

## SHARED REGULATORY SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Extraordinary Remote meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

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The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Representing Bridgend County Borough Council – Councillors M. Lewis and H. Williams (Vice-Chair).

Representing Cardiff City and County Council – Councillors N. Mackie and M. Michael.

Representing the Vale of Glamorgan Council – Councillors P. Drake and R. Sivagnanam (Chair).

(a) Announcement –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

(b) Minutes –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

(c) Declarations of Interest –

No declarations of interest were received.

(d) Shared Regulatory Services Draft Budget Proposal 2026/27 (DEH) –

The purpose of the report was to gain Joint Committee’s approval of the Proposed Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) Budget in respect of financial year 2026/27.

The Proposed SRS Budget 2026/27 is set out below:

|                                 | Current Budget<br>2025/26 | Proposed Budget<br>2026/27 | Increase/<br>(Decrease)<br>in<br>Contribution |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Gross Expenditure Budget</b> | <b>£'000's</b>            | <b>£'000's</b>             | <b>£'000's</b>                                |
| Bridgend                        | 1,803                     | 1,840                      | 37  |
| Cardiff                         | 5,218                     | 5,328                      | 110   |
| Vale                            | 1,817                     | 1,864                      | 47  |
| <b>Total Budget</b>             | <b>8,838</b>              | <b>9,032</b>               | <b>194</b>                                    |

The table below modelled cost pressures for the pay award shortfall in 2025/26 and the national insurance increase (which was not reflected in the 2025/26 budget due to uncertainty regarding funding streams). There was also an adjustment reflecting the reduction in pension contributions made for all SRS employees.

| <b>2025/26 to 2026/27 Budget Reconciliation</b> | <b>£'000</b> |
|---|--------------|
| 2025/26 Agreed Budget                           | 8,838        |
| 2025/26 Adjustment for Pay Award Shortfall      | 33           |
| 2025/26 National Insurance increase             | 161          |
| <b>Revised 2025/26 Budget</b>                   | <b>9,032</b> |
| 2026/27 3% Pay award                            | 227          |
| 2026/27 Contribution to budget shortfall        | 23           |
| <b>2026/27 Budget with cost pressures</b>       | <b>9,282</b> |
| 2026/27 Pension contribution adjustment         | (250)        |
| <b>2026/27 Draft Proposed SRS Budget</b>        | <b>9,032</b> |

Authorities were requested to confirm agreement to the 2026/27 Proposed Budget by 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

Having considered the report, it was

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Proposed Shared Regulatory Services Budget in respect of 2026/27 be approved.
- (2) T H A T, in accordance with the requirement of the Joint Working Agreement (JWA), individual Authorities be requested to approve in writing the Proposed Budget for 2026/27 by 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report, discussions at the meeting and following the report's consideration by the Joint Committee, in line with the JWA.
- (2) In order to allow the budget to be finalised prior to the start of 2026/27.