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REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

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Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Michelle Morris, Managing Director	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Cllr Hywel Williams	-	Bridgend Council
Darren Mepham, Chief Exec	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr David Poole, Leader	-	Caerphilly Council
Christina Harray, Interim Chief Exec	-	Caerphilly 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
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
Rob Thomas, Chief Exec	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers:

Christine Salter	-	Accountable Body
Liz Weale	-	Accountable Body
Hrjinder Singh	-	Accountable Body
David Marr	-	Cardiff Council
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Kellie Beirne	-	City Deal PMO
Matt Swindell	-	City Deal PMO
Phil Pugh	-	Wales Audit Office

Apologies:

Cllr Huw David, Leader	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr Huw Thomas, Leader	-	Cardiff Council
Cllr Debbie Wilcox, Leader	-	Newport Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader	-	Torfaen Council

## **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Morgan welcomed colleagues to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Morgan asked that all Members declare any relevant interest at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

## **3. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

## **4. 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 1 Performance Report (Minute No.35)**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding the 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 1 Performance for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the overall progress at Quarter 1 against the 2018/19 Annual Business Plan, associated work programmes, partnership activity and plans;
- b) Noted the actual expenditure and projected full year out-turn as at Quarter 1 against the approved Wider Investment Fund budgets as set out in the Annual Business Plan for the financial year 2018/19;
- c) Authorised the Programme Director of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal to formally submit relevant sections of the Quarter 1 Performance report, including supporting information to both UK and Welsh Governments, and other stakeholders as required, on behalf of the Regional Cabinet; and
- d) Noted that the format and structure of this report will change in future, given the need for wider adjustments to the work programme and the emergence of a project pipeline and new ways of working.

## **5. 2018/19 Month 4 Joint Committee Revenue Budget Monitoring Position (Minute No.36)**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Section 151 Officer for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Committee regarding the 2018/19 Month 4 Joint Committee Revenue Budget Monitoring Position for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet noted the actual expenditure, income and projected full year out-turn position as at the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 (Month 04), against its approved 2018/19 Revenue Budget.

## **6. Update on Audit of 2017/18 Statement of Accounts (Minute No.37)**

The Regional Cabinet considered an update report on behalf of the Section 151 Officer for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Committee regarding the Audit of 2017/18 Statement of Accounts for consideration and approval.

***Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest (though not prejudicial) through personal knowledge of Phil Pugh's family.***

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the update provided on the external audit work completed to date and details of the matters that remain outstanding at this time;
- b) Authorised the Accountable Body to publish the unaudited 2017/18 Statement of Accounts in the form previously approved by Regional Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018, along with an appropriate explanation by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018;
- c) Noted that a further report will be brought back to Regional Cabinet, anticipated to be in October, once the external audit is complete and the final audit report is issued.

## **7. Independent Evaluation of Local Growth Interventions & National Evaluation Framework – Cardiff Capital Region (Minute No.38)**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding the Independent Evaluation of Local Growth Interventions & National Evaluation Framework for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a. Noted the National Evaluation Framework as developed by the National Evaluation Panel for the purpose of evaluating the impact of CCR interventions on local economic growth;
- b. Noted the wider evaluation plan, including key milestones and timescale for the CCR evaluation process and in particular to note the agreed 'logic model' for the CSC Foundry project and the need for this to be shared with and understood by key stakeholders;
- c. Noted the resource and potential cost implications of this work over the medium term and which will be reported back to Regional Cabinet as the locality work is developed; and
- d. Agreed and endorsed the need to create data analytics capability and resource within the process and professional marketing materials to promote the investment in the CSC Project, ring-fencing a sum of up to £30,000 within the Wider Investment Fund's Programme Development and Support budget.

**8. Expression of Interest into Strength in Places Fund for CS Connected (Minute No.39)**

***Appendix 1 to this report is exempt from publication because it contains information of the kind described in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 and Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.***

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding Expression of Interest into Strength in Places Fund for CS Connected for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- (i) Noted and endorsed the Expression of interest ('EOI') application submitted to the Strength in Places Fund on 25 July 2018, as detailed in this report.
- (ii) Approved up to £30,000 from the CCRCD Wider Investment Fund's Programme Development & Support budget to meet the costs associated with the part-time secondment outlined in this report; noting that Monmouthshire County Council as lead for the Innovation Portfolio will host the secondment;
- (iii) Agreed that if the EOI is successful and Strength in Places Funding is awarded to develop the proposal ('the Detailed Proposal') that:
  - (a) CCRCD, (with the partners to the bid and within the limits of the funding awarded), undertakes the work required to develop the Detailed Proposal; and
  - (b) a further report (with supporting business case) be submitted to Regional Cabinet to seek approval of the Detailed Proposal to be submitted, including approval of any financial contribution required from the CCRCD Wider Investment Fund as part of the Detailed Proposal,
- (iv) Agreed that if the EOI is unsuccessful in October 2018, to delegate authority to the CCRCD Director to work with the consortium partners to submit further EOI under successive rounds of the Strength in Places Fund programme (in line with the approach and principles set out in this report).

**9. Regional Business Council - Making a Case for MIPIM 2019 - Request of the Regional Business Council (Minute No.40)**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding Making a Case for MIPIM 2019 - Request of the Regional Business Council for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Approved an allocation of up to £30,000, from the 2018-19 budget approved in respect of the Regional Business Council to support the activity of the Regional Business Council, to secure a CCR presence at MIPIM 2019, in collaboration with Cardiff Council, WG, private sector partners and sponsors. The allocation

is subject to receipt and approval of the Business Council's full Business Plan which shall be received in due course;

- b) Noted that the allocation will be managed via Cardiff Council to ensure compliance with the funding terms and conditions and to observe all other regulations that govern public funds in securing the required package for CCR. This will be carried out on an open book basis and the full breakdown of costs and the detail of the package will be reported back once understood and agreed;
- c) Agreed to delegate authority to the City Deal Director in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Innovation & Business, Cllr Peter Fox, to convene a small group, comprising Business Council representatives, lead officers and the City Deal Director, to work with Cardiff Council colleagues to develop the detail, agree attendance, the wider package and deal with all associated matters relating to this proposal ; and,
- d) Noted, endorsed and would contribute as required to the preparatory work needed, to ensure CCR has a strong, credible and compelling proposition to showcase at MIPIM 2019.

**10. Integrating the Regional Skills Portfolio – Delegations for the Regional Skills Partnership & Way Forward on Skills for the Future (Minute No.41)**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the City Deal Programme Director regarding and Chief Executive of Newport City Council regarding Integrating the Regional Skills Portfolio – Delegations for the Regional Skills Partnership & Way Forward on Skills for the Future for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the situation regarding delegations, remit and endorses the work now needed to address the issues and legitimise the creation of one comprehensive and integrated regional Skills portfolio, with a further report to be submitted to the Regional Cabinet and or individual authorities for approval, as appropriate. Further, such work to be premised on Newport City Council acting as the Lead Authority for Skills;
- b) Noted that interim resourcing arrangements will be put in place, with line management and leadership support of the City Deal Director and support of the proposed Lead Authority. This will ensure stability and resilience in the short-term;
- c) Noted the Regional Skills Partnership draft Annual Report to WG (April – July 2018) and the need to translate into a public-facing document; and

- d) Endorsed the Skills for the Future brief and the developmental work needed to conclude the Outline Business Case ('OBC') and approves a budget of up to £25,000 in respect of this work. Further, that that the OBC be developed on the assumption of Newport City Council acting as the Lead Authority for Skills.

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

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