



## MID WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Report Title: Corporate Joint Committee – Draft Corporate Plan 2023-2028**

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To propose a draft Corporate Strategy for the Corporate Joint Committee that will be subject to extensive consultation after which the report and any amendments will be considered for final approval in the early New Year.
<b>Decision Sought:</b> Approval of a draft Corporate Plan so that a consultation exercise can then take place.	
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### Background

The Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee was established in January 2022, and work has taken place to constitute the organisation and put in place sub committees, together with processes and procedures, to enable the Committee to function effectively.

To demonstrate the Committees intentions for the coming years it has been recommended by Welsh Government that each CJC should produce a Corporate Plan. The South West Wales CJC published a draft corporate plan earlier this year which was followed by a consultation exercise that resulted in revisions and a recently published final plan.

A draft Corporate Plan has now been produced for the Mid Wales CJC to consider, and once any changes identified have been embedded, will then be subject to wide consultation. It is proposed that a final draft document be brought back to a meeting of the Committee in the early New Year.

Given the progressive nature of the CJC it is inevitable that the plan will evolve over time and there will be regular opportunities for amendments and updates.

## **Contents**

The Draft Corporate Plan has been produced in a way that complies with Welsh Government Policy and Guidance, particularly as it relates to a number of key WG strategies such as; The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act; the Wales Transport Strategy 2021, Future Wales – The National Plan 2040; and The Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

A Vision statement has been included to provide an overall statement of intent for the next 5 years. Although work will extend over a much longer period, ongoing review and revision will inevitably require the corporate plan to be revisited on a regular basis so that it remains relevant and current.

The document sets out the background to the service areas of Economy, Transport and Planning. The way forward has been described in the form of strategic action plans for the three subject areas.

The CJC's Wellbeing Statement and Objectives are set out in the document. There is a clear requirement that the CJC's plans align with Welsh Government Policy and Guidance, and efforts have been made to ensure compliance with the previously stated WG Policies. This is also the case with the areas of equalities, sustainability, and governance.

In the case of equalities an Impact Assessment has been undertaken using the Powys County Council process and template.

The document also sets out the governance arrangements for the CJC along with how the work of the Committee will be monitored and scrutinised.

The consultation exercise will commence immediately after the CJC has approved the final draft and will be completed at the end of November, after which appropriate amendments will be made ready for consideration by the Committee in the New Year.

## **Financial Impacts**

There will be costs associated with the production of this document as well as with the consultation exercise which have been built into the annual budget. These costs will be replicated in future revisions with the expectation that further amendments and changes will be possible at minimal cost. Once the final document has been approved the document will be available online which in turn will minimise ongoing presentation and publication costs.

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

A draft Impact Assessment (IA) has been undertaken using the Powys process and template which will be subject to consultation alongside the draft Corporate Plan. The Powys IA has been developed ensuring full compliance with Welsh Government policy and guidance. Any comments received in respect of the IA will be brought back to the committee for consideration.

## **Workforce Impacts**

The work associated with the future implementation of the Corporate Plan will be undertaken within the resource capacity already in place. The sub committees responsible

for progressing the action plans identified in the report have been constituted with appropriate management and administrative support in place.

### **Risk Management Impacts**

Although there is no legal requirement to produce a Corporate Plan for the CJC it is an expectation of Welsh Government in order to demonstrate commitment and progress against a legal requirement for regional CJC's. A recent Wales Audit Commission report has identified variable commitment across Wales by local authorities towards the development of CJC workplans. The production of a corporate Plan for Mid Wales will ensure the region can demonstrate appropriate progress and commitment.

### **Consultation**

As has been stated in the body of this report the draft Corporate Plan will be subject to public consultation which would include appropriate official bodies such as Welsh Government. The results of the consultation exercise will be brought back to committee for consideration with any agreed changes being adopted so that a final plan can be adopted in the New Year.

### **Reasons for proposed decision**

To allow the draft Corporate Plan to be submitted for consultation, and subject to responses received, progress the adoption of a Plan in the New Year.

### **Implementation of Decision**

This decision is proposed for immediate implementation.

## **Appendices**

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Draft Corporate Plan Impact Assessment