

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 7TH MARCH, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 20TH DECEMBER, 2021

“C771 DRAFT RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES (GENERAL) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2022 (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The report sought Cabinet approval for the submission of the Council's response to the above Welsh Government consultation.

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 (CJCs). The Act provided for the establishment of CJCs through Regulations.

Welsh Government had been consulting on the introduction of regulations and guidance to accompany the introduction of CJCs over the last year.

The report sought endorsement from Cabinet of the Council's response (Appendix A) to the latest consultation regarding the Regulations which supported the setting up of the four CJCs.

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 begin to deliver their functions. Further reports to Cabinet would follow in due course.

The Leader referred to Question 9 of Appendix A, endorsed the answer concerning VAT or Company Taxation and hoped that Welsh Government would address that matter urgently. He also referred to Scrutiny of the CJCs, stressed the importance of scrutiny and agreed with the response that funding should be provided by the CJC to provide the scrutiny support for the CJC. It was suggested that there could be a standing item on the agenda on Scrutiny Committee agendas so as to provide Members with updates.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report 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 for submission to Welsh Government be agreed and endorsed.

(2) T H A T the urgency procedure set out in section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be exercised in respect of Resolution (1).

Reason for decision

(1) To enable the Council to respond to the consultation on Corporate Joint Committees.

(2) To enable the response to be submitted by 22nd December, 2021.”