

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON
THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST 2017 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N J Davies

P Jones

P Lloyd

Councillor(s)

O G James

J W Jones

P M Matthews

Councillor(s)

S M Jones

W G Lewis

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): L S Gibbard and W G Thomas

9 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL & PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

10 **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 13 July, 2017, be approved as a correct record.

11 **OVERVIEW OF CITY DEAL. (PRESENTATION - PHIL HOLMES).**

The Head of Planning & City Regeneration gave a comprehensive overview presentation to the Committee on the Swansea Bay City Region Deal.

As part of the presentation, he outlined in detail the following subject areas:

- Background history behind the bid;
- The agreements and partnership arrangements in place between the various Local Authorities, Universities, Public Bodies, Private Industry and both Welsh and National Governments;
- The main aims and challenges of the project;
- The visions, anticipated impacts and planned interventions;
- Alignment with UK Industrial Strategy;
- Aims for Delivery of Projects & Job Creation;
- Funding breakdown and investment from both City Deal money and private industry investment for each scheme was outlined;
- Proposed returns for the investment, and aims and objectives of projects
- Front loading of Local Authority monies to kick start projects;

- Super Smart Innovation Region Proposals including Life Science and Well Being Campus and Village, Steel Science Centre, Factory of the Future, Homes as Power Stations & Pembroke Dock Marine;
- 5 Case Business Model currently being prepared for all schemes;
- The Skills and Talent Initiative being led by Regional Learning Skills Partnership;
- Regional Digital Infrastructure;
- Development of Centres for Excellence in Next Generation Digital Services;
- Links with S4C to develop a Creative Digital Cluster “Yr Egin”;
- Regeneration of Swansea City Centre and Main Projects contained within that project: Arena, Hotel, Multi Storey Car Park, 5G Mobile Communications Test Bed & redevelopment of St David’s site;
- Development of Waterfront Digital Business District;
- Kingsway Digital District;
- Delivery Timelines;
- Governance Arrangements.

The Committee asked a number of questions of the Head of Planning & City Regeneration, who responded accordingly.

Discussions centred around the following topics: -

- Breakdown of City Deal finances;
- Public transport infrastructure;
- Evidence of sustainability from a wellbeing and environmental view; and
- Addressing the GVA gap.

The Chair thanked the Head of Planning & City Regeneration for his informative presentation.

12 **WORKPLAN 2017/2018.**

The Chair stated that items for consideration at the next meeting would be:

- 1) Citizen’s Card; and
- 2) Wind Street Pedestrianisation Scheme.

RESOLVED that the items for the next meeting be noted.

The meeting ended at 2.59 pm

CHAIR