



Meeting:	MID WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	12 October, 2023
Title of Report:	Report of the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) Sub-Committees
Purpose of Report:	To provide the CJC with an update on the progress of the work of the Regional Transport, Strategic Development Planning and Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committees. To approve the recommendation in Section 11 of this report
Decision Sought:	To note the content of the Report & to approve the recommendation in Section 10 of the report
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1. Introduction

This Report provides an update to Members on work in respect of the three Sub-Committees of the Mid Wales CJC since the Committee last met on 31 July, 2023.

- Strategic Development Planning (SDP) (*Section 2 of this Report*)
- Regional Transport Planning (RTP) (*Section 3 of this Report*)
- Economic Well-Being (EWB) (*Section 4 of this Report*)

2. Strategic Development Planning

Following the resolution of the CJC to support the recommendation of the SDP Sub-Committee at a meeting held on 31 July, 2023, the actions of the meeting have moved forward.

The CJC Chief Executive Officer, Eifion Evans, wrote to the Minister for Climate Change, Julie James MS on 8 August, 2023 regarding SDP and LDP timelines and articulated resource concerns and the Powys 'drop dead date'. The Minister's response was received on 21 September, 2023 advising that the preparation of both

SDPs and LDPs was the expectation, utilising LDP evidence bases as the evidence gathering for the SDP. (Correspondence attached as **Appendix A**).

Progress has also been made on the second resolution; regional discussion have agreed a way forward in assigning a dedicated resource to support pre-preparatory SDP work. Two Ceredigion Planning Policy Officers are sharing a 0.5 FTE basis secondment to the SDP and have made a start on a number of pre-preparatory works including:

Internal Requirements

Timeline for SDP (including matching with other regional plans and Powys LDP2)
Mapped reporting structure for (member/officer engagement) below SDP sub-group level
Establishment of SDP Members/Officers Working Groups – either regional or LPA/NPA specific, or both, as advised
Skills mapping regionally
Complete SDP regulations/manual requirements list
Resource Requirements for SDP (staffing/consultancy)
Consideration of IT requirements across the region
Draft Budget for SDP

This is with a view to being in a position to complete the statutory requirements in due course:

Statutory Requirements

- Delivery Agreement
- Community Involvement Scheme

3. Regional Transport Planning

Welsh Government published Regional Transport Plan Guidance on the 13th July 2023 and an RTP officers working group has now started meeting, which has enabled officers to engage with both Welsh Government and Transport for Wales, to identify what resources are available to assist the CJC.

Officers are now in a position to support the commencement of the first CJC Transport Sub-committee on the 23rd of October, in order of taking forward the draft Regional Transport Plan Implementation plan, and a request for funding to the Welsh Government by the 31st October 2023.

Because of the timing of the Transport Sub Committee (23rd October) and the next Corporate Joint Committee (12th January 2024) it is not possible to seek the usual decision-making process for the approval and authorisation of the implementation plan from the CJC before the cut-off date of the 31st October 2023.

Therefore, it is requested to authorise delegation of the decision to approval and submission Regional Transport Plan Implementation Plan and requests for funding to allow the Transport Sub Committee to undertake this task and approval the document

and submit it to Welsh Government together with a request for funding before the 31st October 2023.

Recommendation:

To Authorise the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Transport Sub-Committee to:

- (i) approve the Regional Transport Plan Implementation Plan; and
- (ii) to request funding from Welsh Government.

4. Economic Wellbeing

As was reported to the Committee meeting on 31 July, 2023, the role and function of the Economic Well-Being Committee is for the Constituent Councils/Mid Wales CJC to determine for itself.

As was reported previously, there is significant activity already underway that could help inform the role/function of this sub-committee:

OECD commissioned by the Welsh Government to evolve regional investment discussions (a Workshop has been organised for 27 October, 2023)

Discussions will take place with Members and Officers on the technical role and functioning of a CJC in respect of economic well-being

The region is also updating its substantive Economic Strategy “The Vision for Growing Mid Wales” with its stakeholders in the Growing Mid Wales (GMW) Partnership.

The GMW Partnership met on 18 September, 2023 to receive the updated draft for comment of this updated regional strategy document.

The proposed forward plan in respect of this sub-committee area is:

Updating the Vision for GMW with key stakeholders in the GMW Partnership and Government (ongoing).

CJC Workshop with members has been arranged for 6th October, 2023 to receive comments/views on the document

Workshop with the OECD has been arranged for 27 October, 2023

Establish an Officer Working Group to consider outcomes of the OECD Workshop and technical aspects relating to “lift & shift” (November 2023)

Confirm the final version of the document (GMW Partnership meeting on 24 November, 2023)

Liaise with sub-committee members regarding the direction of travel (November 2023)

Arrange the first sub-committee meeting to adopt the Strategy and agree a forward work plan (December 2023).

5. Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment for this report as the setting up of the CJC is underpinned by legislation and this report is to establish financial arrangements in accordance with legislation.

6. Workforce Impacts:

There are no workforce implications for the CJC in this report. All resource requirements for the work of the CJC will be undertaken by the respective Local Authorities and Bannau Brycheiniog (where applicable).

7. Legal Impacts:

There are no Legal implications within this report.

8. Risk Management Impacts:

There are no Risk Management implications within this report.

9. Consultation:

There is no requirement for public consultation in respect of this report.

10. Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To ensure the CJC

11. Recommendations

To Authorise the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Transport Sub-Committee to:

1. approve the Regional Transport Plan Implementation Plan; and
2. to request funding from Welsh Government.