

Cllr. Rob Stewart  
Chair of the Corporate Joint Committee

Dear Cllr. Rob Stewart

**Re: Corporate Joint Committee**

Thank you for your response dated 13<sup>th</sup> April.

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee met on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. The Scrutiny Committee welcomed your letter and your assurances in relation to future investments on supporting economic growth.

The Committee also welcomed your offer to attend a future meeting of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee – Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee. My Scrutiny Officer will be in touch to make arrangements.

At the Scrutiny Sub Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023, members received an update and scrutinised the 'Energy Agenda'. It has come to our attention that as part of the Welsh Government's plan, there is a collective 2030 Welsh Public Sector net zero carbon target that all local authorities are to participate in.

Following, information given by officers it was apparent that the scale of investment required to meet such a target and the pace of delivering this within the next 7 years would be difficult and extremely costly.

I understand that a grant of £350,000 has been provided to the CJC to allow a recruitment process to help accelerate both local and regional energy plans and coordinate delivery. My Committee and I are concerned that grants of this nature are not going to provide financial support needed. My Committee was also concerned that we would not be able to meet the target of Net Zero by 2030 without substantial funding being made available.

Can I ask if you have developed an investment timetable that will get us to our targets or that records the level of investment required to do so?

I would kindly request that you note our sub-committee's concerns and I ask you to pass this onto the members of SWW CJC and in your ongoing engagement with Welsh Government and Ministers.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Russel Sparks

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