

Torbay Council representative on the Heart of the South West Joint Committee

Talking Points for the meeting of the Council held on 21 June 2018

Joint Committee

- The second meeting of the Heart of the South West Joint Committee was held on 25 May 2018 at Devon County Hall.
- Councillor David Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council, was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Joint Committee and Councillor John Tucker, Leader of South Hams District Council, appointed Vice-chairman.

Productivity Strategy and Delivery Plan

- The Joint Committee considered framework for the Delivery Plan for the Heart of the South West's Productivity Strategy.
- The Delivery Plan will be based around a series of opportunities which will be delivered through a range of tools or investments:
 - Opportunities in our transformational sectors:
 - Digital – Creative, Big Data and Photonics
 - Advanced Engineering – Marine, Nuclear and Aerospace
 - Healthy Ageing
 - Opportunities in our bedrock sectors:
 - Agriculture, food and drink
 - High value tourism
 - Defence
 - Enabling Opportunities:
 - Construction
 - Housing
 - Energy
 - Infrastructure
- It is recognised that across these opportunities will have elements which impact on our rural and coastal communities and that sometimes these will need to be packaged distinctly.

- The Joint Committee recognise that we will need to stay agile in order to respond to new funding opportunities.

Peninsula Sub-National Transport Body

- The Joint Committee noted the work that is underway to establish a Sub-National Transport Body (STB) for the South West Peninsula. The emerging approach is for two STBs to be formed in the South West – Western Gateway covering BANES, Bristol, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch; and Peninsula covering Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay and potentially Dorset (after their reorganisation).
- The aim is to establish a Shadow Sub-National Transport Body in the Autumn of 2018.