

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 6TH DECEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

“C672 DRAFT RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES: DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 created the framework for a consistent mechanism for regional collaboration between local government, namely Corporate Joint Committees (CJC). The Act provided for the establishment of CJsCs through Regulations.

Welsh Government had been consulting on the introduction of regulations and guidance to accompany the introduction of CJsCs over the last year. The report sought endorsement from Cabinet of the Council's response (Appendix A) to the latest consultation regarding the guidance which supports the setting up of the four CJsCs.

Consultation on further legislation for the operation of the CJsCs and its functions was planned for the Autumn of 2021 and a further consultation in the Spring of 2022 would cover any remaining provisions which a CJC might need but which were unlikely to be needed at the point at which they began to deliver their functions. Further reports to Cabinet would follow in due course.

The Leader in referring to the reference listed as agenda item 17 informed Cabinet that that the Scrutiny Committee had recommended that Cabinet be requested to consider in the response the views of the Scrutiny Committee in relation to the role of the Scrutiny of Corporate Joint Committees being adequately provided for. The Leader agreed that should the Cardiff Capital Region become the Corporate Joint Committee there needed to be adequate scrutiny in place. Question 5 within Appendix A also referred to the sufficient and appropriate guidance on governance and scrutiny within the CJsCs.

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and the reference and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report and the draft response to the consultation be agreed and endorsed for submission to Welsh Government.

(2) T H A T the Urgent Decision Procedure set out in Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be approved in respect of Resolution (1) in order to meet the deadline of 4th October, 2021.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable the Council to respond to the Consultation on CJsCs.

(2) The reporting of the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure is a requirement of the Council's Constitution.”