



South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

11:30am-12:00pm on Monday 25 July 2022 via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Committee Members

Cllr Stephen Thomas	Leader	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Damien McCann	Interim Chief Executive	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Cllr Huw David OBE	Leader	Bridgend CBC
Mark Shephard	Chief Executive	Bridgend CBC
Cllr Huw Thomas	Leader	Cardiff Council
Paul Orders	Chief Executive	Cardiff Council
Cllr Sean Morgan	Leader	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Geraint Thomas	Leader	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Ellis Cooper	Chief Executive	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Cllr Paul Griffiths (from 11:36)	Deputy Leader	Monmouthshire CC
Paul Matthews	Chief Executive	Monmouthshire CC
Cllr Jane Mudd, Vice Chair	Leader	Newport CC
Beverly Owen (from 11:43)	Chief Executive	Newport CC
Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE (from 11:36)	Leader	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Christopher Bradshaw	Chief Executive	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Cllr Anthony Hunt, Chair	Leader	Torfaen CBC
Stephen Vickers	Chief Executive	Torfaen CBC
Cllr Lis Burnett	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas	Chief Executive	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers

Gareth Jones	Director of Planning & Place	Brecon Beacons NPA
Mark Williams	Corporate Director for Economy & Environment	Caerphilly CBC
Christopher Lee	Section 151 Officer	Accountable Body
Gill Brown	Group Accountant	Accountable Body
Lindsey Yeoman	Accountant	Accountable Body
James Williams	Solicitor – Monitoring Officer	Accountable Body
Kate Amos	Solicitor	Accountable Body
Kellie Beirne	(KB) Director	Office of the CCR
Rhys Thomas	Chief Operating Officer	Office of the CCR
Hrjinder Singh	Head of Finance, Risk & Assurance	Office of the CCR
Keith Mitchell	Chief Operations Consultant (Interim)	Office of the CCR
Nicola Somerville	Head of Inclusive Growth & Business Development	Office of the CCR
Rob O'Dwyer	Head of Infrastructure	Office of the CCR
Colan Mehaffey	Head of Digital & Data Innovation	Office of the CCR

Jonathon Segarty	Corporate Governance Manager	Office of the CCR
Steven Hazleton	Marketing & Communications Lead	Office of the CCR
Vikky David	Social Media & Website Officer	Office of the CCR
Liz Fitzgerald	Business Development & Partnership Officer	Office of the CCR

Observers

Christopher Stevens	(CS) Head of Planning and Partnership	Welsh Government
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Apologies

Julian Stedman	Chair of Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee	Brecon Beacons NPA
Catherine Mealing-Jones	Chief Executive	Brecon Beacons NPA
Christina Harray	Chief Executive	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby	Leader	Monmouthshire CC
Gareth Gates	Accountant	Accountable Body
Suzanne Chesterton	Head of Governance, Policy and Communications	Office of the CCR
Nicola Butler	Business Development & Partnership Officer	Office of the CCR

Recording of the meeting was started at 11:34

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Hunt opened the meeting and apologies were noted. Cllr Hunt thanked Cllr Huw Thomas for chairing the previous meeting in his absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 27 June 2022

Cllr Stephen Thomas moved to accept the minutes; the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 June were agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Shared Prosperity Fund - Principles and Regional Delivery Proposals

- (1) KB introduced the item and thanked RCT CBC colleagues for their support in co-ordinating the work. KB noted that delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) required a lead body. It was proposed that RCT CBC be appointed the lead body for the SPF due to their experience and because they would be providing transactional services for the SEW CJC. The SEW CJC would approve spending plans and activity would be put through the SEW CJC mechanisms. KB noted that any spend under the SEW CJC would likely come up against unresolved technical issues including VAT. It

was hoped that the SEW CJC would be able to appoint the CCR to deal with any SPF spending, but this was subject to legal review and was ongoing.

Bev Owen joined the meeting at 11:43

- (2) Cllr Hunt thanked CCR and RCT colleagues for their work and support. Leaders discussed the matter and agreed it was a good proposal and that collaborative action was always good, and care should be taken to avoid leaving any area behind. Leaders asked for further clarification on the likely timescale of the SEW CJC becoming operational. KB said that HMRC and UK Government had approved the s33 status which conferred VAT exemption on the SEW CJC but that it would need to progress through the legislature and no date had yet been confirmed. CS added a note to the virtual chat that the 'UK Government have said the S33 Order will be in place by 1 December'. Other issues such as pension status and borrowing powers were still outstanding.
- (3) Cllr Hunt requested support for the recommendations of the report and Leaders unanimously supported them.
- (4) It was resolved that the SEW CJC:
 - (1) noted and endorsed the key principles and provisions set out in the report;
 - (2) approved the appointment of RCT CBC as the lead authority for UKSPF in the South East Wales region for the period 2022 to 2025;
 - (3) endorsed the proposed regional delivery dimension, proposed budget allocation of £3.3M (2023 onwards) for Clusters and Regional Tourism projects and supports the proposal for match funding which will require a decision of the CCR City Deal Regional Cabinet;
 - (4) approved to appoint CCR City Deal as the lead body for deployment of CCR SPF funds;
 - (5) agreed to receive the final version of the SPF Regional Investment Plan at its meeting in Autumn 2022 along with an update on the budget requirements for early administration and establishment of core lead body processes.

Recording of the meeting was stopped at 11:50