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Corporate Joint Committees

Public Services Select Committee

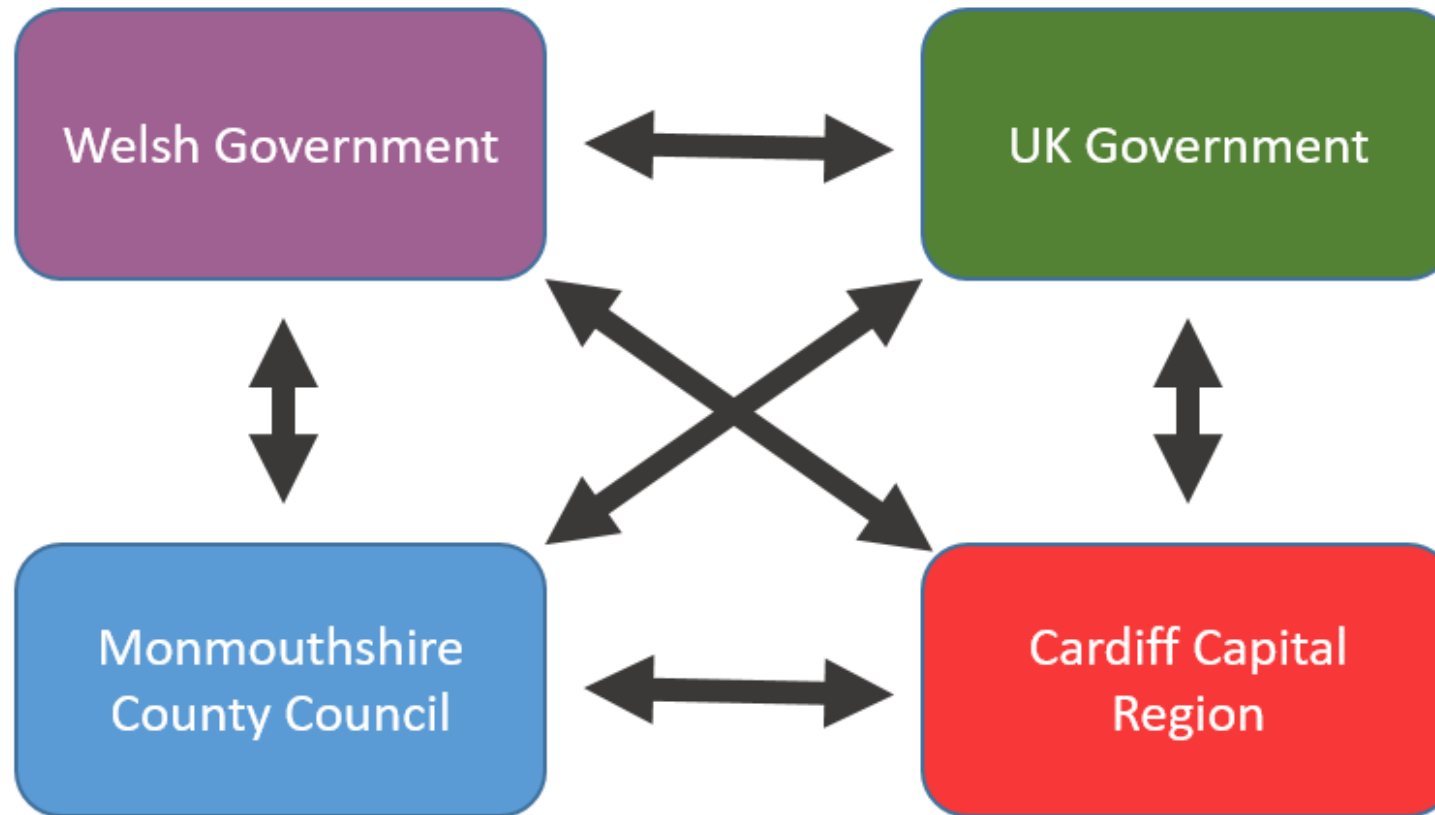
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Background and Context

- Making The Connections / The Beecham Review;
- Working Group on Local Government – led by Sir Derek Vaughan;
- Local Government and Elections Bill;
- CJs are one part of this.
- Regulations cover:
 - Governance and constitutional arrangements;
 - Finance, funding and budgetary matters;
 - Staffing and workforce provisions;
 - Functions which will be exercised by the CJs.



Interaction – Linear not Hierarchy



An Overview

- Responsibility for three functions:
 - Strategic Development Plan;
 - Regional Transport Plan;
 - The economic well-being function, incorporating City and Growth
- Four CJs:
 - south east;
 - south west;
 - mid;
 - north.
- South East Wales will be the Cardiff Capital Region Footprint;
- Ten Council Leaders with delegated powers;
- One member one vote.



Service Implications

- Strategic Development Plan
 - Local Authorities will need to produce a 'light touch' LDP for their area;
 - Planning applications arising from the SDP will still to be determined locally;
- Regional Transport Plan
 - Better transport integration;
 - Wales Transport Strategy – out for consultation now;
- The economic well-being function, incorporating City and Growth
 - Able to think local, see the world and act in the best interest of the region;
 - Only move existing functions into collaborative arrangement where it makes sense to do so at scale.



Principles

- Treated as a member of the local government family;
- Subject to the same powers and duties as principal councils;
- How they operate in practice should be left to the members of the CJC itself to determine;
- Enables variation to meet needs and ambitions of the region.

Do you agree with these principles?



Governance (1)

- run by a committee of its members – the CJC will be responsible for delivering the functions;
- accountable to its constituent principal councils – CJC members will report back to principal councils and will respond to questions and scrutiny;
- will have powers delegated to it – no requirement for the need for ratification of decisions by principal councils;
- one member one vote;
- quorum of 70%.

Do you agree with the governance points on this slide?



Governance (2)

- leaders will decide whether additional representatives will be invited to be members of the CJC;
- able to create sub-committees to discharge functions;
- flexibility to co-opt additional members;
- National Park Authority to be a member for SDP function;
- must have a code of conduct and standing orders;
- required to put in place appropriate scrutiny arrangements;
- first meeting to be held by Sept 2021.

Do you agree with the governance points on this slide?



Staffing and Workforce

- staff on similar terms and conditions as constituent councils;
- similar remuneration level to councils;
- must appoint a number of statutory executive officers;
 - Chief Executive
 - Chief Finance Officer
 - Monitoring Officer
 - Chief Governance Officer

Do you agree T&Cs and remuneration should be similar to councils?

Do you agree the CJC should appoint these executive officers?



Financial

- Regulations do not prescribe any formula basis for funding of a CJC;
- budget requirement will be met by the constituent principal councils;
- CJC Must notify councils by end November each year;
- all funding decisions taken by the CJC will be subject to review through annual external audit;
- CJCs expected to play a role in use of successor EU funds within the context of Regional Investment Frameworks.

Do you agree with the proposed approach for setting budgets?



Public Duties

Treated as part of the local government family and subject to:

- Well-being of Future generations Act 2015
- Equality Act 2010
- Welsh Language Standards
- The Environment Act 2015
- The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 (Section 6)
- Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010

Do you agree the CJC should be subject to these duties?



Consultation Response

- To be debated at Council in December ahead of a 4th January deadline;
- Beyond the points raised on the previous slides what would you expect to see in the Council's consultation response?

