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For Consideration By	South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee
Report Title	Appointments to Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards for 2025-26
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Report Summary

1. This report asks the Corporate Joint Committee to receive nominations and make appointments to the CJC's sub-committees and advisory boards, and to authorise the Monitoring Officer to make appointments to any remaining vacancies.

Recommendations

2. The Corporate Joint Committee is asked to:

2.1 Receive nominations and make appointments to each of the sub-committees and advisory boards established for the 2025-26 municipal year; and

2.2 Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make appointments to any vacancies and report any such appointments to the next meeting of the CJC for information.

Reasons for Recommendations

Appointments Sub-Committee

3. Regulation 15 of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 ('the Establishment Regulations'), and paragraph 15 of the Schedule to those Regulations, permits the CJC to establish sub-committees that may support the CJC in exercising its functions.

4. The Appointments Sub-Committee is an ad hoc sub-committee with its membership drawn from the CJC as and when it is required to convene.

Governance and Audit Sub-Committee

5. The Governance and Audit Sub-Committee comprises of 15 Members, including 1 non-executive member from each of the CJC's 10 Constituent Councils and 5 members who are not elected members of a county council or county borough council in Wales.

6. Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2022, the Chair of the Governance and Audit Sub-Committee must be a Lay Member.

7. Five (5) Lay Members of the Governance and Audit Sub-Committee were appointed in June 2024 for a four-year period. One Lay Member has since resigned, and the vacancy was advertised and successfully recruited to in March 2025.

Regional Transport Sub-Committee

8. The Regional Transport Sub-Committee comprises of 12 Members, including the Executive Member with responsibility for Transport (or equivalent) from each of the 10 Constituent Councils and 2 Members of the CJC who will act as the Sub-Committee's Chair and Deputy Chair (non-voting).

Standards Sub-Committee

9. Pursuant to section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000, the CJC must establish a Standards Sub-Committee and, at its meeting on 18 March 2024, the CJC adopted standing orders for the establishment of a Standards Sub-Committee (Part 2, Article 7).

10. During the 2024/25 municipal year, the Standards and Ethics Committee of Cardiff Council discharged the functions of the CJC's Standards Sub-Committee on the CJC's behalf pursuant to a Service Level Agreement, in

accordance with Regulation 13 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2021. However, this agreement was limited to a period of 12 months only. Accordingly, the CJC, at its meeting on 31 March 2025, agreed to bring this function in-house for the 2025/26 municipal year, and 2G. Article 7 – Standards Committee was amended accordingly.

11. The Standards Sub-Committee will be comprised of at least 5 members, of whom at least 3 shall be Independent (Lay) Members and 2 shall be Members of the CJC's constituent councils, who are not members of the CJC or any of its other sub-committees.

12. The vacancies for Independent Members have been advertised and successfully recruited to, subject to this Committee's and Welsh Government's approval.

Strategic Development Sub-Committee

13. The Strategic Development Sub-Committee comprises of 13 Members, including the Executive Member with responsibility for Planning (or equivalent) from each of the 10 Constituent Councils, a member appointed by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, and 2 Members of the CJC who will act as the Sub-Committee's Chair and Deputy Chair (non-voting).

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14. During the 2024/25 municipal year, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council acted as the Host Authority for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, pursuant to a Service Level Agreement with the CJC. At its meeting on 18 March 2024, the CJC adopted standing orders recognising those arrangements (Part 2, Article 5). The Service Level Agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC has been extended by a further 12 months for the municipal year of 2025/26.

15. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee comprises of 10 non-executive Members, nominated by each of the CJC's 10 Constituent Councils, together with 10 reserve members.

Advisory Boards and Groups

16. The Corporate Joint Committee has established the following advisory boards:
    - Investment Board
    - Regional Growth Board
    - Shareholders' Board
    - Chief Executives' Group

17. The composition and terms of reference of each of the above-mentioned advisory boards and groups are set out in Part 3B of the CJC's Constitution adopted at its meeting on 18 March 2024.

Investment Board

18. The Investment Board comprises of 10 members, including 5 lay members of the Regional Business Community and 5 Public Sector Chief Executives.

Regional Growth Board

19. The Regional Growth Board comprises of up to 14 members, including no less than 4 and no more than 12 non-councillor members from the regional business, academic and third sector communities, 1 Constituent Council Executive Member who is also a member of (and nominated by) the Regional Transport Sub-Committee, and 1 Constituent Council Executive Member who is also a member of (and nominated by) the Strategic Development Sub-Committee.

20. The Board is also attended by the following CJC Members, who may speak but are not entitled to vote on any matter:
- CJC Member for Research, Innovation and Investment
- CJC Member for Industrial Policy, Internationalisation & Core Cities
- CJC Member(s) for Northern Valleys

Shareholder Board

21. The Shareholder Board is comprised of:
- CJC Member for Governance, Resources & Assurance (Chair)
- CJC Member for Research, Innovation & Investment
- CJC Member for Industrial Policy, Internationalisation & Core Cities.

Chief Executives' Group

22. The Chief Executives' Group is comprised of the Chief Executive Officers of each of the 10 Constituent Councils, together with the Chief Executive of the CJC.

Vacancies

23. The CJC is asked to authorise the Monitoring Officer to make appointments to any remaining vacancies and to report any such appointments to the next meeting of the CJC for information.

Comments of the s.151 Officer

24. The cost of establishing and running the CJC's Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards outlined in this report have been costed and included in the CJC's approved 2025/26 Revenue Budget.

25. Regular budget monitoring reports will be provided to the CJC during the year to report details of 'actual' and 'projected costs' against the approved budgets, along with any resulting variances and remedial action, where appropriate.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

26. The legal requirements in relation to the establishment of sub-committees are set out in the body of the report.

27. Agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference of sub-committees, deciding on their composition, and making appointments to them is, except as expressly and lawfully delegated, a matter reserved to the Corporate Joint Committee pursuant to Part 3A of the CJC's Constitution.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

28. There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

Well-being of Future Generations

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

Welsh Language Implications

30. No negative impacts were identified which would prevent approval being sought to implement the recommendations of this report. The Constitution is published on the CJC's website in both Welsh and English.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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Meeting Date: 2 June 2025

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Appointments to Sub-Committees

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* Note: this is a 'live' document which will be updated as nominations are received.

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Lay Member (Chair)	Alan Davies
Lay Member (Deputy Chair)	Andrew Blackmore
Lay Member	Sue Eriksen
Lay Member	Colin Prosser
Lay Member	Cheryl Hucker
Blaenau Gwent CBC	TBC
Bridgend CBC	TBC
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Ceri Wright
Cardiff Council	Cllr Kate Carr
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr David Isaac
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr John Crook
Newport CC	TBC
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Wendy Lewis
Torfaen CBC	TBC
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Pamela Drake

REGIONAL TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Andrew Morgan
Deputy Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Lis Burnett
Blaenau Gwent CBC	TBC
Bridgend CBC	TBC
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Nigel George
Cardiff Council	Cllr Dan De'Ath
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Jamie Scriven
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Catrin Maby
Newport CC	TBC
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Ann Crimmings
Torfaen CBC	TBC
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Bronwen Brooks

STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE	
Independent Member	Dawn Jones
Independent Member	Peter Brunt
Independent Member	Richard Hendicott
Independent Member	Roy Lynch
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr George Humphreys
Bridgend CBC	TBC
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	TBC

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE	
Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Lis Burnett
Deputy Chair (non-voting)	Cllr Andrew Morgan
Brecon Beacons NPA	TBC
Blaenau Gwent CBC	TBC
Bridgend CBC	TBC
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Philippa Leonard
Cardiff Council	Cllr Dan De-Ath
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr David Jones
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Paul Griffiths
Newport CC	TBC
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Mark Norris
Torfaen CBC	TBC
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Ruba Sivagnanam

INVESTMENT BOARD	
Lay Member (Chair)	Frank Holmes
Lay Member	Dr Carol Bell
Lay Member	Andrew Probert
Lay Member	David Stevens
Lay Member	Chris Sutton
Cardiff Council, CEO	Paul Orders
Merthyr Tydfil CBC, CEO	Ellis Cooper
Monmouthshire CC, CEO	Paul Matthews
Newport CC, CEO	Beverly Owen

Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, CEO	Paul Mee

REGIONAL GROWTH BOARD	
Lay Member, Chair	Kevin Gardiner
Lay Member	Prof. Wendy Larner
Lay Member	Dr Louise Bright
Lay Member	Mark John
Lay Member	Nick Bennett
Lay Member	Prof. Robert Huggins
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr Stephen Thomas
Cardiff Council	Cllr Huw Thomas
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Brent Carter
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Paul Griffiths
Newport CC	Cllr Rhian Howells
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Anthony Hunt

SHAREHOLDER BOARD	
Chair	Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby
Deputy Chair	Cllr Anthony Hunt
Deputy Chair	Cllr Huw Thomas

REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES' GROUP	
Corporate Joint Committee	Kellie Beirne
Blaenau Gwent CBC Torfaen CBC	Stephen Vickers
Bridgend CBC	Mark Shephard
Caerphilly CBC	Ed Edmunds
Cardiff Council	Paul Orders
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Ellis Cooper
Monmouthshire CC	Paul Matthews
Newport CC	Beverly Own
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Paul Mee
Vale of Glamorgan	Rob Thomas