistency were important, seconded by Cllr Poole.

It was noted that the Joint Working Agreement stipulated that the position of Chair would rotate amongst the Councils on an annual basis. Colleagues agreed to waive this stipulation for the present municipal year.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the JWA stipulation on rotation of the Chair should be waived for the present municipal year;
- (ii) Cllr Morgan should be re-appointed as Chair.

3. Appointment of the Vice Chairs

Cllr Wilcox proposed that the two incumbent Vice Chairs should remain in post, seconded by Cllr David.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the two vice chairs, namely Cllr Peter Fox and Cllr Huw Thomas would be re-appointed as Vice Chairs.

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared at the start of the meeting.

5. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 26th March 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

6. Report on the Quarter 4 Performance Reporting to Welsh and UK Government (Minute No.31)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding Quarter 4 Performance Reporting to Welsh and UK Government, for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the overall significant progress, and completion of the key targets of

the 2018/17 Transition Plan;

- b) Approved the Quarter 4 performance report and Annual Review 2017/18;
- c) Authorised the Programme Director of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal to formally submit the Quarter 4 performance report, including supporting information to both UK and Welsh Governments, and other stakeholders as required, on behalf of the Regional Cabinet;
- d) Approved the 2018/19 work plan as the basis of performance monitoring in the forthcoming year in conjunction with the Annual Business Plan.

7. Report on the 2017/18 Final Out-turn (Minute No.32)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director and s151 Officer regarding the 2017/18 Final Out-turn.

RESOLVED: Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the final out-turn position against the Joint Committee Revenue Budget for the financial year ended 31st March 2018, with the underspend of -£41,846 being available to support the 2018/19 budget;
- b) Noted the final out-turn position against the Wider Investment Fund budgets for the year ended 31st March 2018, with the underspend of -£586,150 against the Top-Slice budget being available to drawdown in future years to supplement the in-year budget, subject to the necessary approvals being put in place.

8. Report on the 2017/18 Unaudited Statement of Accounts (Minute No.33)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal s151 Officer regarding the 2017/18 Unaudited Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED: Regional Cabinet:

- a) Authorised the Joint Committee Section 151 Officer to sign the Chief Financial Officer's Statement of Responsibilities on page 11 of the unaudited Statement of Accounts;
- b) Noted that having had an opportunity to review and provide comments, the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 (attached as Appendix 1) would be:
 - i. formally provided to the Wales Audit Office to allow them to commence their audit of the statements;
 - ii. made available for public inspection for a period of four weeks.

9. Report on City Deal Audit Plan (Minute No.34)

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Wales Audit Office concerning the City Deal Audit Plan.

Cllr Morgan declared an interest through personal knowledge of Phil Pugh's family.

RESOLVED: Regional Cabinet noted the contents of the Report of the Wales Audit Office.

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

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