

OUTLINE OF THE JOINT-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

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 the direction of regional strategy;
- Ongoing assessment of evidential regional needs 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 groups;
- Public and media relations and profile.

Terms of Reference 5: Performance

- Programme management and 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: Responsibility

- 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 its investment;
- Reporting to UK Government on performance and the effective use of its 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; and
- Allocation of land and other asset for pooling.