

MID WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

Monday, 29th January 2024

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Report Title: Draft Corporate Plan 2023-2028 – Feedback on Consultation Exercise.

Purpose of Report	To provide feedback on the outcome of the consultation exercise relating to the Draft CJC Corporate Plan and subject to approval of revisions, confirm the final document for adoption and publication.
Decision Sought: Approval of a final Corporate Plan and Impact Assessment for publication.	
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Background

Further to the report presented to the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee held on the 12th October, 2023, an extensive consultation exercise relating to the Draft Corporate Plan 2023-2028 was conducted. The consultation consisted of a digital public engagement exercise alongside invitations to specific consultees in order to encourage a wide response. A list of specific consultees is attached (Appendix 1). The consultation exercise lasted six weeks.

Attached to this report are the detailed responses received (Appendix 2). The main themes identified include a recognition that the region needs to develop bespoke solutions to the challenges being faced in this part of Wales. Although the CJC Corporate Plan does not seek to address all the concerns raised, most of the issues are being addressed in other plans such as the Mid Wales Growth Deal, and the Mid Wales Energy Strategy. Once Members have considered the feedback, and approved any changes, it is intended to formally adopt the document as the CJC Corporate Plan. The Plan was originally intended to cover the period 2023-2028, however, due to timing issues it was not possible to complete the exercise within the calendar year. It is therefore recommended that as the document will be finalised and adopted in 2024, it be retitled CJC Corporate Plan 2024-2029.

It is intended that the Plan be revisited on a regular basis to ensure it reflects emerging changes to circumstances including legalisation and guidance. It may therefore be subject to further revisions subject to CJC member approval.

In accordance with guidance, the Plan has undergone an Impact Assessment (IA) utilising the Powys County Council process and template. This is attached and members will be asked to approve the IA at the conclusion of this report (Appendix 4).

Consultation Feedback

Responses to the consultation have been limited but this may reflect the strategic nature of the document. The Plan is intended to set broad strategic direction, and although more specific detailed plans will emerge in the future, it is acknowledged that there is little practical detail to comment on at this stage of the CJC's development.

No feedback has been received from Welsh Government or the Wales Audit Office.

In overall terms the feedback received has been useful in that comments show an understanding of the various challenges facing the region. Each response has been considered carefully with specific comments being provided on the content, the details of which is shown in Appendix 2.

As members will note, the responders have chosen to remain anonymous and therefore this report is the means by which contributor's will be able to view the Boards acknowledgment.

General Feedback

The respondents are thanked for the time and effort taken in respect of the consultation exercise. These responses will also be shared, where appropriate, with Members and Officers whose work is covered by these topics, such as the Growth Deal, Skills Partnership, etc. Lead Officers have also taken the opportunity to comment further on the document to ensure the terminology and technical references are as up to date as possible.

This has included the introduction of some timelines and accountabilities within the Action Plan.

Way Forward

A revised Corporate Plan is attached for Members to consider and approve alongside the Impact Assessment (Appendices 3 & 4). The Plan will then be published on partner websites and shared with consultees including statutory bodies.

Financial Impacts

The adoption and publication of the Plan will incur further minimal cost. It is not intended to produce a hard copy of the Plan, which will allow for minimum expense when the document is revised and updated.

Impact Assessment

A draft Impact Assessment (IA) has been undertaken using the Powys process and template. The Powys IA has been developed ensuring full compliance with Welsh Government policy and guidance.

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 provided with appropriate management and administrative support.

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 the establishment of regional CJC's. A recent Wales Audit Commission report has identified variable commitment across Wales 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

This report concludes the consultation process in respect of the CJC Corporate Plan.

Reasons for proposed decision

To allow the draft Corporate Plan to be adopted.

Implementation of Decision

This decision will be implemented immediately.

Appendices

1. List of Consultees
2. Responses to the consultation.
3. Revised CJC Corporate Plan 2024-2029
4. Corporate Plan Impact Assessment