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REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 17 DECEMBER 2018

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Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
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
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 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
Liz Weale	-	Accountable Body
Hrjinder Singh	-	Accountable Body
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Kellie Beirne	-	City Deal PMO
Nicola Somerville	-	City Deal PMO

Further Attendees:-

Phil Pugh	-	Wales Audit Office
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Apologies:

Cllr Huw Thomas, Leader	-	Cardiff Council
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## **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.

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

## **3. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

## **4. 2017/18 Audited Statement of Accounts**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources, regarding the 2017/18 Audited Statement of Accounts for consideration and approval.

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

- i. Chair of the Joint Committee to sign the Statement of Responsibilities for the Financial Statements on page 10 of Appendix A, the Annual Governance Statement on page 54 of Appendix A and the Letter of Representation to the Wales Audit Office for 2017/18 (Appendix C);
- ii. Joint Committee Section 151 Officer to sign the Chief Financial Officer's Statement of Responsibilities on page 11 of Appendix A;
- iii. Programme Director to also sign the Annual Governance Statement on page 54 of Appendix A and the Letter of Representation to the Wales Audit Office for 2017/18 (Appendix C); and
- iv. Accountable Body to replace published unaudited Statement of Accounts with the final, audited Statement of Accounts and to make arrangements for the necessary public notifications as soon as possible.

## **5. 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 2 Performance Report**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding the 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 2 Performance Report for consideration and approval.

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

- a) Noted the overall progress of Quarter 2 for 2018/19, including the position against the Wider Investment Fund budget and the revised 'performance scorecard' style of reporting;
- b) Considered and deemed acceptable to approve the Quarter 2 performance report;
- c) Considered and deemed acceptable to approve the amended and updated Work Programme with its emphasis on the wider critical success factors needed for success. To note, that notwithstanding such adjustments, the key line of sight back to the existing five year JWA Business Plan and the annual Business Plan 2018-19;
- d) Waived the time limit prescribed in clauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 of the Joint Working Agreement in relation to the preparation, circulation and approval of the draft Annual Business plan for 2019/20; and,
- e) Authorised the 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. 2018/19 Month 07 Joint Committee Revenue Budget Monitoring Position**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources, regarding the 2018/19 Month 07 Joint Committee Revenue Budget Monitoring Position for consideration and approval.

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

- a) Noted the actual expenditure, income and projected full year out-turn position as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 (Month 07), against its approved 2018/19 Revenue Budget.

#### **7. Cardiff Capital Region Industrial and Economic Plan – Statement of Intent**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding the 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 2 Performance Report for consideration and approval.

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

- i) Endorsed the direction taken by the Regional Economic Growth Partnership in developing an Industrial and Economic Plan for the region; and
- ii) Agreed to the publication of the Industrial and Economic Plan – Statement of Intent contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

## **8. Cardiff Capital Region Business Council - 2018/19 Business Plan**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding the Cardiff Capital Region Industrial and Economic Plan – Statement of Intent for consideration and approval.

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

- a) Approved the inaugural Business Plan of the Regional Business Council 2018-19 and associated expenditure of £35,000, representing the contribution required of the City Deal to realising the objectives set out in the plan.
- b) Noted that £30,000 of the £35,000 was approved 'in-principle' as part of the MIPIM Business and Investment Case (Report to Regional Cabinet of 24 September 2018).
- c) Recognised the reasons for this shorter-term approach and the need to build-in the flexibility to review progress; and for the Regional Business Council to adapt and respond to uncertain conditions.
- d) Noted the continued commitment to participation in MIPIM and the hugely significant and positive work taking place to ensure it has every chance of success.

## **9. Cardiff Capital Region Graduate Scheme**

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of the Councillor Debbie Wilcox and the Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding the Cardiff Capital Region Graduate Scheme for consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED:** it was agreed that Regional Cabinet allocated £175,000 from the Wider Investment Fund for a one-year pilot of the Cardiff Capital Region Graduate Scheme in the Cardiff Capital Region as detailed in the report.

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