

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, POWYS ON THURSDAY, 9 MAY 2019**

**PRESENT**

County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)

County Councillors A W Davies, P Davies, J Evans, R Powell and M Weale

In attendance: County Councillor H Williams

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors S M Hayes

<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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There were no declarations of interest reported.

<b>3.</b>	<b>GROWING MID WALES INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT</b>
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Cabinet considered a draft Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) for agreeing the Heads of Terms for the Mid Wales Growth Deal. The IAA would put in place the governance to carry forward work to achieve the growth deal funding for the Mid Wales Region through a joint committee with Ceredigion County Council. A second more detailed agreement would be needed in due course. The Leader advised that she had met the Secretary of State for Wales and Lord Bourne to discuss the Growth Deal on 8<sup>th</sup> May.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision</b>
<p><b>1. To approve the Draft Inter-Authority Agreement for agreeing the Heads of Terms for the Mid Wales Growth Deal (Appendix 1).</b></p> <p><b>2. To grant delegated powers to the Leader in consultation Corporate Lead Officer-Legal &amp; Governance to make minor amendments to the Inter Authority Agreement, in conjunction with Powys County Council. More significant changes to be authorised by Cabinet.</b></p>	<p><b>To ensure that appropriate governance arrangements are in place.</b></p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR THE GLOBAL CENTRE OF RAIL EXCELLENCE IN WALES</b>
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Cabinet considered a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and Welsh Government to bring forward the development of the Global Centre of Rail Excellence in Wales on the site of the Nant Helen opencast mine near Ystradgynlais. The JVA had been approved by Neath Port Talbot's Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Cabinet welcomed the scheme which would create many skilled jobs. The local Member, County Councillor Huw Williams joined the Cabinet in welcoming the scheme and he asked that local members be kept informed. The Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) agreed to raise this with Welsh Government at the next project board meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Cabinet also noted and welcomed news of Welsh Government's decision to invest in the North Powys Wellbeing Hub project in Newtown.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for Decision:</b>
<p><b>1. The Council enter into the Joint Venture Agreement with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and the Welsh Government as set in Appendix 1 (subject to those authorities entering into it).</b></p>	<p><b>To enable the Council to formalise arrangements for working in partnership with the Welsh Government and Powys County Council.</b></p>
<p><b>2. Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive and Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Leader to make any minor drafting amendments that are required necessary to the JVA</b></p>	
<p><b>3. The Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) be nominated as the Powys Representative to the Steering Group detailed in the Joint Venture Agreement and that the Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) be granted delegated authority to appoint a nominee to act in his place in the event that he is unable to attend a Steering Group meeting.</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) be granted delegated authority in</b></p>	

<p><b>consultation with the Leader of Council and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Sustainable Development, to agree the terms and conditions of any subsequent ancillary matters including arrangements for the site that might be necessary.</b></p>	
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The Leader thanked the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Corporate Director (Economy and Environment) for their work on these projects.

**County Councillor M R Harris (Chair)**