



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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Exempt/Non Exempt	Non-Exempt
Committee Date	30 th November 2016

To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

MTCBC Membership Of The “Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview And Scrutiny Committee”

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 On 5th October 2016 a report was submitted to Council seeking approval for the establishment of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee between this Authority and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council. This was approved by Council.
- 1.2 At the meeting Council gave delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, to amend and finalise the terms of reference (see draft version at APPENDIX I).
- 1.3 This report seeks Councils approval for delegated authority to be given to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Executive, to confirm this **Authority’s Elected Member membership** of the joint scrutiny committee, taking into account political balance requirements.
- 1.4 This report also seeks approval for delegated authority to be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, **to finalise any aspects of the establishment of the JOSOC, on behalf of this Authority.**

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 Delegated authority is given to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Executive, to agree and confirm this Authority’s Elected Member membership of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.2 Delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, to finalise, on this Authority's behalf, any aspects in setting up the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall a report to Council on 5th October 2016¹ when the Council agreed to set up a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) comprising elected Members of both Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils to scrutinise the Cwm Taf Public Services Board.

- 3.2 Included with the 5th October report were the draft Terms of Reference for the JOSC. (Terms of reference shown again at Appendix I for ease of reference). Extracts include:-

6) Elected Member Membership (Councillors)

- a. There will be an equal number of Elected Members from each appointing authority and no executive members may be on the committee.
- b. The JOSC will comprise ten Elected Members; that is five non-executive Elected Members from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and five non-executive Elected Members from Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
- c. Each local authority will determine and nominate its elected committee Members in accordance with its own arrangements. The term of office of the nominated Elected Members shall be a matter for each nominating local authority, subject to a minimum planned term of one municipal year.

13. Political Balance

- a. Each appointing authority must ensure that, as far as practicable, the members of the JOSC reflect the balance of political groups for the time being prevailing among the members of the appointing authority.

- 3.3 Whilst the Terms of Reference have yet to be finalised, it is not envisaged that the elected membership numbers will change from that as noted at 3.2 above.

- 3.4 A recommendation in the 5th October report was: "Council agrees the draft terms of reference as set out in Appendix I and gives the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, delegated authority to amend and finalise the terms of reference in accordance with the parameters set out herein"

- 3.5 This report seeks Council's further agreement to 1) delegate the decision to agree MTCBC membership of the JOSC and 2) delegate the authority to finalise any requirements for the establishment of the JOSC. Please see the recommendations at 2.1 and 2.2 for details.

¹ "Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – Scrutiny of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board" report to Council 5th October 2016.

3.6 It is envisaged that the MTCBC Elected member membership of the JOSC will be chosen from the membership of the Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, although it will not be limited to that committee. The only requirement is that no Cabinet members can be on the JOSC.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

5.1 The Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and 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
As per page references		
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

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