

SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber 3 Spilman Street Carmarthen SA31 1LE)

Members Present:

20 November, 2018

Chairman: Councillor A.N.Woolcock

Vice Chairman: Councillor R.James

Councillors: J.Adams, T.Baron, J.Curtice, P.Downing,
M.Evans, S.E.Freeguard, A.Llewelyn, G.Morgan
and D.Price

Officers In Attendance J.Davies and A.Manchipp

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED: That the Chairperson of the Joint Scrutiny Committee be Cllr.A.N.Woolcock for a two year period.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED: That the Vice Chairperson of the Joint Scrutiny Committee be Cllr.R.James for a two year period.

3. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the commencement of the meeting:-

Cllr.S.E.Freeguard

Re the Regional Projects as she is a Member of the ABMU Community Health Council and also Vice Chair of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Members received and noted the Terms of Reference, together with Background Papers in relation to the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

5. **PROCEDURE RULES FOR SCRUTINY (NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION)**

Members received and noted the Procedure Rules for the Joint Scrutiny Committee, which were the rules used by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, the host Authority. From the papers it was noted that the call in period was three days.

6. **ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Members considered the proposed administration arrangements for the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the next meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee be held on 22 February 2019 and 16 May 2019 at 2pm;
 2. That the meetings be rotated around the Constituent Authorities;
 3. That the arrangements in relation to the Welsh Language, mirror those in place for Carmarthenshire County Council i.e. the meetings would be supported by simultaneous translation and agendas and minutes only would be produced in both Welsh and English;
 4. That meeting papers including the Forward Work Programme be published, and issued to relevant Members/Officers via the Modern.Gov system with restrictions applied as appropriate for exempt items. The papers would also be available via the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's website as

host Authority. Any alternative Member requirements would be addressed by the relevant constituent Authority;

5. That when the Scrutiny Committee wished to draw attention to an issue or make a recommendation to the constituent Authority, this would be reflected in the Minutes of the relevant meeting and supported by a letter from the Chair of the meeting to the Chief Executive of the constituent Authority/Authorities and copied to the relevant Officer/Member.

7. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the work programme of the Joint Committee, attached as an appendix to the circulated report.

Members noted that the remit of the Joint Scrutiny Committee was in relation to the three regional projects only, however Members asked whether this could be extended as the three regional projects fed into the other projects under the City Region Programme as a whole. The Committee asked for advice in relation to this request.

In respect of the three regional projects namely Digital Infrastructure, Skills and Talent, and Homes as Power Stations, Members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee asked that they receive a presentation, by the Lead Officers on each of the projects. As a result Members asked that the meeting to be held on 22 February 2019 be extended to an all day meeting.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the Joint Committee receive further advice around its remit particularly in relation to scrutinising the individual constituent Authority projects;
 2. That the meeting to be held on 22 February, 2019 be extended to an all day meeting to accommodate presentations by the Lead Officers on each of the three regional projects.

CHAIRMAN