

HEART OF THE SOUTH WEST JOINT COMMITTEE

Friday 2 December 2022

**12.00 pm Council Chamber, Devon
County Council, Exeter**

To: The members of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Head of Governance and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer – 24 November 2022

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AGENDA

Item Heart of the South West Joint Committee - 12.00 pm Friday 2 December 2022

1 **Welcome and Introduction**

Chair to welcome attendees

2 **Apologies for Absence**

To be reported and recorded

3 **Declarations of Interest**

Any new declarations of interest are to be reported and recorded

4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 2022)** (Pages 3 - 4)

To agree the minutes as an accurate record

5 **Devon County Deal Update**

To receive an update from Jan Spicer – Chief Executive, Devon County Council and Tracey Lee – Chief Executive, Plymouth City Council

6 **Somerset LGR Update**

To receive an update from Duncan Sharkey – Chief Executive, Somerset County Council and Alyn Jones – LGR Programme Director, Somerset County Council

7 **HEROG Funding**

To receive an update from David Ralph – Hot SW LEP CEO

8 **Peninsula Transport Board Update and A303/A358 Presentation**

To receive an update from Andrea Davis – Chair of the Board and a presentation from National Highways

9 **Future Meeting Dates**

Proposed Meeting Dates:

- Friday 3 February 2023 – informal workshop
- Friday 21 April 2023 – informal workshop and formal meeting
- Friday 21 July 2023 – informal workshop
- Friday 27 October 2023 – informal workshop and formal meeting
- Friday 26 January 2024 – informal workshop

Minutes of a Meeting of the HotSW Joint Committee

24th June 2022; 11:30am; Deane House, Taunton

Attendance

Voting Members: , Cllr Val Keitch (Chair), Cllr Federica Smith-Roberts, Cllr Liz Leyshon, Cllr Neil Jory, Cllr Bob Deed, Cllr Heather Shearer, Cllr Paul Arnott, Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Andrew Cooper

Officers/Local Enterprise Partnership: Phil Shears, Stephen Walford, Karl Tucker, Tracey Lee, Phil Norrey, David Ralph, Pat Flaherty, Scott Wooldridge

1. Election of Chair

Having been nominated and seconded, Cllr Val Keitch was duly elected as Chair of the Joint Committee.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Having been nominated and seconded, Cllr Neil Jory was duly appointed as Vice Chair of the Joint Committee.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Neil Jory declared that his employment in Okehampton had business contracts associated with HotSW.

4. Minutes of the October 2021 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

5. Membership and Meeting Dates for 2022/23

The following membership changes were made since the previous meeting:

- Cllr Bill Revans replaced Cllr David Fothergill as Leader of Somerset County Council
- Cllr Richard Bingley replaced Cllr Nick Kelly as Leader of Plymouth City Council

Scott Wooldridge, the Monitoring Officer for Somerset County Council stated that, after discussions with Devon County Council, he recommended switching the meeting cycle to two meetings per year; he therefore suggested cancelling the meeting on 30th September and moving it to 2nd December to ensure a 6-month gap between

meetings. Regarding requests to hold the meetings virtually, the Monitoring Officer reminded the Committee that the AGM in June 2023 could not be held virtually as this would prevent the committee members from voting legally within the meeting. However, informal meetings could take place online in between the formal meetings to ensure the committee members kept in touch. LEP representatives raised concerns that, as Somerset County Council would be a unitary authority in June 2023, the governance review would have to take place in the coming December. The Chair indicated her intention to hold an informal online meeting on 30th September to bring the committee members together before December.

6. HotSW Budget Outturn 2021 and Proposals for 2022/23

The Committee received the report by Scott Wooldridge, the Monitoring Officer for Somerset County Council.

The Monitoring Office outlined the report, which provided an update on the outturn of the Joint Committee's pooled budget for 2021/22 and the proposals for the 2022/23 budget. The report evaluated the Committee's allocations of funding, its arrangements for administrative support, and the proposed funding commitments for the future. Attention was drawn in particular to 4.4.1, which emphasised the Committee's reliance on its Constituent Authorities in providing the funds required.

Following consideration of the officer report and presentation the Joint Committee:

- a) received the outturn for 2021/22 and noted the residual budget available for 2022/23 (see section 4.4)**
- b) agreed to extend Somerset County Council's role as the Administering Authority until the next Annual General Meeting in June 2023 (see 4.5.4); and**
- c) endorsed the revised draft 2021/22 Budget (see section 4.5)**

7. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.