Cabinet Prifddinas Ranbarth Caerdydd | Cardiff Capital Region Cabinet

EXTERNAL MINUTES
EXCLUDING EXEMPT DISCUSSIONS

Cardiff Capital Region
Regional Cabinet Meeting

9:30am–11:30am on Monday 30 January 2023
Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Leaders and Chief Executives

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 (Vice Chair)		Leader	Cardiff Council
Cllr Sean Morgan		Leader	Caerphilly CBC
Christina Harrhy		Chief Executive	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Geraint Thomas		Leader	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby (Vice Chair)		Leader	Monmouthshire CC
Paul Matthews		Chief Executive	Monmouthshire CC
Cllr Jane Mudd (Vice Chair)		Leader	Newport CC
Beverly Owen		Chief Executive	Newport CC
Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE (from 09:42)		Leader	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Paul Mee		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

Jon Day		Economic Policy Manager	Cardiff Council
Christopher Lee	(CL)	Section 151 Officer	Accountable Body
Gill Brown		Group Accountant	Accountable Body
Lindsey Yeoman		Accountant	Accountable Body
Gareth Gates		Accountant	Accountable Body
James Williams		Monitoring Officer	Accountable Body
Kellie Beirne	(KB)	Director	Office of the CCR
Rhys Thomas	(RT)	Chief Operating Officer	Office of the CCR
Hrjinder Singh		Head of Finance, Risk & Assurance	Office of the CCR
Nicola Somerville		Head of Inclusive Growth & Business Development	Office of the CCR 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
Suzanne Chesterton		Head of Governance, Policy and Communications	Office of the CCR

Jonathon Segarty	Corporate Governance Manager	Office of the CCR
Steven Hazleton	Marketing & Communications Lead	Office of the CCR
Liz Fitzgerald (minutes)	Business Development & Partnership Officer	Office of the CCR

Observers

Gareth Ashman	Head Of Infrastructure	UK Government
Claire Jenkins	Special Adviser	Welsh Government

Apologies

Paul Orders	Chief Executive	Cardiff Council
Ellis Cooper	Chief Executive	Merthyr Tydfil CBC

Recording of the meeting was started at 09:35

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Hunt opened the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest - Elected Members' Protocols

(1) Cllr Sean Morgan declared a personal interest in any matters relating to cryptocurrency/fintech as he personally owns cryptocurrency.

(2) KB declared a personal interest in Item 7 Investment and Intervention Framework Report: Recommendations Logs, Strategic Outline Case and Project Updates because she was a Board member of UKRI's Research England; KB confirmed that she had had no part in the UKRI discussions or decisions on Strength in Places but was a member of the funding council.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Proposed 2023/24 Joint Committee Revenue Budget

(1) CL introduced the item and drew Leaders' attention to key elements in the report. KB noted that there had been no change following the Briefing on 16 January. She noted that there were a significant number of vacant posts and CCR were trying to address the lack of capacity in the team.

Cllr Andrew Morgan joined the meeting at 09:42

(2) KB was asked about the ramifications of the lack of capacity; she said it was across the board at all levels, with the finance team being affected given that CCR finance was very complex, as well as investment, clusters and general

high order programme management.

(3) Leaders agreed to accept the recommendations of the report and Cllr Hunt obtained individual votes of acceptance from Leaders in the following order:

Monmouthshire, Blaenau Gwent, Newport, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen.

(4) It was resolved that the CCR Regional Cabinet:

(1) approved the Joint Committee expenditure budget of £2,923,165 for 2023/24 as set out in Table 1 of this report;

(2) approved the proposed 2023/24 Annual Budget funded by the 10 Local Authority partner contributions as outlined in this report of £1,278,963, to meet part of the Joint Committee costs and representing 5% increase from the previous year;

(3) approved that the balance of the Joint Committee costs of £1,644,202 be met from the Cardiff Capital Region Wider Investment Fund (namely that part of the HMT contributions referred to in this report as the 'WIF Top-Slice');

(4) approved the proposed 2023/24 CJC transition budget of £234,481 as set out in Table 4 of this report and will be met from General Reserves held by CCRCD on behalf of the CCR Constituent Councils.

5. Joint Working Agreement – CCR Annual Business Plan 2023/24

(1) KB introduced the report While there were two separate budgets, one integrated narrative had been prepared for the Annual Business Plan. 2023 would be an inflection point for CCR, with the second round of Gateway Reviews, which would result in a different set of options. A more comprehensive update of the funding strategy was required to ensure the fund was effective as possible.

(2) Leaders were in support but noted that it would be important to have an early discussion to go into greater detail given the current financial situation for local authorities. The Plan should also form an integral part of CCR's quarterly reporting.

(3) Leaders agreed to accept the recommendations of the report and Cllr Hunt obtained individual votes of acceptance from Leaders in the following order:

Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Vale of Glamorgan, Merthyr Tydfil, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire and Torfaen.

(4) It was resolved that the CCR Regional Cabinet:

(1) noted and approved the proposed integrated Annual Business Plan for 2023/24;

(2) approved the submission of the document as required to UK and Welsh Governments;

(3) noted the initial options work being progressed across the CCR Office, Accountable Body and the S151 Officer Group, in consultation with the Investment Panel in order that a discussion paper on maximising use of available resources, is brought back to Regional Cabinet in due course for further consideration.

6. Regional Economic & Industrial Plan 2023-2028

(1) CM introduced the item and provided a brief rationale of the Regional Economic & Industrial Plan (REIP).

(2) Leaders welcomed the REIP and asked how the CCR could communicate with local authorities and the public in a way that the complexities were clear. CM said CCR were finalising various formats of the report as part of engagement with local authority partners, Welsh and UK Governments. Separate thought leadership pieces would also be considered as part of the communication plan. SC said that translation would be completed in February and the REIP design would be shared with key stakeholders. A press release was planned for March and copies would be distributed in London on 2 March at the formal launch of the Investment Fund. A social media campaign was also planned for March-April. The document would also be available as part of the Unleash 2023 conference. SC confirmed that local media would be included in all of the communication plans.

(3) Leaders noted the importance of the plan for the region and consideration should be given as to how CCR disseminated the news to communities, in particular the ‘fairer’ and equivalence messages, which would be key. The flexibility in the plan would be key and it would be important to review it on a regular basis, as one of the region’s strengths was flexibility and the way it could respond to challenges.

(4) Leaders agreed to accept the recommendations of the report and Cllr Hunt obtained individual votes of acceptance from Leaders in the following order:

Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Vale of Glamorgan, Merthyr Tydfil, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire and Torfaen.

(5) It was resolved that the CCR Regional Cabinet:

(1) noted and approved the proposed Regional Economic & Industrial Plan attached to the report at Appendix 1;

(2) approved the submission of the document for further consultation as required to UK and Welsh Governments.

Recording of the meeting was stopped at 10:06

EXEMPT ITEMS

The discussions below are exempt from publication because they contain information of the kind described in paragraphs 14 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person) and 21 (public interest test) of parts 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

7. Investment and Intervention Framework Report: Recommendations Logs, Strategic Outline Case and Project Updates

(1) Leaders agreed to accept the recommendations of the report. It was resolved that the CCR Regional Cabinet accepted the recommendations of the exempt report.

The meeting closed at 10:28

Date of Next Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 27 March 2023 via Microsoft Teams

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COFNODION ALLANOL
HEB GYNNWYS TRAFODAETHAU WEDI'U HEITHRIO

Prifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd
Cyfarfod y Cabinet Rhanbarthol

9:30am–11:30am ddydd Llun 30 Ionawr 2023
Microsoft Teams

Cofnodion

Arweinwyr a Phrif Weithredwyr

Y Cynghorydd Stephen Thomas	Arweinydd	CBS Blaenau Gwent
Damien McCann	Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro	CBS Blaenau Gwent
Y Cynghorydd Huw David OBE	Arweinydd	CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Mark Shephard	Prif Weithredwr	CBS Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Y Cynghorydd Huw Thomas (Is-gadeirydd)	Arweinydd	Cyngor Caerdydd
Y Cynghorydd Sean Morgan	Arweinydd	CBS Caerffili
Christina Harrhy	Prif Weithredwr	CBS Caerffili
Y Cynghorydd Geraint Thomas	Arweinydd	CBS Merthyr Tudful
Y Cynghorydd Mary Ann Brocklesby (Is-gadeirydd)	Arweinydd	Cyngor Sir Fynwy
Paul Matthews	Prif Weithredwr	Cyngor Sir Fynwy
Y Cynghorydd Jane Mudd (Is-gadeirydd)	Arweinydd	Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd
Beverly Owen	Prif Weithredwr	Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd
Y Cynghorydd Andrew Morgan OBE (o 09:42)	Arweinydd	CBS Rhondda Cynon Taf
Paul Mee	Prif Weithredwr	CBS Rhondda Cynon Taf
Y Cynghorydd Anthony Hunt, Cadeirydd	Arweinydd	CBS Torfaen
Stephen Vickers	Prif Weithredwr	CBS Torfaen
Y Cynghorydd Lis Burnett	Arweinydd	Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
Rob Thomas	Prif Weithredwr	Cyngor Bro Morgannwg

Swyddogion

Jon Day		Rheolwr Polisi Economaidd	Cyngor Caerdydd
Christopher Lee	(CL)	Y Swyddog Adran 151	Corff Atebol
Gill Brown		Cyfrifydd Grŵp	Corff Atebol
Lindsey Yeoman		Cyfrifydd	Corff Atebol
Gareth Gates		Cyfrifydd	Corff Atebol
James Williams		Swyddog Monitro	Corff Atebol
Kellie Beirne	(KB)	Cyfarwyddwr	Swyddfa P-RC
Rhys Thomas	(RT)	Prif Swyddog Gweithredu	Swyddfa P-RC
Hrjinder Singh		Pennaeth Cyllid, Risg a Sicrwydd	Swyddfa P-RC

Nicola Somerville	Pennaeth Twf Cynhwysol a Datblygu Busnes	Swyddfa P-RC Swyddfa P-RC
Rob O'Dwyer	Pennaeth Seilwaith	Swyddfa P-RC
Colan Mehaffey	Pennaeth Arloesedd Digidol a Data	Swyddfa P-RC
Suzanne Chesterton	Pennaeth Llywodraethu, Polisi a Chyfathrebu	Swyddfa P-RC
Jonathon Segarty	Rheolwr Llywodraethu Corfforaethol	Swyddfa P-RC
Steven Hazleton	Arweinydd Marchnata a Chyfathrebu	Swyddfa P-RC
Liz Fitzgerald (cofnodion)	Swyddog Datblygu Busnes a Phartneriaethau	Swyddfa P-RC

Arsylwyr

Gareth Ashman	Pennaeth Seilwaith	Llywodraeth y DU
Claire Jenkins	Ymgynghorydd Arbenigol	Lywodraeth Cymru

Ymddiheuriadau

Paul Orders	Prif Weithredwr	Cyngor Caerdydd
Ellis Cooper	Prif Weithredwr	CBS Merthyr Tudful

Dechreuwyd recordio'r cyfarfod am 09:35

1. Welcome and Apologies

Agorodd y Cynghorydd Hunt y cyfarfod a nodwyd yr ymddiheuriadau.

2. Datgan Buddiannau - Protocolau Aelodau Etholedig

(1) Datganodd y Cynghorydd Sean Morgan ddiddordeb personol mewn unrhyw faterion sy'n ymwneud â cryptoarian/technoleg ariannol gan ei fod yn bersonol yn berchen ar cryptoarian.

(2) Datganodd KB ddiddordeb personol yn Eitem 7 Adroddiad Fframwaith Buddsoddi ac Ymyrryd: Cofnodion Argymhellion, Achos Amlinellol Strategol a Diweddariadau Prosiect am ei bod yn aelod o UKRI's Research England; Cadarnhaodd KB nad oedd hi wedi cael unrhyw ran yn nhrafodaethau na phenderfyniadau UKRI ar Strength in Places ond ei bod yn aelod o'r cyngor cyllido.

3. Cofnodion y Cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 28 Tachwedd 2022

Cytunwyd bod cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 28 Tachwedd 2022 yn gofnod gwir a chywir o'r cyfarfod.

4. Cyllideb Refeniw Cydbwyllgor Arfaethedig 2023/24

(1) Cyflwynodd CL yr eitem a thynnu sylw'r Arweinwyr at elfennau allweddol yn yr adroddiad. Nododd KB na fu unrhyw newid yn dilyn y Brîff ar 16 Ionawr.

Nododd fod nifer sylweddol o swyddi gwag ac roedd P-RC yn ceisio mynd i'r afael â'r diffyg capasiti yn y tîm.

Ymunodd y Cynghorydd Andrew Morgan â'r cyfarfod am 09:42

(2) Gofynnwyd i KB am oblygiadau'r diffyg capasiti; dywedodd ei fod ar draws y bwrdd ar bob lefel, gyda'r tîm cyllid yn cael ei effeithio o ystyried bod cyllid P-RC yn gymhleth iawn, yn ogystal â buddsoddiad, clystyrau a rheoli rhaglenni trefn uchel cyffredinol.

(3) Cytunodd arweinwyr i dderbyn argymhellion yr adroddiad a chafodd y Cynghorydd Hunt bleidleisiau unigol o dderbyn gan Arweinwyr yn y drefn ganlynol:

Sir Fynwy, Blaenau Gwent, Casnewydd, Caerffili, Caerdydd, Merthyr Tudful, Bro Morgannwg, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, Rhondda Cynon Taf a Thorfaen.

(4) Penderfynwyd bod Cabinet Rhanbarthol P-RC:

(1) yn cymeradwyo cyllideb gwariant y Cydbwyllgor o £2,923,165 ar gyfer 2023/24 fel y nodir yn Nhabl 1 yr adroddiad hwn;

(2) yn cymeradwyo Cyllideb Flynyddol arfaethedig 2023/24, wedi'i hariannu gan gyfraniadau'r 10 partner llywodraeth leol fel y'u hamlinellir yn yr adroddiad hwn, gwerth £1,278,963, i gwrdd â rhan o gostau'r Cydbwyllgor ac sy'n gynnydd o 5% o gymharu â'r flwyddyn flaenorol;

(3) yn cymeradwyo bod y balans (£1,644,202) o gostau'r Cydbwyllgor yn cael ei dalu o Gronfa Fuddsoddi Ehangach Prifddinas-Ranbarth Caerdydd (sef y rhan honno o gyfraniadau TEM y cyfeirir ati yn yr adroddiad hwn fel y 'Brig-doriad WIF').

(4) cymeradwyo cyllideb bontio CBC arfaethedig 2023/24 o £234,481 fel y nodir yn Nhabl 4 yr adroddiad hwn a bydd yn cael ei fodloni o Gronfeydd Cyffredinol a gedwir gan BDdPRC ar ran Cynghorau Cyfansoddol P-RC.

5. Cytundeb Gweithio ar y Cyd – Cynllun Busnes Blynyddol P-RC 2023/24

(1) Cyflwynodd KB yr adroddiad. Er bod dwy gyllideb ar wahân, roedd un naratif integredig wedi'i baratoi ar gyfer y Cynllun Busnes Blynyddol. Byddai 2023 yn bwynt gwyriad ar gyfer P-RC, gydag ail rownd Adolygiadau Gateway, a fyddai'n arwain at set wahanol o opsiynau. Roedd angen diweddariad mwy cynhwysfawr o'r strategaeth ariannu er mwyn sicrhau bod y gronfa mor effeithiol â phosibl.

(2) Roedd arweinwyr yn cefnogi ond nodwyd y byddai'n bwysig cael trafodaeth gynnar i fanylu mwy o ystyried y sefyllfa ariannol bresennol i awdurdodau lleol. Dylai'r Cynllun hefyd fod yn rhan annatod o adrodd chwarterol P-RC.

(3) Cytunodd arweinwyr i dderbyn argymhellion yr adroddiad a chafodd y Cynghorydd Hunt bleidleisiau unigol o dderbyn gan Arweinwyr yn y drefn ganlynol:

Penybont-ar-Ogwr, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bro Morgannwg, Merthyr Tudful, Caerdydd, Caerffili, Casnewydd, Blaenau Gwent, Sir Fynwy a Thorfaen.

(4) Penderfynwyd bod Cabinet Rhanbarthol P-RC:

(1) yn nodi a chymeradwyo'r Cynllun Busnes Blynyddol arfaethedig ar gyfer 2023/24;

(2) yn cymeradwyo cyflwyno'r ddogfen fel sy'n ofynnol i Lywodraethau'r DU a Chymru;

(3) yn nodi’r gwaith opsiynau cychwynnol sy'n cael ei ddatblygu ar draws Swyddfa P-RC, Corff Atebol a Grŵp Swyddog A151, mewn ymgynghoriad â'r Panel Buddsoddi er mwyn i bapur trafod ar y defnydd mwyaf o'r adnoddau sydd ar gael, gael ei ddwyn yn ôl i'r Cabinet Rhanbarthol maes o law i'w ystyried ymhellach.

6. **Cynllun** Economaidd **a Diwydiannol** Rhanbarthol 2023-2028

(1) Cyflwynodd CM yr eitem a darparodd resymeg fer o'r Cynllun Economaidd a Diwydiannol Rhanbarthol (CEDRh).

(2) Croesawodd arweinwyr y CEDRh a gofyn sut y gallai'r P-RC gyfathrebu ag awdurdodau lleol a'r cyhoedd mewn ffordd yr oedd y cymhlethdodau'n glir. Dywedodd CM fod P-RC wrthi’n cwblhau gwahanol fformatau o'r adroddiad fel rhan o ymgysylltu â phartneriaid awdurdodau lleol, Llywodraethau Cymru a'r DU. Byddai darnau arwain agweddau ar wahân hefyd yn cael eu hystyried fel rhan o'r cynllun cyfathrebu. Dywedodd SC y byddai cyfieithu yn cael ei gwblhau ym mis Chwefror ac y byddai dyluniad CEDRh yn cael ei rannu gyda rhanddeiliaid allweddol. Cynlluniwyd datganiad i'r wasg ar gyfer mis Mawrth a byddai copïau'n cael eu dosbarthu yn Llundain ar 2 Mawrth yn lansiad ffurfiol y Gronfa Fuddsoddi. Cafodd ymgyrch ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol ei chynllunio hefyd ar gyfer Mawrth-Ebrill. Byddai'r ddogfen hefyd ar gael fel rhan o gynhadledd Unleash 2023. Cadarnhaodd SC y byddai cyfryngau lleol yn cael eu cynnwys ym mhob un o'r cynlluniau cyfathrebu.

(3) Nododd arweinwyr bwysigrwydd y cynllun ar gyfer y rhanbarth a dylid ystyried sut y lledaenodd P-RC y newyddion i gymunedau, yn enwedig y negeseuon 'tecach' a chydraddoldeb a fyddai'n allweddol. Byddai'r hyblygrwydd yn y cynllun yn allweddol a byddai'n bwysig ei adolygu'n rheolaidd, gan mai un o gryfderau'r rhanbarth yw hyblygrwydd a'r ffordd y gallai ymateb i heriau.

(4) Cytunodd arweinwyr i dderbyn argymhellion yr adroddiad a chafodd y Cynghorydd Hunt bleidleisiau unigol o dderbyn gan Arweinwyr yn y drefn ganlynol:

Pen-y-bont-ar-Ogwr, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bro Morgannwg, Merthyr Tudful, Caerdydd, Caerffili, Casnewydd, Blaenau Gwent, Sir Fynwy a Thorfaen.

(5) Penderfynwyd bod Cabinet Rhanbarthol P-RC:

(1) yn nodi a chymeradwyo'r Cynllun Economaidd a Diwydiannol Rhanbarthol arfaethedig ynghlwm â'r adroddiad yn Atodiad 1;

(2) yn cymeradwyo cyflwyno'r ddogfen ar gyfer ymgynghoriad pellach fel sy'n ofynnol i Lywodraethau'r DU a Chymru.

Rhoddwyd y gorau i recordio'r cyfarfod am 10:06

EITEMAU EITHRIEDIG

Mae'r trafodaethau isod wedi'u heithrio rhag cael eu cyhoeddi oherwydd eu bod yn cynnwys y fath wybodaeth a ddisgrifir ym mharagraffau 14 (gwybodaeth sy'n ymwneud â materion ariannol neu fusnes unrhyw berson penodol) a 21 (prawf budd y cyhoedd) rhannau 4 a 5 o Atodlen 12A i Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 a dan holl amgylchiadau'r achos, mae budd y cyhoedd o ran cynnal yr eithriad yn gwrthbwyso budd y cyhoedd o ran datgelu'r wybodaeth.

7. Adroddiad Fframwaith Buddsoddi ac Ymyrryd: Logiau Argymhellion, Achos Amlinellol Strategol a Diweddariadau Prosiect

(1) Roedd Arweinydd yn gytûn i dderbyn argymhellion yr adroddiad. Penderfynwyd bod Cabinet Rhanbarthol P-RC yn derbyn argymhellion yr adroddiad eithriedig.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 10:28

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf: 9.30am ddydd Llun 27 Mawrth 2023 trwy Microsoft Teams