

SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE ENERGY SUB COMMITTEE

6th November 2023

Report of the Chief Executive

Report Title: South West Wales Regional Energy Policy and Scene Setting

Purpose of Report	To set the scene on factors and governance structures influencing regional energy policy and to outline known developments in regional energy.
Recommendation(s)	There are no recommendations arising from the report. It is for information only.
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Introduction / Background:

The Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for South West Wales has endorsed a Regional Energy Strategy for the region.

This update based upon Appendix 1 'CJC - Energy - Regional Energy policy and scene setting Nov 2023 v1.1' is intended to ensure CJC Members are aware of the regional landscape, drivers and activities already underway.

Financial Impacts:

This is an update to set the scene on factors and governance structures influencing regional energy policy and to outline known developments in regional energy. Hence, the update itself does not have a direct financial impact.

The Regional energy agenda itself has major and significant potential financial impacts some of which are outlined in Appendix 1 'CJC - Energy - Regional Energy policy and scene setting Nov 2023 v1.1' but defining such impacts is beyond the intended scope of this report.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

The CJC 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.

In recognition of the above duties, the CJC has adopted an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Tool which allows for a 2 stage approach to be undertaken to measure any potential impact of its decisions. It is not considered that an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is required for this report as it does not seek a substantive policy decision from Members.

Notwithstanding this the CJC Energy Sub-Committee is actively engaged in the development of the South West Wales Regional Energy Strategy – looking at developing the best way of harnessing the region’s low carbon energy potential across its on and offshore locations. This will deliver a prosperous and equitable net zero carbon economy which enhances the well-being of future generations and the region’s ecosystems, at a pace which delivers against regional and national emissions reduction targets by 2035 and 2050.

Workforce Impacts:

This report and Appendix 1 ‘CJC - Energy - Regional Energy policy and scene setting Nov 2023 v1.1’ has been produced using existing capacity within the regional local authorities and there is no workforce impact beyond allocating time to this specific task.

Legal Impacts:

None.

Risk Management Impacts:

None.

Consultation:

No formal consultation required for the purpose of this report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

No decision is requested as a result of this report.

Implementation of Decision:

No decision is requested as a result of this report.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 'CJC - Energy - Regional Energy policy and scene setting Nov 2023 v1.1'.

List of Background Papers:

None.