



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

CITY DEAL UPDATE

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress made in respect of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) and to outline the next steps.
- 1.2 The CCRCD was signed in March 2016 and requires that the following new bodies be established as part of the Deal:
- (i) Non Statutory Regional Transport Authority
 - (ii) Cardiff Capital Region Skills and Employment Board
 - (iii) Cardiff Capital Region Business Organisation
 - (iv) Cardiff Capital Region Economic Growth Partnership
 - (v) Independent Growth and Competitiveness Commission
- 1.3 In addition to the above, further operational and procedural issues have to be put in place namely:
- the appointment of a Programme Director and Programme Manager to manage the city deal process
 - further Inter Governance Arrangements need to be continued in the form of a “Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Cabinet”
 - the allocation of Shadow Joint Cabinet Member Portfolios to Leaders
- 1.4 A further contribution of £500,000 is being sought from the 10 Constituent Councils, with Merthyr Tydfil CBC’s commitment being £20,000.
- 1.5 Given that much of the above mentioned in 1.2 and 1.3 has to be delivered at pace, delegated power will be sought for the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Chief Executive to take such decisions as are appropriate in respect of the CCRCD.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 The contents of this report be noted.
- 2.2 The Leader of the Council in consultation with the Chief Executive be granted delegated power to take such decisions as are appropriate in respect of the CCRCD.
- 2.3 A financial contribution of £20,000 from earmarked reserves be approved

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Since the previous reports to Council/Cabinet a tremendous amount of work has been undertaken in such a short timescale.
- 3.2 The CCRCD formal agreement was signed of in March 2016 between the Westminster Government, Welsh Government and the 10 Constituent Authorities of South East Wales. The deal amounting to £1.28 billion.
- 3.3 Whilst there is currently a “Memorandum of Understanding” in place between the 10 Authorities, this interim governance structure needs to be extended until such time as the formal Joint Agreement is put in place. The requirement therefore is to rename the current “Project Board of the 10 Leaders” to the “Cardiff Capital region City Deal Joint Cabinet” and to formally allocate Portfolios to Leaders.
- 3.4 The agreement also sets out (inter alia) the requirement for several new bodies to be established as part of the deal. These bodies are as follows:
 - (i) Non Statutory Regional Transport Authority
 - (ii) Cardiff Capital Region Skills and Employment Board
 - (iii) Cardiff Capital Region Business Organisation
 - (iv) Cardiff Capital Region Economic Growth Partnership
 - (v) Independent Growth and Competitiveness Commission
- 3.5 In order to assist in the delivery of the above in such a tight timescale, the Project Board had already agreed to the appointment of a Programme Director and a Programme Manager.
- 3.6 Members will be aware that the Council contributed £20,000 to an initial fund of £500,000 to take forward the bid. The bid having been secured, a further request for an additional contribution of £20,000 has been received to take forward the CCRCD.
- 3.7 Clearly the work of the CCRCD is now taking place at pace and it is anticipated that final proposals for sign off will come to Councils in January/February 2017. In the interim there is a substantial amount of work to be done and officers of the Council are working hard to ensure that the CCRCD can be delivered for the benefit of the community of Merthyr Tydfil CBC.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 The Council is required to contribute the sum of £20,000 to the CCRCD and this amount can be funded from earmarked reserves.

5.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

5.1 The Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and the proposals have no negative impact on all aspects of the Corporate Plan and Single Integrated Plan. No negative impacts have been identified.

6.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.