

## **Industrial Communities Alliance Wales**

### **Minutes of the Industrial Communities Cross Party Group AGM Held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

#### **1. Present**

Vikki Howells MS, Cynon Valley; Sam Rowlands MS, North Wales; Sarah Murphy MS, Bridgend; Luke Fletcher MS, South Wales West; Robin Lewis, Office of Vikki Howells MS; Jillian Purvis, Office of Huw Irranca-Davies; Cllr David White, Bridgend CBC; Cllr Jayne Brencher, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC; Cllr Dai Davies, Blaenau Gwent CBC; Cllr Gareth Jones, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC; Cllr Graham Thomas, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC; Cllr Anthony Hunt, Torfaen CBC; Peter Slater, ICA Wales; Phil O'Mara, ICA National Secretariat.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Joel James MS, South Wales Central; Cllr John Hill, Blaeanu Gwent CBC; Carys Lewis, Welsh Parliament; Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Ogmore.

#### **3. Welcome**

Vikki Howells MS welcomed everyone to the meeting, and reflected on the work of the group over the past year, which had included topics related to the economic impact of the pandemic and the COVID Recovery Plan. She also commended the quality of research undertaken by the Industrial Communities Alliance on issues such as leveling up, state aids and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

#### **4. Election of Chair**

Vikki Howells MS was elected Chair of the Group.

#### **5. Election of Secretary**

Peter Slater, Director, ICA Wales, was elected as Secretary of the Group.

#### **6. Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference (attached) for the Group were approved.

#### **7. Membership of the Group.**

The membership of the Group was confirmed as follows: Vikki Howells MS (Chair), Cynon Valley; Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Ogmore; Sarah Murphy MS, Bridgend; Luke Fletcher MS, South Wales West; Joel

James MS, South Wales Central; Sam Rowlands MS, North Wales;  
Cllr David White, Bridgend CBC; Peter Slater (Secretary), ICA Wales.

**8. Future Topics to be considered by the CPG**

There was a wide ranging discussion on potential topics for future meetings of the group, which included: leveling up; manufacturing and the green economy; subsidy control (state aids); decarbonisation of the steel industry; young people and the labour market; the role of infrastructure in supporting economic investment; and the impact of the digital revolution on the nature of work and the labour market.

Arising from the discussion it was agreed that the Chair and Secretary would consider the above suggestions before the next meeting of the group in the Autumn.

Peter Slater  
Secretary, Industrial Communities Cross Party Group