

**PARTNERIAETH JOINT COMMITTEE
18 OCTOBER 2024**

**TRANSFER FROM LEGAL AGREEMENT TO
COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

PURPOSE:

To update the Joint Committee on a proposal to change the governance and running costs for Partneriaeth by transferring from the current Legal Agreement to a Collaboration Agreement on 1 April 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

1. To note that the transfer to a collaborative agreement is timely, cost effective and meets minimum requirements for governance.
2. To agree to the reduction in running costs for Partneriaeth.
3. To note the requirement for each constituent Council within the current Legal Agreement to decide (by 31 December 2024) on transfer to collaboration agreement on 1 April 2025.

REASONS:

The April 2024 Joint Committee was presented with an update on the progress in re-shaping future collaboration between Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Swansea in respect of education services. The first phase of re-shaping required a reduction in workforce. A second phase of change to consider running costs and governance arrangements is now required. Currently, the running costs and layers of governance are disproportionate in comparison to the Partneriaeth workforce. A new collaborative agreement is required that notes reduced running costs, minimal governance requirements and the basis for future collaboration. Once finalised the new collaboration agreement is to be presented to each of the individual Council's cabinets in December 2024 for approval and subsequent replacement of the current Legal Agreement on 1 April 2025.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

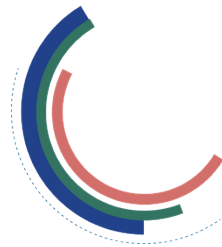
1. The report details principles for collaboration
2. The report demonstrates that all options have been considered on strongest grounds for being proportionate, legal and cost efficient
3. The report details how Partneriaeth will be governed in future
4. The report details the reduced running costs requirements
5. The report details the % split of charges and contribution from each council
6. The report details the main workstreams to be delivered by pooling resources from each council

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	NONE
<p>1. Legal</p> <p>The adoption of the collaboration agreement will replace the legal agreement in its entirety on 1 April 2025 and is contingent upon each Council's approval to transfer.</p>				
<p>2. Finance</p> <p>The reduced running costs will mean that individual Council services will no longer be able to charge for the historic services provided to Partneriaeth or can only charge at the level required to support the Partneriaeth workforce and workstream delivery within a new collaboration agreement.</p>				



CONSULTATIONS

Each Chief Executive Officer, the Partneriaeth Section 151 Officer, each Monitoring Officer, each Director of Education and the Welsh Government has been consulted on the change proposal prior to this Joint Committee. Each Director is responsible for consulting with relevant service providers on the implications of any change.

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