
REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 08 OCTOBER 2018

Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Michelle Morris, Managing Director	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Darren Mepham, Chief Exec	-	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
Paul Matthews, Chief Exec	-	Monmouthshire Council
Cllr Mark Whitcutt	-	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
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
Peter Davies	-	Monmouthshire Council
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Kellie Beirne	-	City Deal PMO
Matt Swindell	-	City Deal PMO

Apologies:

Cllr Huw David, Leader	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr Peter Fox, Leader	-	Monmouthshire 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.

At the commencement of the meeting, Cllr Andrew Morgan read the following statement to Regional Cabinet:-

Members; before I start the meeting I need to inform you that unfortunately, due to technical errors, copies of the Agenda for today's meeting, including the minutes of the previous meeting and the report referred to, have not be open for inspection by members of the public, at our various offices for at least three clear days before the meeting, as required by legislation.

With Members agreement, I suggest that the meeting none the less proceeds, all be it that technically it could be viewed as a meeting convened at shorter notice, less than 3 clear days, and that by reason of special circumstances we consider the report on the CSC Project as a matter of urgency.

In considering this matter I have had regard to the facts that:-

- (a) there is only one substantive item on the Agenda for consideration, namely CSC Project – Progress Update, Annual Business Plan 2018-19 & Proposed Amendments to the Development Agreement for Lease;
- (b) I am informed that a decision on the CSC report is required as a matter of urgency, which the CCRCD Director will explain. Accordingly, the decision on the CSC Project cannot be deferred until a later date. This is why the CSC report was scheduled for our October meeting;
- (c) that the Agenda and Reports were available for inspection at all authorities from Thursday 4th October 2018 and in some authorities at an earlier date; and
- (d) that Members of the Regional Cabinet were all provided with the Agenda and report on the 02nd October 2018.

Kellie Beirne, the CCRCD Director, explained there were commercial imperatives relating to the CSC project that required a decision on the CSC report without delay.

Cllr Andrew Morgan continued, therefore, by reason of the special circumstances mentioned, I propose the meeting proceed and the CSC report be considered as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Morgan asked if Members were to agree to proceed based on the information in the statement and subsequent explanation, which was agreed by Regional Cabinet Members. Councillor Morgan then asked that the request be noted in the minutes.

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.

Cllr Clark declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a member of the CSC Foundry Board.

3. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 24th September 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

4. CSC Project – Progress Update, Annual Business Plan 2018-19 & Proposed Amendments to the Development Agreement for Lease (Min No. 12)

Appendices 1-10 of this report are exempt from publication because they contain information of the kind described in para 14 {Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)} of Part IV and Para 21 (that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information) of Part V of schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972

Appendix 8 contains information which is exempt from publication under paragraphs 16 (legal professional privilege) of Schedule 12 A part IV of the Local Government Act 1972 , Para 14 {Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)} of Part IV and Para 21 (that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information) of Part V of schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council as Lead Authority to CSC Foundry Ltd regarding the CSC Project – Progress Update, Annual Business Plan 2018-19 & Proposed Amendments to the Development Agreement for Lease for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Approved the CSC Foundry Limited Annual Business Plan 2018-19 and the proposed deed of variation to the Development Agreement for Lease, as set out in the body of the report and contained in the relevant confidential appendices to the report;
- b) Noted the update on progress with the CSC Project.

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