

South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

(Via Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

8 November 2022

Chairperson: Councillor R.Sparks

Vice Chairperson: Councillor T.Bowen

Councillors: R.Davies, S.Purse, D.Howlett, M.John, M.Tierney, E.Schiavone, P.Black, M.White and W.Lewis

Officers In Attendance C.Griffiths, K.Jones, O.Enoch, C.Moore, R.Arnold and C.John

1. **Welcome**

The Monitoring officer for the Corporate Joint Committee introduced and welcomed the Committee.

2. **Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee**

Cllr. Russell Sparks was appointed as Chair for the South West Wales Corporate Joint committee –Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee

Cllr. Tim Bowen was appointed as Vice Chair for the South West Wales Corporate Joint committee –Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee

3. **Chairs Announcements**

There were none.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

5. **Constitution of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee**

Members were provided with an overview of the responsibilities within the structure of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee and the decision making process, as detailed within the circulated report.

Members queried the involvement of the National parks on the main Corporate Joint Committee and discussed the reasons as to why they were not included on the scrutiny committee. Officers informed members that a report was due to be taken to the Corporate Joint Committee to discuss the national parks involvement in different status's going forward. Members noted that officers would provide an update to the overview and scrutiny committee subject to a future report going to the Corporate Joint Committee.

Following scrutiny members noted the report.

6. **Terms of Reference of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

Members were provided with an overview in relation to the terms of reference of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as detailed within the circulated report.

Clarity was sought around the scrutiny process of the outside bodies as highlighted within the terms of reference. Officers confirmed that it would be limited however any outside bodies that would be participating within the Corporate Joint Committee process would be open for scrutiny.

Following scrutiny, the report was noted.

7. **South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee - Forward Work Programme of the Chief Executive**

Members welcomed the Chief Executive of the Corporate Joint Committee

Members were updated on the current forward work programme of the Corporate Joint Committee and the role of the Chief Executive of the Corporate Joint Committee along with the arrangements that are to be in place for the discharge of services, as detailed within the circulated report.

Discussions took place around the format and processing of the budget. The Section 151 Officer provided an overview of the budget. It was noted that a link of a previous meeting of the Corporate Joint Committee where the Budget for 2022/23 was approved be circulated to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Members requested that the budget 2023/24 be included on the Forward Work Programme within January.

Members queried that detailed within the report it highlights that the Corporate Joint Committee were developing a Transport Plan by December 2022 and a public consultation would take place in June 2022. Members queried whether these dates were correct. Officers clarified that when the original report was drafted the dates were correct however, were awaiting further guidance from Welsh Government resulting in the delay of the dates. Officers confirmed that following further guidance an update would be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Discussions took place around topics that the members wished to include on the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme. It was agreed that a Forward Work Programme session be arranged to allow the committee to further populate their Forward Work Programme.

Following Scrutiny, the report was noted.

8. **Urgent Items**

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON