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For Consideration By	South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee
Report Title	Confirmation of Members and Substitute Members of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee and Allocation of Portfolios for 2026/27
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Report Summary

1. This report confirms the Membership of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for the 2026/27 municipal year, together with each Constituent Authority's nominated Substitute Member. It also seeks approval of each Committee Member's area of responsibility (portfolio).

Recommendations

2. The Corporate Joint Committee is asked to:

   (1) Note the Committee's Membership for the 2026/27 municipal year;

   (2) Note each Authority's nominated Substitute Member;

   (3) Approve the Member Areas of Responsibility (Portfolios) for the 2026/27 municipal year; and

(4) Appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair of (i) the Regional Transport Sub-Committee and (ii) the Strategic Development Sub-Committee for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Reasons for Recommendations

Members and Substitute Members

3. The Committee's Membership is prescribed by Part 3 of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021. The Members of the CJC are:

(a) the Leaders of the10 constituent councils; and

(b) the Brecon Beacons member.

4. The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (NPA) must appoint either their chairman or their deputy chairman or the chairman of an NPA Committee with responsibility for planning matters as their CJC Member.

Note: the NPA member can only vote on strategic planning functions.

5. The following persons are the Members and Substitute Members of the CJC for the 2026/27 municipal year:

Council / Authority	**Member**	**Substitute**
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr Steve Thomas	Cllr John Morgan
Bridgend CBC	Cllr John Spanswick	Cllr Jane Gebbie
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr James Pritchard	Cllr Shayne Cook
Cardiff Council	Cllr Chris Weaver	Cllr Sarah Merry
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Brent Carter	Cllr David Jones
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby	Cllr Paul Griffiths
Newport CC	Cllr Dimitri Batrouni	Cllr Deborah Davies
Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC	Cllr Ann Crimmings	Cllr Maureen Webber
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Anthony Hunt	Cllr Joanne Gauden
Vale of Glamorgan Council	Cllr Lis Burnett	Cllr Bronwen Brooks
Brecon Beacons NPA	Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe	TBC

Portfolios

6. Part 3A of the CJC's Constitution makes provision for the allocation of portfolios (lead responsibilities) for particular functions. The following portfolios are proposed for the 2026/27 municipal year:

Portfolio	**Portfolio Holder**
Governance, Resources & Assurance	TBC

Research, Innovation & Investment	TBC
Industrial Policy, Internationalisation & Core Cities	TBC
Infrastructure and Major Projects Delivery	TBC
Climate Response	TBC
Spatial and Transport Policy	TBC
Northern Valleys x 2	TBC
Building Capability – Data and Skills	TBC
Economic Inclusion	TBC

Chairs and Deputy Chairs – Sub-Committees

7. Part 3B of the CJC's Constitution provides that the Chair and Deputy Chair (non-voting) of both the Regional Transport Sub-Committee (Part 3B paragraph 1.3.1) and of the Strategic Development Sub-Committee (Part 3B paragraph 1.5.1) will be members of the CJC nominated annually.

8. During the 2025/26 municipal year, these were:

Regional Transport Sub-Committee	
Chair	Cllr Andrew Morgan
Deputy Chair	Cllr Lis Burnett

Strategic Development Sub-Committee	
Chair	Cllr Lis Burnett
Deputy Chair	Cllr Andrew Morgan

Comments of the s.151 Officer

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

10. The recommendations of this report reflect the statutory requirements as to membership of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee and to the CJC's Constitution.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

11. The Equality Act 2010 (Public Authorities subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty) (Wales) Order 2021 amended Part 2 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 to provide that Corporate Joint Committees are subject to the Public Sector Equality duty set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

12. The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 amended section 1 of the Equality Act 2010 in order to add Corporate Joint Committees to the list of relevant authorities subject to the Socio Economic Duty.

13. The Committee must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to: (1) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act; (2) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not; and (3) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not.

14. The characteristics protected under the Act are:
- age;
- disability;
- gender reassignment;
- marriage and civil partnership;
- pregnancy and maternity;
- race;
- religion or belief;
- sex; and
- sexual orientation.

15. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:
(a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
(b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
(c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

16. The socio-economic duty requires public bodies to, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions, have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage.

17. The Public Sector Equality and Socio-Economic Duties have been considered and no negative implications have been identified which would prevent approval being sought to implement the recommendations of this report.

Well-being of Future Generations

18. The Corporate Joint Committees (Amendment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) Regulations 2021 bring CJCs within the scope of Parts 2 and 3 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

19. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development, meaning the process of improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action aimed at achieving the well-being goals of:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

and by acting in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

20. In order to act in accordance with the sustainable development principle, when exercising its functions, the Committee must take account of the following things:

- the importance of balancing short term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long term needs;
- the need to take an integrated approach to achieving the well-being goals;
- the importance of involving others with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and of ensuring those persons reflect the diversity of the population of the region;
- how acting in collaboration with others could assist to meet the region's well-being objectives;
- how deploying resources to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may contribute to meeting the region's well-being objectives.

21. 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

22. The Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015 (Amendment) Regulations 2021 bring Corporate Joint Committees within the scope of the standards specified by the No.1 Regulations.

23. In accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, consideration has been given to the impact the recommendations made in this report may have on opportunities for people to use and promote the Welsh Language, whether the proposals treat the Welsh Language more or less favourably than the English Language, and opportunities for increasing the positive effects, or decreasing the negative effects, of the proposals on the Welsh Language. No negative impacts were identified which would prevent approval being sought to implement the recommendations of this report.

Background Papers

24. None.

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