



## Partneriaeth Joint Committee

Friday, 7 October 2022

Virtual Meeting 10.04am - 10.47 am

**CHAIR:** Councillor Darren Price, Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council

<b>Voting Members</b>	
Councillor Darren Price	Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor Robert Smith	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning, Swansea Council
Councillor David Simpson	Leader, Pembrokeshire County Council
<b>Chief Executives</b>	
Mrs Wendy Walters	Chief Executive (Carmarthenshire Council)
Mr Martin Nicholls	Interim Chief Executive (Swansea Council)
<b>Directors of Education</b>	
Mr Gareth Morgans	Carmarthenshire County Council (Lead Director)
Mr Steven Richards-Downes	Pembrokeshire County Council (Deputy Lead Director)
Ms. Helen Morgan-Rees	Swansea City and County Council (Deputy Lead Director)
Councillor Guy Woodham	Cabinet Member for Education & Lifelong Learning, (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Councillor Rob Stewart	Leader, Swansea City & County Council
Mr Jonathan Haswell	Partneriaeth S151 Officer (Director of Resources, Pembrokeshire County Council)
Mr Ian Altman	Partneriaeth Lead Officer
Ms Helen Lewis	Partneriaeth HR (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Mr Mark Campion	Estyn
Mrs Sharen Davies	WLGA
Mr Matthew Holder	Partneriaeth Head of Internal Audit (Pembrokeshire County Council)
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Sarah Edwards	Partneriaeth Deputy S151 Officer (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Mrs Janine Owen	Carmarthenshire County Council (Democratic Services)

Mrs Kelly Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council (Democratic Services, note taker)
Mr Aled Eynon	Carmarthenshire County Council (Translation)

## 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF JOINT COMMITTEE FOR A TWO YEAR TERM

The Joint Committee considered nominations for appointment to the position of Chair for a two year term.

**RESOLVED that the following member will be elected :-**

- 1.1 Councillor Darren Price (Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council) be appointed as Chair of the Partneriaeth Joint Committee**

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from William Bramble (Chief Executive, Pembrokeshire County Council) and Chris Llewelyn (WLGA). Sharon Davies (WLGA) attended meeting as substitute.

(Note: Cllr Rob Stewart left the meeting at this point)

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interests made at the meeting.

## 4. MINUTES OF PARTNERIAETH MEETING HELD ON THE 29 APRIL 2022

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 be signed as a correct record.**

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

## 6. PARTNERIAETH FINANCIAL REPORT 2022-23 (AUGUST 2022)

The Joint Committee received an update on the financial position of Partneriaeth at the end of August 2022 and the projected outturn for 2022-23.

It was noted that the report provided specific detailed information in relation to:

- Service Level Agreements
- LA Contributions
- Partneriaeth Outline Budget 2022-23
- Budget Monitoring – August 2022
- Grant Income for 2022-23
- Risks and Opportunities

The Joint Committee was advised that due to pay offers being in excess of that budgeted, the budget will require amending once the pay offers are finalised. Funding these pressures will need future consideration by the Joint Committee.

Reference was made to the office space used by Partneriaeth and it was suggested of possibly just using Council offices within the three Councils to make efficiency savings. It was commented that office space will be looked at during the year, to see if any budget savings could be made.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that :-**

- 6.1 The budget monitoring report as at August 2022 be noted;**
- 6.2 The projected outturn for 2022-23 be noted**

## **7. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER**

The Joint Committee received Partneriaeth's draft Internal Audit Charter to consider.

The Internal Audit Charter will be periodically reviewed by the Head of Internal Audit and will be presented back to the Joint Committee should any revisions be required.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the draft Internal Audit Charter be approved.**

## **8. PARTNERIAETH UPDATE / BUSINESS PLAN 2022-23**

The Joint Committee received a presentation regarding an overview of work undertaken this term as well as plans for delivery and monitoring of the Business Plan 2022-23 and an update on current provision across Partneriaeth.

In response to a query raised, the Lead Officer for Partneriaeth informed the Joint Committee that an Evaluation Report will be presented to the committee at the end of the financial year.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Partneriaeth Business Plan for 2022-23, as attached with this report, be approved.**

## 9. RISK REGISTER

The Joint Committee received the overall risk profile of the region. It was indicated that the following risks were of medium probability and High impact:

- Failure to support LA's in relevant areas during their engagement with Estyn
- Timeliness of Welsh Government Funding
- Lack of Clarity regarding functions of Partneriaeth

A query was raised on the curriculum risk, in response the Joint Committee was informed that the narrative would be strengthened by adding in more information.

### **RESOLVED that:-**

- 9.1. The risk profile be noted;
- 9.2. The risk report be accepted, subject to adding in extra information as above.

## 10. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR DECIDES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 100B(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

There were no items of urgent business.

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