

SUBJECT:	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal ~ Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
MEETING:	Council
DATE:	21st June 2018
DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the proposal to establish a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of the ten authorities is being recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider the report and appendices and recommend to Council the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal;
- 2.2 To recommend to Council to appoint a non-executive Member to represent Monmouthshire County Council on the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, taking into consideration paragraph 2.3 of Appendix A.
- 2.3 To recommend to Council to appoint a deputy non-executive member to attend meetings in the absence of the appointed member.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 At its meeting held on the 20 November 2017, the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Cabinet received a report detailing proposals for the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. This report also included a suggested draft 'Terms of Reference' for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The report proposed that one of the ten authorities host the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and provide it with dedicated scrutiny support and advice. It was agreed by the Joint Cabinet that Bridgend County Borough Council would undertake the role of Host Authority and would provide the necessary scrutiny support for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The options for consideration are to have a formal representation on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee or to have no representation on behalf of the Council. The latter would not be considered to be in the best interest of the Council, given that the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will have implications for Monmouthshire and the region. The recommendation therefore is for a scrutineer to represent Monmouthshire County Council on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.2 **Appendix A** provides the context for the proposal to establish the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and details how it would be implemented over the first year. The Joint Cabinet report and draft 'Terms of Reference' for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee are attached as **Appendices B and B2**.
- 4.3 In line with Statutory Guidance issued under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, when establishing a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a report containing details of the proposal should be considered by each of the participating authorities' appropriate scrutiny committees (or sub-committees) before being endorsed by full Council. This report has therefore been presented to the Economy and Development Select Committee prior to being considered by the Council.
- 4.4 The nominated scrutiny member need not be drawn from the membership of the Economy and Development Select Committee, however, it is pertinent that the scrutiny of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal falls within the remit of this Select Committee. There is no requirement for political balance in appointing a member to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The appointed member should possess the appropriate skills and expertise to represent the Council and should be able to fully commit to the role.
- 4.5 Our constitution makes provision for the establishment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with other authorities in line with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. This proposal will not alter or duplicate scrutiny by Monmouthshire's Select Committees, as the terms of reference of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee focus on an oversight of the delivery of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal at a regional level. The Economy and Development Select Committee will retain responsibility for scrutinising the impact of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal on Monmouthshire.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 5.1 There is no need for the completion of an evaluation assessment for the decision to establish the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. If the recommendation is agreed, the Scrutiny Manager will take forward the associated actions.

6. REASONS

- 6.1 Scrutiny is a statutory function and performs a fundamental role in the Council's decision-making process. Whilst Joint Scrutiny is not a statutory requirement, the Local Government (Wales) 2011 Measure has made provision for it to enable councils to establish effective governance arrangements to monitor the

delivery of regional publicly-funded projects.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct implications for Monmouthshire County Council arising from this report, given that Bridgend County Council will act as the host authority and will provide the necessary scrutiny support.

8. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

- 8.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report, however, the scrutiny function has clear responsibilities to scrutinise the above implications through decision-making, whether locally or regionally. The establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee would only enhance the opportunity to consider these on a regional basis.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 Economy and Development Select Committee: Chairs Conclusion

“The Committee conclude that it would be sensible for the appointed member to derive from the membership of the Economy and Development Select Committee. Members interested in performing the role may choose to make a short presentation to Council”.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- **Appendix A** - CCRDC ~ Draft Report for Scrutiny and Council on Joint Scrutiny Proposals
- **Appendix B** - Report to the CCRCD Joint Cabinet on Joint Scrutiny (20th November 2017)
- **Appendix B2** - Draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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