

SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

3rd December 2024

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Report Title: Scheme of Delegation

Purpose of Report	To present the proposed scheme of delegation for the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (“SWWCJC”). This document outlines the delegation of decision-making powers within the SWWCJC to ensure clarity, efficiency, and compliance with relevant legal and governance requirements
Recommendation	It is recommended that the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee: (a) Approves the Scheme of Delegation as presented at Appendix 1 (b) Authorises the Monitoring Officer to make any minor amendments required for clarity or consistency. (c) Agrees to a review of the Scheme of Delegation at each Annual General Meeting of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee to ensure its effectiveness.
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1. Background:

1.1 Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, CJsCs were established to facilitate regional collaboration in delivering strategic functions such as transport, land use planning, and economic development. To operate effectively and maintain robust governance, a Scheme of Delegation is necessary to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the SWWCJC and its officers.

1.2 The proposed Scheme of Delegation at Appendix 1 has been prepared in line with

- The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
- The SWWCJC’s Standing Orders and Constitution
- Relevant statutory guidance and good practice principles



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1.3 The implementation of the Scheme of Delegation will:

- Streamline decision-making processes while ensuring accountability and transparency.
- Allow officers and sub-committees to act efficiently within defined parameters.
- Align governance arrangements with statutory requirements and best practice.

2. Financial Impacts:

2.1 It is not considered that there will be any financial impacts for the SWWCJC itself in the consideration of this report.

3. Integrated Impact Assessment:

3.1 The SWWCJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

3.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

4. Workforce Impacts:

4.1 There are no workforce impacts for the SWWCJC to be concerned with in relation to this report.

5. Legal Impacts:

5.1 The Scheme of Delegation complies with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and associated regulations.



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6. Risk Management Impacts:

6.1 There are no impacts associated with this report. In the absence of a Scheme of Delegation it will just require all decision making to vest in the SWWCJC. Its purpose is to streamline decision-making processes while ensuring accountability and transparency.

7. Consultation:

7.1 There is no requirement for external consultation on this report.

8. Reasons for Proposed Decision:

8.1 To ensure the SWWCJC has in place a streamline decision-making processes while ensuring accountability and transparency

9. Implementation of Decision:

9.1 This report will be implemented following the expiry of the three-day call-in period.

10. Appendices:

10.1 Appendix 1- Draft Scheme of Delegation

11. List of Background Papers:

11.1 None



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