



REGIONAL CABINET MEETING: 18 FEBRUARY 2019

Regional Cabinet Members Present:

Cllr Nigel Daniels, Leader	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Michelle Morris, Managing Director	-	Blaenau Gwent Council
Cllr Huw David, Leader	-	Bridgend Council
Mark Shephard, Chief Exec	-	Bridgend Council
Cllr David Poole, Leader	-	Caerphilly Council
Christina HARRY, Interim Chief Exec	-	Caerphilly Council
Cllr Huw Thomas, Leader	-	Cardiff Council
Paul Orders, Chief Exec	-	Cardiff Council
Cllr Kevin O'Neill, Leader	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Gareth Chapman, Chief Exec	-	Merthyr Tydfil Council
Cllr Peter Fox, Leader	-	Monmouthshire Council
Paul Matthews, Chief Exec	-	Monmouthshire Council
Cllr Debbie Wilcox, Leader	-	Newport Council
Will Godfrey, Chief Exec	-	Newport Council
Cllr Andrew Morgan, Leader (Chair)	-	Rhondda Cynon Taf Council
Chris Bradshaw, Chief Exec	-	Rhondda Cynon Taf Council
Cllr Anthony Hunt, Leader	-	Torfaen Council
Alison Ward, Chief Exec	-	Torfaen Council
Cllr John Thomas, Leader	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas, Chief Exec	-	Vale of Glamorgan Council

Officers:

Christine Salter	-	Accountable Body
Liz Weale	-	Accountable Body
Hrjinder Singh	-	Accountable Body
Gareth Gates	-	Accountable Body
David Marr	-	Cardiff Council
Alistair Milburn	-	Effective Communications
Kellie Beirne	-	City Deal PMO
Nicola Somerville	-	City Deal PMO
Matt Swindell	-	City Deal PMO

Invited Guests:

Ann-Marie Harkin	-	Wales Audit Office
Alastair McQuade	-	Wales Audit Office
Sara-Jayne Byrne	-	Wales Audit Office
David Rosser	-	Welsh Government

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Morgan welcomed colleagues to the meeting; there were no apologies for absence to note.

At the commencement of the meeting, Cllr Andrew Morgan apologised that the meeting had started slightly late.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Morgan asked that all Members declare any relevant interest at the start of the agenda item in question, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.

No declarations of interest were made by those present.

3. Draft Minutes of Regional Cabinet held on 17th December 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 17th December 2018 were accepted as an accurate record.

4. 2018/19 Month 9 Monitoring Position and Update on Statement of Accounts

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources regarding the 2018/19 Month 9 Monitoring Position and Update on Statement of Accounts for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the actual expenditure, income and projected full year out-turn position as at the 31st December 2018 (Month 09), against its approved 2018/19 Revenue Budget.
- b) Noted the proposed timetable for the production of both unaudited and audited Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 as outlined in this report.

Cllr Morgan also asked that regular updates be given in advance to Regional Cabinet as part of ongoing Briefing meetings prior to the June and September 2019 statutory dates.

5. 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 3 Performance

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Kellie Beirne, Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding 2018-19 Annual Business Plan - Quarter 3 Performance for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the overall progress at Quarter 3 2018/19, including the budget position reported at Appendix 5 and approve that where relevant, the 2019/20 Annual Business Plan budgets will be prepared on the basis of the projections reported at this time;

- b) Considered and deemed acceptable to approve the Quarter 3 performance report; and
- c) Authorised the Programme Director of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal to formally submit the Quarter 3 performance report, including supporting information to both UK and Welsh Governments, and other stakeholders as required, on behalf of the Regional Cabinet.

6. 2019/20 Joint Committee Revenue Budget

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Christine Salter, Corporate Director Resources regarding the 2019/20 Joint Committee Revenue Budget for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet approved:

- a) the Joint Committee costs set out in Table 1 of this report and amounting to £1,687,182;
- b) the proposed 2019/20 Annual Budget of £1,089,317 as outlined in this report to meet part of the Joint Committee costs and which represent an increase of 3.7% against the previous year's budget; and
- c) that the balance (£597,865) of the Joint Committee costs be met from the Cardiff Capital Region Wider Investment Fund (namely that part of the HMT contributions referred to in this report as the 'WIF Top-Slice').

7. Wider Investment Fund Annual Business Plan 2019/20

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Kellie Beirne, Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding Wider Investment Fund Annual Business Plan 2019/20 for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet endorsed and approved the Annual Business Plan 2019/20.

8. Establishment of the City Deal Office - Restructure and Resourcing Plan 2019/20-2020-21

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Kellie Beirne, Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding Establishment of the City Deal Office - Restructure and Resourcing Plan 2019/20-2020-21 for consideration and approval.

Due to the nature of the discussion concerning the establishment of the City Deal Office, certain officers, including those who had a potential personal interest, left the meeting whilst this item was considered and decided upon.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Deleted the existing structure for the City Deal Programme Management Office (Appendix 1) and endorse and approve the proposed Restructure and

Resourcing Plan for the establishment of the City Deal Office in 2019/20-2020/21 (Appendix 2);

- b) Noted the additional cost of £0.6M associated with this and approve the financing plan and proposed budget that sets out how this increase will be managed within existing resources and the current affordability envelope;
- c) Noted the risk around the 3% top slice of the Wider Investment Fund and its sufficiency in meeting the cost of support and developmental works associated with accelerating delivery – now and in the future. To endorse establishing the principle of front-loading the 3% top-slice, when and if the need arises – and subject to UK Government agreement – as per the Annual Business Plan 2019/20 recommendations; and
- d) Agreed the establishment and composition of an Appointments Panel in line with the Joint Working Agreement provisions, in order to commence, oversee and enact the recruitment and selection process for the proposed senior post of Chief Operating Officer.

9. Regional Economic Growth Partnership – Initial Industrial and Economic Growth Plan

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Cllr Peter Fox and Cllr Huw Thomas regarding Regional Economic Growth Partnership – Initial Industrial and Economic Growth Plan for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- i.) Endorsed the initial Regional Industrial and Economic Growth Plan and agree to its publication; and
- ii.) Agreed the launch of the Plan at a Cardiff Capital Region City Deal event at Wales in London Week on 28 February 2019.

10. Strategic Outline Programme for Metro Plus - Phase 1 Programme of Local 'Future Mobility' Schemes

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Cllr Huw David, Chair of the Regional Transport Authority regarding Strategic Outline Programme for Metro Plus - Phase 1 Programme of Local 'Future Mobility' Schemes for consideration and approval.

Colleagues noted that a future update concerning the in-principle Metro Central proposal would be given at a Regional Cabinet Briefing.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a. Agreed in principle to Metro Plus, a programme of activity as set out in this report, which is designed to complement and enhance the Metro and proposed

Metro Central schemes, to be further developed and supported by the Regional Transport Authority;

- b. Agreed to further develop the proposals for the ten schemes comprising Phase 1 of the Metro Plus Programme (Programme of Local Future Mobility Schemes, set out in appendix 3) (including a fit for future plan for establishing comprehensive Electric Vehicle infrastructure) through the development and application of a Common Assessment Framework;
- c. Approved up to £75,000 from the Wider Investment Fund (Project Support budget) to develop the business case and further the work on the Low Emission Vehicle Strategy; Infrastructure Income Modelling and charging infrastructure for taxis;
- d. Endorsed the action taken in submitting the Local Transport Fund Bid to Welsh Government on 18 January (Appendix 6); and
- e. Noted that should it not prove possible to secure the full required co-investment from WG, of £15m – a further report will be brought back to Regional Cabinet, to set out options through which to progress the scheme.

11. Welsh Audit Office Review of the Arrangements that Supported Cardiff Capital Region First Investment

The Regional Cabinet considered a report on behalf of Kellie Beirne, Cardiff Capital Region Director regarding Welsh Audit Office Review of the Arrangements that Supported Cardiff Capital Region First Investment for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: it was agreed that Regional Cabinet:

- a) Noted the report and its contents;
- b) Noted the 'lessons' identified in the WAO report and inclusion of any steps judged to be outstanding within the Annual Business Plan 2019/20; and
- c) Noted the WAO report will be made separately available on the CCRCD website thereby ensuring it is publicly and openly available and accessible.

Cllr Morgan thanked colleagues for attending and the meeting was concluded.