

South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee

(Via Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

22 October 2024

Chairperson: Councillor R.Stewart

Vice Chairperson: Councillor D.Price

Councillors: J.Harvey and W.F.Griffiths

**National Park
Representatives:** D.Clements

**Officers In
Attendance:** W.Bramble, K.Jones, G.Jones, C.Griffiths,
K.Tillman, S.Aldred-Jones, M.Wade, A.Williams,
S.Morris and C.Plowman

1. **Welcome and Chairs Announcements**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interests**

The following Member declared a personal interest at the start of the meeting:

Cllr J Harvey

Re Agenda Item 9 as he has previously worked with some of the proposed appointees contained within the circulated report.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 September 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

4. **General Progress of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee 2023/24**

The Committee received a report regarding the General Progress of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) 2023/24.

The Chief Executive of the SWWCJC explained the purpose of providing the General Progress report. It highlighted that the Annual Return was presented at a previous meeting of the Committee (12 September 2024); and therefore, was not included within this General Progress update.

It was confirmed that the proposed priorities for 2025 /26 will be presented to SWWCJC at the meeting scheduled for 3 December 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the General Progress for 2023/24 be noted and endorsed.

5. **Welsh Language Standards - Compliance Update**

Members were advised of the measures taken to review and implement the Compliance Notice to demonstrate the acceptance of the Welsh Language Standards applicable to the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC).

It was noted that the Compliance Notice was received from the Welsh Language Commissioner on 24 April 2024 and the SWWCJC had six months to implement the measures.

The circulated report included a table displaying all of the Compliance Standards that the SWWCJC was required to meet, as well as the progress made against each of those Standards.

RESOLVED:

That the requirements of the Welsh Language Standards Compliance Notice be noted, and that the ongoing monitoring and the necessary resources to ensure compliance with the Welsh Language Standards be endorsed.

6. **Forward Work Programme**

The Committee were advised that there would be some changes in the timescales associated with the Regional Transport Plan (RTP); the detail of which would be discussed at the workshop on 22 October 2024, with an update to the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) in January 2025. It was noted that the change in timescales would not impact the end date in which Officers were required to submit the RTP to Welsh Government.

The Chairperson of the SWWCCJ noted the comments made regarding the RTP timescales, accepting there would be no impact to the submission date to Welsh Government.

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

7. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items received.

8. **Access to Meetings - Exclusion of the Public**

RESOLVED:

That pursuant to Regulation 4 (3) and (5) of Statutory Instrument 2001 No 2290, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

9. **Private Sector Advisory Board - Appointments**

Members received a report regarding the recruitment of additional advisors to form the Private Sector Advisory Board (PSAB)

RESOLVED:

- That the number of proposed members of the Public Sector Advisory Board (PSAB) be increased to the numbers identified in the circulated report.
- That the fourteen Expressions of Interest at Appendix C of the circulated report, be reviewed.
- That the advisors identified under Cohort 1 of Appendix D of the circulated report, be appointed.

- That the additional advisors identified under Cohort 2 of Appendix D of the circulate report, be appointed to support the PSAB on an on-call basis.

CHAIRPERSON