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## **CABINET DECISION RECORDING LOG**

**DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 24 February 2016**

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
(Subject to “Call-in” by appropriate Select Committee)**

### **CABINET MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors G. Burrows, P.A. Fox, R.J.W. Greenland, E. Hacket Pain and P. Murphy

### **OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT:**

County Councillors D. Batrouni, R. Harris, V. Smith and A. Webb

## **DECISION 1**

**SUBJECT: To grant the Leader of the authority to commit in principle to a City Deal on behalf of Council**

**DIVISION/WARD AFFECTED: ALL**

### **PURPOSE:**

To delegate authority to the Leader of the Council to endorse an ‘in principle’ commitment to a City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council. This will allow Monmouthshire County Council, along with the other nine local authorities comprising the CCR, to engage in the detailed discussions and negotiations required prior to committing to a City Deal in the forthcoming months.

### **DECISION:**

1. Provide delegated authority to the Leader of the Council, to sign the City Deal Document, on behalf of Monmouthshire County Council and along with the nine partner local authorities comprising the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR). This will be clearly predicated on the understanding that the City Deal Document sets out endorsements at this stage, are subject to final agreement of Full Council.
2. Pursuant to the City Deal Document, the Council continues to work with the CCR partner local authorities, UK and Welsh Government to develop the final City Deal Agreements.
3. Further reports on this matter are submitted to Council as appropriate to keep Members appraised of developments.

## **REASONS:**

The timescales for the UK Budget requires that the ten participating local authorities in the CCR, provide an 'in principle' commitment via signing of the City Deal Document.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Notwithstanding the c£120m contribution stated as being required from the ten participating local authorities, these costs are estimates at this time and remain subject to further negotiation and consideration – a process in which s151 officers for the city-region are currently engaged. As shown above, the final decision as to whether to commit to a City Deal for the CCR is several months away. The action by the Leader of the Council to sign the City Deal Document will see Monmouthshire County Council remain in the Deal process and will not commit us to any financial outlay at this point in time.

## **CONSULTEES:**

SLT  
CCR  
Cabinet Members

## **INTEREST DECLARED**

None

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## **DECISION 2**

**SUBJECT: Agreeing to a new partner joining the SRS**

**DIVISION/WARD AFFECTED: ALL**

### **PURPOSE:**

1. The SRS ambition has always been to expand the provision of services to other Public Sector partners. Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (BGCBC) has completed and agreed a business case through its own authorisation and committee processes, and is requesting to become a partner in the SRS. This is a milestone in the SRS journey, and one to celebrate the expansion of the collaborative service model.
2. This report seeks approval from SRS Partner Cabinets and the PCC to invite Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to join the SRS.

### **DECISION:**

That MCC agrees to BGCBC joining the SRS as a partner, realising benefits for both the SRS and MCC.

#### **REASONS:**

1. A review of BGCBC ICT services by Price Waterhouse Coopers in 2014 highlighted a number of issues with the existing ICT service provision at BGCBC with reference to its strategy, resilience and structure.
2. A business case has been created by BGCBC which has explored all potential collaboration options alongside finance, service benefits and risks to determine the preferred solution. The conclusion of the business case was that BGCBC should seek to join the SRS as a partner, providing a robust service solution at the same time as enabling existing SRS partners to benefit from the arrangement.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no resource implications as a result of this report for MCC. The additional 163k income arising from accepting the new partner into the SRS will be invested in bolstering service delivery bringing opportunities for future efficiency savings within MCC.

#### **CONSULTEES:**

SLT, SRS Operational Board, MCC Digital Board, SRS Leadership Team, BGCBC, TCBC, Gwent Police

#### **INTEREST DECLARED**

County Councillor R.J.W. Greenland declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest, under the Members' Code of Conduct, as a Director of the SRS (Business) Ltd. County Councillor P. Murphy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest, under the Members' Code of Conduct, as a member of the SRS Public Board.

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