

Executive Board 21st June 2021

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

Purpose: To provide an overview to members on the requirement to establish Corporate Joint Committees (“CJCs”) and to seek delegated authority for officers to enter into discussions with the authorities referenced in this report to develop suitable proposals for the CJC arrangements in South West Wales. This is the first of a series of reports that members will need to consider.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. Notes the work being undertaken and next steps needed in relation to the governance arrangements for the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee;
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to agree to an application for grant funding being made to Welsh Government to establish the South West Wales CJC and to accept any grant offer that may be made by Welsh Government (whether made to this Council or to a participating Council in the South West Wales CJC);
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to enter into dialogue with those Authorities who will comprise the South West Wales CJC to develop proposals for establishing the South West Wales CJC;
4. Requests a further report be brought back updating as to progress.

Reasons: To keep members aware of the progress being made in establishing the governance arrangements for this CJC

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted Not at this stage, progress report only.

Exec. Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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**Progress report on the establishment of the South West Wales
Corporate Joint Committee**

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2. Welsh Government have imposed a requirement for Corporate Joint Committees to be established, and Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers on the 17th March to establish the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee.
3. Some functions are prescribed by the Welsh Ministers as being the remit of the CJC, namely:
 - (a) The economic well-being function;
 - (b) Developing transport policies and preparing regional transport plans;
 - (c) The preparation of strategic development plans.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jason Jones, Head of Regeneration
Linda Rees-Jones, head of Administration and Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee has been established by Regulations

2. Legal

Section 74 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 enabled the Welsh Ministers by regulations to establish bodies corporate, known as Corporate Joint Committees. The Welsh Ministers made the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee regulations 2021 on the 17th March 2021. Similar CJsCs have been established by regulations in other areas of Wales. These bodies are established in order to exercise certain functions specified in the regulations, being:

1. The economic well-being function;
2. Developing transport policies and preparing regional transport plans;
3. The preparation of strategic development plans.

Detailed governance arrangements now need to be developed.

3. Finance

An application can be made to Welsh Government for funding to work up the governance arrangements of the CJC.

Decisions on any funding to be transferred to the CJC will be made at a future stage and will be the subject of a separate report at that time.

4. ICT

None identified

5. Risk Management Issues

At this stage, the Risk of the partner authorities in the CJC not being able to agree the governance arrangements.

6. Physical Assets

None identified at this stage

7. Staffing Implications

There will be officer time required to work up the governance arrangements.

There may be staffing implications at a future date, which will be the subject of a further report.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

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Linda Rees-Jones, head of Administration and Law

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A at this stage
2. Local Member(s) - N/A at this stage
3. Community / Town Council - N/A.
4. Relevant Partners - N/A at this stage
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations -N/A at this stage

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER AWARE**

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
The Corporate Joint Committees (General)(Wales) Regulations 2021	N/A	Online
The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committees Regulations 2021	N/A	Online
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021	N/A	Online
Welsh Government Prospectus		