

## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at the County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 5 p.m.

#### **PRESENT**

County Borough Councillor L.M.Adams – in the Chair

#### **County Borough Councillors**

J.Bonetto	S.Evans	D.Macey
J.Brencher	E.George	S.Morgans
G.Caple	J.James	E.Stephens
A.Cox	P.Jarman	L.Walker

#### **Other Members in Attendance**

County Borough Councillor M.Webber- Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Council Business

County Borough Councillor S.Rees-Owen – Chair of Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee

County Borough Councillor M.J.Powell – Chair of Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee

County Borough Councillor G.Thomas – Vice-Chair of Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee

County Borough Councillor R.Yeo – Chair of Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee

#### **Education Co-opted Member(s)**

Mr.J.Fish – Elected Parent/Governor Representative

#### **Officers in Attendance**

Mr.C.B.Jones – Director, Legal & Democratic Services

Mr.C.Hanagan – Director, Cabinet & Public Relations

Ms.K.May – Head of Democratic Services

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors H.Boggis, J.Brencher, J.Harries, S.Bradwick and T.Williams (Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee), G.Holmes (Vice-Chair of the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee, W.Lewis (Vice-Chair of Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee)

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** – to note that there were no declarations of interest made at the meeting pertaining to the agenda.

## **3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - to approve as accurate records the minutes of the meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on the following dates:-

- 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 subject to the reference made by Councillor E.Stephens in Minute No.5 also stating that she works with LGBT and involved with Groups that work with women.
- 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

## **4 SCRUTINY/CABINET WORK PROGRAMMES**

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Members consideration was sought to the draft Work Programmes of the four `themed` Scrutiny Committees for the 2018/19 Municipal Year as shown at Appendix 1 to the report together with its own Work Programme as shown at Appendix 2 to the report.

The list of matters requiring consideration by the Cabinet over the 2018/19 Municipal Year was also attached to the report at Appendix 3 and the Cabinet Member for Council Business together with the Director, Cabinet & Public Relations were in attendance to respond to any comments of the Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the `themed` Scrutiny Committees who were also invited to this meeting and given the opportunity to consider any topics that could undergo pre-scrutiny by their respective Scrutiny Committees.

The Chairs of the themed Scrutiny Committees who were in attendance, namely Councillors M.Powell, S.Rees-Owen and R.Yeo stated that whilst it is the role of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to approve the Work Programmes of the other Scrutiny Committees, the Work Programmes as appended to the report were in draft format and had not yet been presented to their Committees.

Following consideration of the respective Scrutiny and Cabinet Work Programmes and the observations made by the Cabinet Member for Council Business and the Director, Cabinet & Public Relations, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To approve the Work Programmes developed by the four themes Scrutiny Committees for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, as shown at Appendix 1 together with the amended Work Programme of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee (copies circulated at the meeting) to the report, with appropriate amendments where necessary and subject to any further amendments (additions/deletions) being

made by the respective Scrutiny Committees being brought back to this Committee for further approval;

2. To agree the Work Programme of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, as shown at Appendix 2 to the report, subject to the report in respect of the Digital Strategy Roll Out as listed on the Work Programme for the meeting scheduled to take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 incorporating suitable and updated `signposting` for individuals wishing to use Mental Health Services;
3. That the following topic as selected from the Cabinet Work Programme undergo pre-scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee as shown below:-
  - Processing of Mixed Kerbside Recycling by Members of the Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

## **5 INCREASING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN SCRUTINY**

In accordance with Minute No.9(10) of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018, Members consideration was sought to the protocol titled `Overview and Scrutiny Public Participation Guide` as shown at Appendix 1 which had been based on the principles as contained in the report that was presented to the AGM and reproduced, for ease of reference, in the report of the Director, Legal & Democratic Services.

Following consideration of the protocol as shown at Appendix ` to the report in respect of enabling members of the public to speak at meeting of the Scrutiny Committees, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. That the protocol as shown at Appendix 1 to the report in respect of enabling members of the public to speak at meetings of the Scrutiny Committees, be amended to reflect the comments made by Members and brought back to the scheduled meeting of this Committee in September, 2018;
2. That in the meantime should a member(s) of the public wish to speak at a meeting of any of the Council's Scrutiny Committees then the protocol as shown at Appendix 1 be used as a guide, until such time as the necessary amendments have been made.

## **6 CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL – JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

In his report, the Director, Legal & Democratic Services presented the Committee with a proposal to establish a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (the "CCRCD").

He reported that at the meeting of the CCR Cabinet held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 the Members received a report detailing proposals for the establishment of a JOSC to consider the CCRCD which also included a draft Terms of Reference for the proposed JOSC.

The Director, Legal & Democratic Services attached to his report the following Appendices and he gave his observations thereon :-

- Appendix A – a briefing paper providing background and information on the origins of the proposal for a JOSC
- Appendix B – a copy of the report that was considered by Members of the CCR Cabinet at its meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- Appendix B2 – Draft Terms of Reference for the JOSC

It was reported that the proposal to create a JOSC is in accord with the Statutory Guidance issued under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and a similar report together with the appendices will be presented to the respective Scrutiny Committees/Council meetings of each of the other nine constituent Authorities namely: Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** –

1. To agree to the creation of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“JOSC”) as detailed in the report for the purposes of scrutinising the CCRCD and Cabinet and which shall comprise an elected Member from each of the ten CCRCD constituent Authorities, namely: Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen and the Vale of Glamorgan;
2. That the non-executive Member to represent this Authority on the proposed CCRCD JOSC be appointed at the next appropriate meeting of the Council;
3. To commend to Council the endorsement of the creation of the CCRCD JOSC;
4. To note that each of the ten constituent Authorities of the CCRCD will all individually and collectively need to agree to the establishment of the proposed JOSC for it to proceed;
5. To note that Bridgend County Borough Council will carry out the role of Host Authority in respect of administering the proposed CCRCD JOSC.

**L.M.ADAMS  
CHAIR**

**The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.**