

Outline Terms of Reference – Proposed Statutory Joint Committee

1. Functions
2. Strategy
3. Prioritisation
4. Representation
5. Performance
6. Accountability

Terms of Reference 1: Functions

- Economic growth strategy and planning
- Infrastructure prioritisation and planning
- Strategic land use planning and allocation
- Transport planning and commissioning
- Skills planning and commissioning strategy
- Others to be added as powers are devolved

Terms of Reference 2: Strategy

- Setting of directional regional strategy
- On-going assessment of evidential regional need and opportunity to underpin the strategy
- Setting of priorities and investment plans to deliver the strategy

Terms of Reference 3: Prioritisation

- Prioritisation of contributory schemes
- Business case development and case-making for prioritised schemes
- Investment profiling and prioritisation
- Securing investment agreements

Terms of Reference 4: Representation

- Engagement and relationship management with regional partners
- Engagement and relationship management with cross-border partners
- Advocacy and lobbying with Welsh Government and UK Government, Ministers and political groupings
- Public and media relations and profile

Terms of Reference 5: Performance

- Programme management of implementation of the strategy
- Oversight of performance against key progress milestones and outcome measures
- Securing strategic, programme management, and project development and management resources to implement contributory schemes

Terms of Reference 6: Accountability

- Reporting to the six local authorities
- Reporting to regional partners on performance, investment performance and risk management
- Reporting to Welsh Government on performance and the effective use of their investment
- Reporting to UK Government on performance and the effective use of their investment

Limitations of Decision-Making and Reserved Matters

Examples of decisions which will be reserved for individual council approvals are:-

- Agreement of functions to be given to the Joint Committee
- Agreement of annual budget contributions for the Joint Committee and host authorities
- Investment and borrowing commitments and risk exposure levels
- Allocation of land and other asset for pooling