



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Swansea Bay City
Region Joint Committee**

Kent Room - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 26 November 2019 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Rob Stewart (Swansea Council) Presided

Councillors:

David Jenkins	Carmarthenshire Council
Rob Jones	Neath Port Talbot Council
David Simpson	Pembrokeshire Council

Co-opted Non-Voting Representatives:

Medwin Hughes	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Edward Tomp	Chair of Economic Strategy Board
Steve Wilks	Swansea University

Officers:

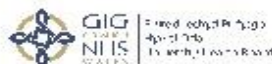
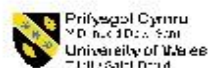
Huw Evans	Head of Democratic Services (Swansea Council)
Jon Haswell	S151 Officer (Pembrokeshire County Council)
Greg Jones	Communications & Marketing Officer - City Deal (Carmarthenshire Council)
Tracey Meredith	Joint Committee Monitoring Officer (Swansea Council)
Chris Moore	Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire County Council)
Helen Morgan	Economic Development Manager (Carmarthenshire Council)
Steve Phillips	Chief Executive (Neath Port Talbot Council)
Phil Roberts	Chief Executive (Swansea Council)
Paul Thomas	Carmarthenshire Council

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor(s) Emlyn Dole (Carmarthenshire Council)
Maria Battle (Hywel Dda University Health Board) and Emma Woollett (Swansea Bay University Health Board)
Wendy Walters (Chief Executive (Carmarthenshire Council)) and Ian Westley (Chief Executive (Pembrokeshire Council))

33 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

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



34 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee meeting held on 29 October 2019 be signed and approved as a correct record.

35 Announcement(s) of the Chair.

The Chair made no announcements.

36 Public Questions.

There were no public questions.

37 Swansea Bay City Deal Projects Update. (Verbal)

Carmarthenshire

The Wellness Village project was subject to fine tuning. Private Investment discussions were ongoing. Discussions regarding an Academic Partner were approaching completion.

Neath Port Talbot

The Authority had met with the Economic Strategy Board (ESB) earlier in the day in order to outline their Low Carbon & Homes as Power Stations and Business Cases. The Programme Board meeting on 15 November 2019 had agreed to recommend both schemes to the ESB. These schemes had been positively received by the ESB and the former would be presented to the Joint Committee in January 2020 with the latter to follow in February 2020. Edward Tomp confirmed this.

Steve Phillips stated that the working drafts has already been submitted to both Governments and that final workshops on both would be held with both Governments in the first week of December. This process therefore met the regional approval requirements set out in earlier correspondence from the UK and Welsh Ministers.

The Authority shall inform both Governments of the progress that is being made in relation to the Neath Port Talbot Business Cases and all relevant documents shared prior to final agreement by the Joint Committee, so as not to delay the projects.

Pembrokeshire

Work on the Pembroke Dock Marine project was continuing; however the Authority was spending at risk and asked that for the distribution of City Region monies as soon as possible for all Authorities.

Swansea

The Swansea Central Phase 1 project was approved by Cabinet on 21 November 2019. Works commenced on site week commencing 25 November 2019.

Resolved that:

- 1) The updates be noted.

38 Swansea Bay City Deal Terms & Conditions.

The Regional Office submitted a report seeking approval to sign and accept the UK and Welsh Government Funding letter and associated Terms and Conditions.

Resolved that the UK and Welsh Government Funding letter and associated Terms and Conditions be supported and forwarded to each of the four constituent Authorities for approval.

39 Swansea Bay City Region Programme Director.

The Regional Office submitted a report which provided an update on the Recruitment Process for the Swansea Bay City Region Programme Director.

Resolved that the Interviews for the Programme Director take place on 5 and 6 December 2019.

40 Next Meeting

Resolved that:

- 1) The meeting scheduled for 20 December 2019 be cancelled;
- 2) The next meeting be held on 28 January 2020.

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm

Chair