



**PARTNERIAETH JOINT COMMITTEE
6 OCTOBER 2023**

**OPTION RE NOMINATION OF VOTING MEMBERS OF
PARTNERIAETH JOINT COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE:

To amend the choice of voting member on Partneriaeth's Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That the choice of voting member for Partneriaeth's Joint Committee be left to the individual Constituent Authorities.

REASONS: To provide flexibility.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

1. The Terms of Reference for Partneriaeth's Joint Committee (Schedule 3 of the Joint Committee Agreement) specify that the 3 voting members shall be the Leaders of the 3 Councils. Leaders are inevitably involved in many meetings relating to their own individual Authorities business, partnerships, joint committees and regional working structures, which can lead to many clashing commitments diary wise. Welsh Government's Guidance on Education Consortia when they were established – "National Model for Regional Working" (2014) – advised that "the membership of a joint committee will comprise of the Leader of each constituent local authority or education portfolio holder – they will be the decision making body and the elected members will have full voting rights". The Joint Committee is therefore asked to consider giving the local authorities the option of nominating their Cabinet Member with the education portfolio as their voting member instead of their Leader.
2. A suggested revised wording to the Terms of Reference is appended. If the Joint Committee approves this option the Monitoring Officer asks for delegated authority to finalise the revised wording of Schedule 3 and the necessary Deed of Variation with her counterparts in the two other Authorities.
3. Any changes to the membership of the Committee will need to be approved by the individual local authorities.
4. This particular report has not looked at the issue of non-voting members on the Joint Committee.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

No



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Carmarthenshire
County Council



IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal YES	Finance NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE
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1. Legal

Any changes to the composition of the Joint Committee will need to be approved by the individual Constituent Authorities.

A Deed of Variation would have to be agreed between the individual Constituent Authorities to give effect to any change agreed.

CONSULTATIONS

N/A

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
N/A	N/A	N/A

