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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

Thank you for your question regarding the Growing Mid-Wales Joint Overview and Scrutiny sub-committee (JOSSC), please accept my apology for the delayed response.

As you will be aware from your attendance at the JOSSC, governance and assurance arrangements for taking forward the Mid Wales Growth Deal are in the process of being developed. This will include more detailed proposals on roles and responsibilities. The newly established scrutiny arrangements will be an integral part of the governance structure and it is important that the scrutiny function works affectively. Powys leads on the provision of the Scrutiny arrangements and our senior officers of Caroline Turner and Nigel Brinn will be overseeing this process together with their counterparts from Ceredigion CC.

The Mid Wales Growth Deal is governed by the Governance and Assurance Framework for Welsh City and Growth Deals, managed on behalf of both Governments by the Welsh Cities and Growth Deals Implementation Board. The membership and Terms of Reference within the governance structure is set out in the Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA3 and any subsequent iterations) and will be reviewed and updated as the Growth Deal progresses to ensure that they are fit for purpose and meet the necessary requirements.

The Mid Wales Growth Deal Board will be responsible for the consideration and approval of project and programme business cases within the portfolio, prior to consideration by Governments as defined in the Welsh City and Growth Deals Governance and Assurance Framework, with responsibility for delivery delegated to the relevant programme and project boards.

The JOSSC will play an important role in monitoring the development and delivery of Growth Deal projects and making recommendations to the Board and Council. The terms of reference for the Sub-Committee will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure they are fit for purpose.

Programme and project assurance will be essential and will follow the Cabinet Office Gateway Process and be supported by the Growing Mid Wales Programme Management Office and related governance structures. This will include developing a comprehensive performance management system and evaluation framework, and project management systems.

The findings and recommendations of the project audit report for Y Gaer will be fully considered and used to review and strengthen the governance and assurance systems for capital projects across the Council including the Growth Deal.

Thank you for agreeing to join the JOSSC and I look forward to hearing from the committee soon.