# Appendix 1 – Portfolio Areas of Special Interest for SEWCJC 2026/27

| Portfolio Areas of Special Interest | Designations | Lead Officer(s) | Lead Member |
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| **Governance, Resources & Assurance**<br>• Corporate Plans<br>• Resources<br>• Statutory Policy Compliance<br>• Assurance and Risk<br>• CCR Shareholdings<br>• Performance and Reporting<br>• Organisational Communication<br>• Organisational Development<br>• Investor Relations<br>• Welsh language | Chair Shareholders Group<br><br>Chair Appointments Sub Committee | Chief Executive<br><br>Strategic Director of Legal & Governance<br><br>Strategic Director of Resources<br><br>Strategic Director of Policy, Impact & Performance | Cllr A Hunt |
| **Research, Innovation & Investment Partnerships**<br>• Research & innovation<br>• Higher & Further Education coalition<br>• Global research challenges<br>• Clusters and major funding programmes (such as, Strength in Places)<br>• Inclusive Innovation<br>• UK Research & Innovation (UKRI) and funding council engagement | Lead for HE/FE Civic Agreements<br><br>LIPF governance board representative<br><br>Innovation District Board | Strategic Director Policy, Impact and Partnerships<br><br>Strategic Director of Legal & Governance | Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby |

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| • Innovation Investment Capital<br>• Deeptech<br>• Challenge Fund/InFuSe<br>• Intergovernmental Relations | | | |
| **Regional Policy and Promotion**<br><br>• Regional economic policy<br>• Devolution policy<br>• Core Cities<br>• Regional promotion (including events)<br>• FDI<br>• Investment Zone<br>• Investment Framework<br>• Regional Growth Board | CORE Cities Representative<br><br>Investment Zone Governance<br><br>Observer at Regional Growth Board | Chief Executive<br><br>Directors of Regional Growth and Investment and Policy Impact and Partnerships | Cllr Christopher Weaver |
| **AI, Data, Skills and Productivity Investment**<br><br>• Key Cities<br>• Great Western Cities<br>• Deputy for Regional Promotion including events<br>• Regional Skills Partnership<br>• AI and Data<br>• Competitiveness and Productivity<br>• Education/NEETS<br>• Investment Zone<br>• Investment Framework | Regional Skills Partnership<br><br>Key Cities Representative<br><br>Investment Zone Governance<br><br>Observer at Regional Growth Board | Chief Executive<br><br>Directors of Regional Growth and Investment Policy, Impact and Partnerships | Cllr Dimitri Batrouni |

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| • Regional Growth Board | | | |
| **Connectivity and Major Projects Delivery**<br><br>• Statutory Regional Transport Plan and Delivery Framework<br>• Regional Transport Sub-Committee<br>• Regional Transport Grants Programme<br>• Cardiff Central Station<br>• TfW liaison<br>• Transport Delivery<br>• Regional Road User Charging | Chair of the Regional Transport Sub-Committee<br><br>Deputy Chair of the Strategic Development Sub-Committee | Director of Policy Impact and Partnerships<br><br>Strategic Director of Resources | Cllr Lis Burnett |
| **Energy and Power**<br>• Energy Strategy & Implementation Plan<br>• Regional and Local Area Energy Plans<br>• Green Deal<br>• Race 4 Zero<br>• ECO and ECO-Flex<br>• Energy Investment Funds<br>• Water management<br>• Shareholder liaison Aberthaw<br>• Tidal Lagoon Power | Subject to review and CCRE Options Appraisal | Directors of Regional Growth and Policy, Impact and Partnerships | Cllr J Spanswick |
| **Spatial Development**<br>• Strategic Development Plan<br>• Statutory and stakeholder engagement<br>• Rural affairs | Chair of the Strategic Development Sub-Committee | Strategic Director of Policy, Impact & Partnerships<br><br>Strategic Director of Legal & Governance | Cllr A Crimmings |

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| • Planning policy<br>• Strategic Sites Accelerator | Deputy Chair of the Regional Transport Sub-Committee | | |
| **Northern Valleys**<br>• Northern Valleys Initiative<br>• Valleys Regional Park<br>• Tech Valleys<br>• Partnerships and engagement<br>• NV Competitiveness Deep Dive Delivery<br>• Town Centres<br>• NV infrastructure and access to services | Observers at Regional Growth Board<br><br>Industrial Communities Alliance | Director of Regional Growth | Cllrs Stephen Thomas and Brent Carter |
| **Local Growth and Economic Inclusion**<br>• ESG and Responsible Investment<br>• Impact Investing<br>• Strategic Premises Fund<br>• Housing Viability Gap Fund<br>• Local Growth Fund<br>• Tourism<br>• Town Centres | Single Member decisions – Strategic Premises Fund<br><br>LGF Governance | Strategic Director of Legal & Governance<br><br>Strategic Director of Policy, Impact & Partnerships | Cllr J Pritchard |