South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee

Cyd-bwyllgor corfforaethol De-Dwyrain Cymru

REPORT SUMMARY

ITEM 5: Appointments to Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards

Purpose

This report sets out recommendations in relation to:

- Appointments made by the Monitoring Officer in respect of the CJC's sub-committees.
- Appointments made by the Appointments Sub-Committee in relation to membership of the Regional Growth Board.

Summary

- To set out the process and outcomes of the appointment process enacted by the Monitoring Officer for member appointments to Audit and Governance Committee and note the full Committee membership.
- To set out the process and outcomes of Council Member appointments to Regional Transport Sub-Committee and Strategic Development Sub-Committee, enacted by the Monitoring Officer and note the full Committee membership.
- To note the appointments made by Appointments Sub-Committee in relation to the membership of Regional Growth Board.

Recommendations

The Corporate Joint Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the appointments made by the Monitoring Officer following the CJC's annual meeting on 3 June 2024 to vacancies on sub-committees for the 2024/25 municipal year;

(2) Note the appointments made by Appointments Sub-Committee on 11 July 2024 of Independent Members to the Regional Growth Board for 2024/25.

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Report Summary

1. This report informs Members of appointments made by the Monitoring Officer to vacancies on the Corporate Joint Committee's sub-committees, and of appointments made by the Appointments Sub-Committee to the Regional Growth Board for the 2024-25 municipal year.

Recommendations

2. The South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee is asked to:

   2.1 Note the appointments made by the Monitoring Officer following the Corporate Joint Committee's Annual Meeting on 3 June 2024 to vacancies on sub-committees of the CJC for the 2024/25 municipal year; and

   2.2 Note the appointments made by the Appointments Sub-Committee on 11 July 2024 of Independent Members to the Regional Growth Board for the 2024/25 municipal year.

Reasons for Recommendations

Appointments to Sub-Committees

3. At its Annual Meeting on 3 June 2024, the Corporate Joint Committee received nominations and made appointments to each of its sub-committees and advisory boards established for the 2024-25 municipal year.

4. Due to the timing of constituent council meetings, a number of vacancies remained on the CJC's sub-committees and authority was delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make appointments to any vacancies and report any such appointments to the next meeting of the CJC for information.

5. The sub-committees are now fully recruited to for the 2024/25 municipal year and their membership is as follows:

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr Malcolm Cross
Bridgend CBC	Cllr Rhys Goode
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Ceri Wright
Cardiff Council	Cllr Kate Carr
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr John Thomas
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr John Crook
Newport CC	Cllr Phil Hourahine
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Wendy Lewis
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Nathan Yeowell
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Pamela Drake
Lay Member	Alan Davies (Chair)
Lay Member	Andrew Blackmore
Lay Member	Sue Eriksen
Lay Member	Colin Prosser
Lay Member	Sherrie Woolf (Deputy Chair)

REGIONAL TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Andrew Morgan
Deputy Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Lis Burnett
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr John Morgan
Bridgend CBC	Cllr Neelo Farr
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Nigel George

Cardiff Council	Cllr Dan De'Ath
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Michelle Symonds
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Catrin Mabey
Newport CC	Cllr Rhian Howells
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Ann Crimmings
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Amanda Owen
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Bronwen Brooks

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Lis Burnett
Deputy Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Andrew Morgan
Brecon Beacons NPA	Steve Rayner
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr John Morgan
Bridgend CBC	Cllr Neelo Farr
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Philippa Leonard
Cardiff Council	Cllr Dan De'Ath
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Dave Hughes
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Paul Griffiths
Newport CC	Cllr James Clarke
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Mark Norris
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Joanne Gauden
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Ruba Sivagnanam

Appointments to Regional Growth Board

6. As previously agreed by the Corporate Joint Committee, Kevin Gardiner will act as 'continuity' Chair of the Regional Growth Board, and Professor Wendy Larner, Vice Chancellor of Cardiff University, will act as the Board's Deputy Chair for the 2024-25 municipal year in order to maintain the rotational pattern of senior Higher Education representation.

7. It has further been decided that the Regional Transport Sub-Committee and the Strategic Development Sub-Committee will each nominate one of their members (two in total) to the Regional Growth Board.

8. In addition, the CJC Portfolio Leads for Research, Innovation & Investment, Industrial Policy, Internationalisation & Core Cities, and Northern Valleys all have observer (non-voting) status on the Regional Growth Board, along with a Regional Chief Executive nominated by the Chief Executives' Group.

9. Finally, in line with the Regional Growth Board's terms of reference, no fewer than four and no more than twelve independent members (i.e., non-councillor members) of the regional business, academic and third sector communities must be appointed to the Board. This number include the Board's Chair and Deputy Chair.

10. A recruitment process has been undertaken over a period of two months to recruit independent members to the Board. Following public advertisement, 15 applications were received, of which eight were shortlisted for interview. One candidate withdrew from the process and the seven remaining applicants were interviewed by Kevin Gardiner, Chair of Regional Growth Board, Frank Holmes, Chair of Investment Board, and Kellie Beirne, CCR Chief Executive.

11. Following interviews, recommendations were made to, and approved by, the Appointments Sub-Committee on 11 July 2024 to appoint the further following four individuals to the Regional Growth Board:

    - Nick Bennett, Director Strategic Advisory, Savills;
    - Dr Louise Bright, Pro Vice Chancellor Enterprise, Engagement and Partnerships, University of South Wales;
    - Prof Robert Huggins, Chair of Economic Geography, Cardiff University; and
    - Mark John, Co-Founder, Tramsheds Tech Ltd.

12. Alongside the Chair and Deputy Chair, the number of Independent Member appointments to the Regional Growth Board now total 6.

13. The Appointments Sub-Committee also endorsed the proposal for Regional Growth Board to exercise co-option rights in respect of a further applicant, Sarah Williams-Gardener, in her capacity as Chair of Western Gateway, limited to where it is deemed beneficial to consider matters of pan-regional policy importance.

14. Discussions are ongoing in respect of a further candidate, who was not recommended for appointment to Regional Growth Board, regarding a time-bounded opportunity to provide strategic advice to both Regional Growth Board and Investment Board about entrepreneurship and support for early-stage businesses.

15. Overall, the quality of applications for membership of Regional Growth Board was high, and those candidates not selected for appointment on this occasion have been asked if they wish to keep their applications on file for consideration as other opportunities arise.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

16. Appointments to the Corporate Joint Committee's sub-committees and advisory boards have been made in accordance with the Composition and Terms of Reference of those bodies as set out in Part 3B of the CJC's Constitution.

Comments of the Director of Resources and s.151 Officer

17. The cost of establishing and running the CJC's Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards have been costed and included in the CJC's approved 2024/25 Revenue Budget. The Budget Report set out that financial year 2024/25 represented the first year of the CJC Statutory Functions and the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal coming together under one corporate structure, therefore, the budget was developed using 'zero base budgeting', using the information known at that time.

18. Regular budget monitoring reports will be provided to the CJC during the year to report 'actual and projected costs' against the approved budgets, along with any resulting variances. This in year budget monitoring information will also be used to inform preparations for the CJC's 2025/26 Budget and its Medium-Term Financial Plan.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

19. The composition and terms of reference of the sub-committees and advisory board mentioned in this report were previously agreed by the CJC at its meeting on 18 March 2024 and are set out in Part 3B of the CJC's Constitution.

Staffing Implications

20. The establishment of a number of new sub-committees and advisory boards for the 2024/25 municipal year represents a significant increase to the workload of a small team of officers. The additional workload is currently being discharged within existing resource. However, this will need to be kept under continuous review.

Equality, Human Rights and Community Cohesion

21. There are no implications directly associated with this report, save to say that appointments are made in accordance with the relevant sub-committee's or advisory board's Terms of Reference.

Sustainability and Climate Considerations

22. There are no implications directly associated with this report.

Risk Management

23. The appointment of members to the CJC's Sub-Committees and to the Regional Growth Board is critical to:

- establishing an effective system of networked governance wherein policy is informed by wide perspectives and representatives across the CJC's constituent councils and the region's wider business, academic, and community sectors;
- boosting the connections and alignment across the three statutory duties of the CJC in respect of Regional Transport Planning, Strategic Development Planning and Economic Wellbeing;
- Cultivating the conditions for a fairer, stronger and greener economy.

Consultation

24. The Composition and Terms of Reference of the CJC's Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards were approved at a meeting of the CJC on 18 March 2024.

Welsh Language Implications

25. Due regard has been had to Welsh Language implications.

Well-being of Future Generations

26. In developing the Recommendations of this report, regard has been had to the well-being duty arising under the to the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act').

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22 July 2024

Appendices
None

Background Papers

Constitution Review and Transfer of CCR City Deal to CJC, 18 March 2024

Establishment of, and Appointment to, Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards for 2024/25, 3 June 2024