

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CAPITA GLAMORGAN CONSULTANCY
JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee held in the County Borough Council Offices, Rhondda-Cynon-Taff on Thursday, 24th July 2013 at 2.00pm.

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
D. Jones

Bridgend County Borough Councillor
M. Gregory, R. G. Jenkins and G. Thomas

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Councillors
S. Bradwick, (Mrs) A. Crimmings, P. Griffiths and G. Smith

Officers in Attendance

Mr E. Cooper – Corporate Director of Customer Services,
(Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council)

Mr M. Sheppard – Corporate Director Communities, (Bridgend County
Borough Council)

Mr S. Humphreys – Principal Solicitor, Legal & Democratic Services
(Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Mr N. Brinn– Service Director, Highways, Transportation & Strategic Projects
(Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)

Capita Glamorgan

Mr. I. Walsh – Technical Director

Mr J. Allard–Business Director

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors P. J. White and J. C. Spanswick (Bridgend County Borough Council) County Borough Councillors C. Barry and B. Smith (Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council) and County Borough Councillors S. Lloyd and R. Lewis (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members had no personal interests to declare in matters pertaining to the agenda.

3. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CAPITA GLAMORGAN CONSULTANCY JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014-2015

RESOLVED to appoint County Borough Councillor P. J. White (Bridgend County Borough Council) as Chairman of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee for the 2014/2015 municipal year

4. ELECTION OF VICE -CHAIRMAN OF THE CAPITA GLAMORGAN CONSULTANCY JOINT COMMITTEE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2014/2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED to elect County Borough Councillor D. Jones (Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council) as Vice-Chairman of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee for the 2014/2015 municipal year

5. CHAIR

In the absence of the newly elected Chairman the Vice Chairman County Borough Councillor D. Jones took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee held on 29th January 2014.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority currently holding that information). Transparency in the accountability for expenditure of public funds within the public sector is outweighed by the fact that the release of information will prejudice the interests of the Joint Committee, consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information by virtue of which the meeting is likely not to be open to the public during its consideration.

8. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE OF CAPITA GLAMORGAN JOINT VENTURE

Mr James Allard introduced himself to the Members of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee as the newly appointed Business

Director, heading up the South Wales operation to include the Glamorgan Joint Venture before presenting his report to members of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee in relation to the financial performance of the Capita Glamorgan Joint Venture.

The Director alluded to the difficult financial climate which has reflected upon the recent overall business performance of the Joint Venture in particular the Glamorgan team, however, with work coming in from other areas such as the Barnet office the original predicted cuts in staff numbers has now fallen and Members were directed to the more detailed financial breakdown within the report.

The Director stressed that there remained a commitment for staff training which is viewed as a long term gain offering support to staff in their development and he responded to several question from members of the committee in respect of staff related issues.

At this point Mr Ian Walsh, Technical Director, Capita, summarised the projects which have been undertaken and are currently on going within the three unitary authorities as well as work within the Ceredigion and Powys Framework. Reference was made to the Client Satisfaction updates which had all achieved higher targets than those set.

Committee was provided with a community benefits update which highlighted the ongoing involvement of the company in the local community and a copy of the staff newsletter was circulated at the meeting for information.

Mr Allard concluded his presentation by reporting on the current position of two historic disputes between Rhondda-Cynon Taf County Borough Council and Capita Glamorgan Ltd Group which he confirmed are nearing resolution in both cases.

Following consideration of the oral updates in respect of the financial and operational performance of Capita Glamorgan Joint Venture, Members **RESOLVED** to note the information.

9. **ORAL UPDATE FROM THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STRATEGIC PROJECTS**

The Service Director, Highways, Transportation & Strategic Projects provided members with an oral update in respect of the two commercial disputes between Rhondda-Cynon-Taf County Borough Council and Capita Glamorgan Ltd Group. The background to both formal disputes was outlined for the benefit of new members. Assurance was provided that they are close to reaching a formal settlement with respect to Sobbells development and then hopefully the Aberdare public realm project.

The Service Director responded to several questions in relation to the information he had presented and it was **RESOLVED** to note the situation.

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next appropriate meeting of the Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee

D. JONES
CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 3.00pm