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| For Consideration By | South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee |
| Report Title | Appointments to Sub-Committees and Advisory Boards for 2026-27 |
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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 2026-27 municipal year;

2.2 Approve the term extension for the current Chair of the Investment Board and the current Chair of the Regional Growth Board for one year until 01 June 2027; and

2.3 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. The Standards Sub-Committee is 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.

Strategic Development Sub-Committee

11. 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

12. 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 2026/27.

13. 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

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

15. 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.

16. It is proposed to the CJC that the Chair of the Investment Board, Frank Holmes, has his term extended by one year until 01 June 2027. This allows continuous settlement whilst the newly appointment Lay Members of the Investment Board settle. The CJC had agreed in 2024 to appoint any current

members of the Investment Panel, who had time remaining on their current term of office, to the Investment Board for a term of two years. This term will expire.

17. It is proposed that the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) approves a one-year extension to the term of the Chair of the Investment Board, Frank Holmes, until 1 June 2027. This extension will ensure continuity while the newly appointed Lay Members of the Investment Board become established in their roles.

18. It is further proposed that the CJC approves a one-year extension to the term of the Chair of the Regional Growth Board, Kevin Gardiner, until 1 June 2027. This extension will ensure continuity while the Innovation Partnership becomes established.

19. The CJC previously agreed in 2024 that existing members of the Investment Panel and/or the Regional Economic Growth Partnership, who had remaining terms of office, would transition to the Investment Board and/or the Regional Growth Board for a two-year period. These terms are now due to expire.

Investment Board

20. 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

21. 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.

22. 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

23. 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

24. 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.

Innovation Partnership Group/Board

25. The Innovation Partnership Board was established and held its first meeting on 15 May 2026. The Board/Group comprises of no more than 15 lay members and no more than 2 elected members drawn from the CJC itself. The membership includes representation and expertise across: private sector/industry; Further Education; Higher Education; innovation ecosystem/R&D commercialisation expertise; and, public/place-based innovation delivery expertise.

Vacancies

26. 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**

27. 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 2026/27 Revenue Budget.

28. 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**

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

30. 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

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

## Well-being of Future Generations

32. 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

33. 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:** 8 June 2026

**Appendices:** Appendix 1 – Appointments to Sub-Committees

# Appendix 1 – Appointments to Sub-Committees

* 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 | Cllr Jacqueline Thomas |
| Bridgend CBC | Cllr Rhys Goode |
| 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 | Cllr Phil Hourahine |
| Vale of Glamorgan | TBC |

| REGIONAL TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE | |
|---|---|
| Chair (non-voting) | TBC |
| Deputy Chair (non-voting) | TBC |
| Blaenau Gwent CBC | Cllr John C Morgan |
| Bridgend CBC | Cllr Eugene Caparros /<br>Cllr Gary Haines |
| Caerphilly CBC | Cllr Nigel George |
| Cardiff Council | Cllr Dan De'Ath |
| Merthyr Tydfil CBC | Cllr Jamie Scriven |
| Monmouthshire CC | Cllr Catrin Maby |
| Newport CC | Cllr Rhian Howells |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC | Cllr Louisa Addiscott |
| Torfaen CBC | Cllr Amanda Owen |
| 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 | Cllr Graham Walter |
| Merthyr Tydfil CBC | TBC |

| STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE | |
|---|---|
| Chair (non-voting) | TBC |
| Deputy Chair (non-voting) | TBC |
| Brecon Beacons NPA | Steve Rayner |
| Blaenau Gwent CBC | Cllr John C Morgan |
| Bridgend CBC | Cllr Colin Davies |
| Caerphilly CBC | Cllr Philippa Leonard |
| Cardiff Council | Cllr Dan De-Ath |
| Merthyr Tydfil CBC | Cllr David Jones |
| 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 |

| INVESTMENT BOARD | |
|---|---|
| Lay Member (Chair) | Frank Holmes |
| Lay Member | Kathryn Llewellyn |
| Lay Member | Martyn Popham |
| Lay Member | Andrew Probert |
| Lay Member | David Stevens |
| Caerphilly CBC, CEO | Ed Edmunds |
| Merthyr Tydfil CBC, CEO | Ellis Cooper |
| Monmouthshire CC, CEO | Paul Matthews |

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| 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 | Prof. Louise Bright |
| Lay Member | Mark John |
| Lay Member | Nick Bennett |
| Lay Member | Prof. Robert Huggins |
| CJC Member for Northern Valleys | TBC |
| CJC Member for Industrial Policy, Internationalisation & Core Cities | TBC |
| CJC Member for Research, Innovation and Investment | TBC |
| Constituent Council Executive Member who is also a member of (and nominated by) the Regional Transport Sub-Committee | TBC |
| Constituent Council Executive Member who is also a member of (and nominated by) the Strategic Development Sub-Committee. | TBC |

| **SHAREHOLDER BOARD** | |
|---|---|
| Chair | TBC |
| Deputy Chair | TBC |
| Deputy Chair | TBC |

| **REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES' GROUP** | |
|---|---|
| Corporate Joint Committee | Kellie Beirne |
| Blaenau Gwent CBC<br>Torfaen CBC | Stephen Vickers |
| Bridgend CBC | Jake Morgan |
| Caerphilly CBC | Ed Edmunds |
| Cardiff Council | Paul Orders |
| Merthyr Tydfil CBC | Ellis Cooper |

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|---|---|
| Monmouthshire CC | Paul Matthews |
| Newport CC | Beverly Owen |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC | Paul Mee |
| Vale of Glamorgan | Rob Thomas |