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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CYD-BWYLLGOR CRAFFU TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU / GROWING MID WALES JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD BY ZOOM ON FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2021

PRESENT

Ceredigion County Council:

County Councillors C Davies, E Davies (Substitute Member), I Davies, E Evans, K Evans and W Thomas

E Davies, Chief Executive, R Hughes-Pickering, Corporate Director, C Jones-Evans, Strategic Manager, C Martin, Operations Manager, N Jones, Corporate Manager, Democratic Services and L Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer

Powys County Council:

County Councillors J Berriman, M J Dorrance, D O Evans, J Pugh, K M Roberts-Jones and R G Thomas

Officers:

N Brinn, Executive Director, Economy and Environment, C Pinney, Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal and Democratic Services and L Richards, Scrutiny Officer

The Chief Executive, Ceredigion County Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting and lead on the election of Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

County Councillor R G Thomas was elected Chair for the ensuing year.

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

County Councillor C Davies was elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Terms of Reference are incorporated within the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) 2 and have been approved by both Cabinets. They are based on previous joint working arrangements and the JOSOC may make recommendations for amendment as they see fit.

The Monitoring Officer emphasised the need for Members to arrange substitutes if they were unable to attend a meeting in order to maintain the political balance of the Committee.

It was suggested that the Terms of Reference could be strengthened in some areas and that further consideration should be given to this. The Terms of Reference were thought to be broad enough to allow scrutiny of any area but some refinement was required.

RESOLVED that the Chair and Vice Chair consider amendments to the Terms of Reference for further consideration at the next meeting

5. WORK PROGRAMME

The Monitoring Officer suggested that the Committee should consider some background information including the Five Case Business Model which will be used as a basis for selection deals. Themes have been proposed at a strategic level but no individual projects have been considered.

Consideration of papers that have been submitted to the Board would also provide useful background information, for example at the last Board meeting considered a report on the Regional Skills Partnership (RSP).

A further suggestion was made that working groups could be established to consider the various themes that have been agreed.

RESOLVED that both Corporate Directors meet with the Chair and Vice Chair to discuss a draft work programme that will be circulated to Members for consideration prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29 November 2021

**County Councillor R G Thomas
Chair**