

Growing Mid Wales – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Terms of Reference

Suggested areas to note:

- Insufficient power to challenge and scrutinize
- Resolution if in disagreement with Board – clarity is needed around disagreement and challenge should this arise. There is no written process to take matters back to the joint Councils, rather than to the Joint Board. This should be clear. Scrutiny after all is acting on behalf of authorities and not joint Board.
- Question political balance – could this be based on expertise rather than political alignment.
- Appointment of substitutes – two nominated from each Authority but this may not reflect political balance. (Noted that the Monitoring Officer has advised that each Member should ensure a substitute covers for them to maintain that political balance – at present Powys only has one nominated substitute and that is Cllr Peter Lewis (Welsh Conservatives))
- Pre decision scrutiny – needs to be included in the work programme.
- The committee should consider a current risk register maintained and kept on the agenda.
- A potential scrutiny role looking at high level project delivery against business case, cost effectiveness, return on investment etc.