



MID WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting – Monday 29th January 2024

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN RELATION TO ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE

Purpose of Report	To provide the CJC with an update on the progress to date in establishing the Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committee and make recommendations for its formal establishment.
Recommendations:	
<p>A) To note the progress and narrative update on actions undertaken to date.</p> <p>B) For Members to consider and comment on the proposed Forward Work Plan set out in paragraph 10 – and if content, that Members support the proposals.</p>	
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Introduction and Background:

- A) Members of the CJC have previously received and considered two reports on the proposals for the Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committee (31/07/23 and 12/10/23). The content of these reports was guided by the Member workshop held 23 June 2023.
- B) Significant work has been underway to take forward the actions identified by the Committee.
- C) This report provides an update on the progress against those actions, and to make a series of recommendations for Members to consider to formally establish the sub-committee.

Progress Update:

- D) The following table provides an update on the Work Plan (as discussed and agreed by members in the 12/10/23 CJC Meeting):

Actions	Progress
Updating the Vision for GMW with key stakeholders in the GMW Partnership and Government (ongoing).	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Updated document was extensively consulted upon with Membership. Both Governments aware and given opportunity to comment.</p>
Confirm the final version of the document (GMW Partnership meeting on 24 November, 2023).	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Updated draft Vision was taken to Growing Mid Wales Partnership on 24/11/23 – and was supported by its Membership. The only comment received was to consider strengthening references to the community and voluntary sectors within the document.</p>
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.	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Workshop was held to discuss the CJC Corporate Plan.</p> <p>OECD workshop was held on 27th October.</p>
Establish an Officer Working Group to consider outcomes of the OECD Workshop and technical aspects relating to “lift & shift” (November 2023).	<p>Not completed.</p> <p>Report from OECD was not received in time for any workshops pre-Christmas.</p> <p>Legal advice (via MO) sought on the technical aspects of the constitution.</p> <p>Not in a position to hold a workshop until parameters of constitution and likely direction of travel known.</p>
Liaise with sub-committee members regarding the direction of travel (November 2023).	<p>Not completed.</p> <p>On hold due to the above not held. Officers did not have the information to liaise with Members.</p>
Arrange the first sub-committee meeting to adopt the Strategy and agree a forward work plan (December 2023).	<p>Not completed.</p> <p>Not able to complete as previous actions not completed.</p>

E) Meetings are already diarised for GMW Board on a quarterly basis for 2024:

26th January 2024
 19th April 2024
 26th July 2024
 25th October 2024

Proposed Forward Work Plan

F) The following forward work plan is now proposed as follows:

Action	Timeframe
<p>Vision – to take the updated vision for Growing Mid Wales to the next Sub-Committee meeting for consideration and adoption.</p>	<p>For the next Sub Committee meeting</p>
<p>Function – further work is needed to start developing the role and remit of the sub-committee (beyond the existing Growth Deal and Skills functions).</p> <p>A draft of the OECD report has been received and being reviewed by officers for accuracy.</p> <p>It is proposed that a further Officer and Member workshop is organised for February/March to consider the OECD report and draw out direction of travel for the committee beyond the Vision and delivery of Growth Deal.</p>	<p>February-March 2024.</p>
<p>Forward Plan/Objectives for the Economic Wellbeing function long term.</p> <p>As a result of the workshop above, it is anticipated we can take a paper to the April sub-committee on the long-term aspirations for the committee.</p>	<p>For the meeting 19th April 2024.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- G) To note the progress and narrative update on actions undertaken to date.
- H) For Members to consider and comment on the proposed Forward Work Plan set out in paragraph above – and if content, that Members support the proposals.

Financial Impacts:

- I) None identified at this time. Provision is made via the CJC budget setting process for the running of the CJC governance. No resource requirements have been identified for the sub-committee as of yet.
- J) The delivery of the Mid Wales Growth Deal will continue within its existing

governance arrangements in place and the finance/legal and agreements that have been previously agreed with UK and Welsh Governments and the two Local Authorities.

Workforce Impacts:

K) None identified at this time.

Legal Impacts:

L) None identified at this time. Legal advice was sought from the Monitoring Officer in relation to the constitution and the provisions for this sub-committee.

Risk Management Impacts:

M) None identified at this time.

Consultation:

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