

## South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

11.30am-12.15pm on Monday 11 September 2023 via Microsoft Teams

### Minutes

#### Committee Members

Julian Stedman (Teams)	Chair of Planning Committee	Bannau Brycheiniog NPA
Cllr Stephen Thomas (Teams)	Leader	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Cllr Huw David OBE (Teams)	Leader	Bridgend CBC
Cllr Huw Thomas	Leader	Cardiff Council
Cllr Sean Morgan	Leader	Caerphilly CBC
Cllr Geraint Thomas	Leader	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby (Teams)	Leader	Monmouthshire CC
Cllr Jane Mudd, Vice Chair	Leader	Newport CC
Cllr Ann Crimmings (Teams)	Cabinet Member	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Cllr Anthony Hunt, Chair	Leader	Torfaen CBC
Cllr Lis Burnett (Teams)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council

#### Officers in Attendance

Mark Shephard (Teams)	Chief Executive	Bridgend CBC
Ellis Cooper (Teams)	Chief Executive	Merthyr Tydfil CBC
Paul Matthews (Teams)	Chief Executive	Monmouthshire CC
Paul Mee (Teams)	Chief Executive	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Kellie Beirne	Interim Chief Executive	SEW CJC
Christopher Lee (Teams)	Interim Section 151 Officer / Acting Chief Executive	SEW CJC / Cardiff Council
Mary Cormack (Teams) (MC)	Solicitor	Accountable Body
Gareth Gates	Accountant	Accountable Body
Hrjinder Singh	Head of Finance, Risk & Assurance	Office of the CCR
Liz Fitzgerald (minutes)	Business Development & Partnership Officer	Office of the CCR

#### Apologies

Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE	Leader	Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC
Catherine Mealing-Jones	Chief Executive	Bannau Brycheiniog NPA
Damien McCann	Interim Chief Executive	Blaenau Gwent CBC
Christina Harrhy	Chief Executive	Caerphilly CBC
Paul Orders	Chief Executive	Cardiff Council
Beverly Owen	Chief Executive	Newport CC
Stephen Vickers	Chief Executive	Torfaen CBC
Rob Thomas	Chief Executive	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Ian Allwood	Head of Finance / Acting s151 Officer	Accountable Body / SEW CJC
Gill Brown	Group Accountant	Accountable Body
James Williams	Interim Monitoring Officer	SEW CJC

Recording of the meeting was started at 11:34

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Hunt opened the meeting and apologies were noted.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

## **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 31 July 2023**

- (1) The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 July 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- (2) Future minutes will record the attendance of Members, Accountable Body Officers, Observers and core CCR Officers only.

## **4. Confirmation of Decisions in Relation to Statutory Sub-Committees and Scrutiny Arrangements**

- (1) MC introduced the item.
- (2) Julian wished to note that the BBNPA was involved in the scrutiny process for matters that related to the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). MC noted that the Scrutiny Committee was constituted of the 10 local authorities but that other members may be co-opted, as in the case of the BBNPA for the matters relating to the SDP
- (3) Leaders agreed to accept the recommendations of the report. Cllr Hunt obtained confirmation by a show of hands, with no objections or abstentions.
- (4) It was resolved that the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee:
  - (1) endorsed the proposal that the JOSOC be appointed as the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the CJC, subject to the agreement of the constituent authorities of the CJC;
  - (2) authorised the Interim Monitoring Officer to make arrangements with the constituent authorities as are necessary to progress the proposal, above;
  - (3) noted the progress made towards establishing the statutory sub-committees;
  - (4) delegated the statutory functions of the statutory Standards Sub-Committee of the CJC to Cardiff Council's Standards & Ethics Committee;
  - (5) authorised the Interim Chief Executive to conclude a Service Level Agreement with Cardiff Council to facilitate recommendation 4, above;

- (6) endorsed the proposed method of recruitment of elected and lay members of the Governance & Audit Sub-Committee;
- (7) noted the remuneration payable to lay members of the Governance & Audit Committee;
- (8) approved and adopted the CJC Member Code of Conduct which is attached as Appendix 1 to the report on Statutory Sub-Committees dated 31 July 2023, which itself is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

Recording of the meeting ended at 11:44

**Date of Next Meeting:** 11.30am on Monday 9 October 2023