



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Economy & Infrastructure Policy
Development and Delivery Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
J W Jones
P Lloyd

Councillor(s)

L S Gibbard
M A Langstone
P M Matthews

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
W G Lewis
T M White

Officer(s)

Caritas Adere
Phil Holmes
Martin Nicholls
Jeremy Parkhouse

Senior Lawyer
Head of Economic Regeneration and Planning
Director of Place
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): O G James and S M Jones

33 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

34 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 7 December 2017, be approved as a correct record.

35 Economy - Presentation by Phil Holmes, Head of Planning and City Regeneration.

The Head of Planning and City Regeneration provided a detailed and informative presentation on 'Swansea and the City Region....An Economic Perspective'.

Details provided in the presentation included: -

- Introducing Swansea...;
- Connectivity;
- Swansea Statistics and Our Strategic Sectors;
- The Business Base;

- Strategic Employment Sites;
- Innovation, Learning, Quality of Life, Culture, Leisure & Sport;
- Key Regional Statistics;
- The Big Challenges;
- The City Deal Response;
- Key Local Regeneration Activities;
- Working in Partnership;
- Regeneration Programme;
- The Implications of Brexit;
- Welsh Government Prosperity for All and Economic Action Plan.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to accordingly. Discussions centred around the following: -

- Productivity, GVA and comparisons with other authorities within the region;
- Transport links, connectivity, potential Swansea Bay Metro and Welsh Government feasibility study looking at inter-connectivity between regions;
- The Tidal Lagoon project; improving the Fabian Way gateway into the city;
- Involving communities outside the city centre in the changes, improving the movement of transport within the city centre and attracting large shops to locate in Swansea;
- The City Deal - improving employment prospects, training, skills and confidence of working age people;
- The impact of the universities in Swansea and the work being undertaken;
- Potential for the Felindre site;
- Confidence in the planning process in Swansea.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the presentation be noted;
- 2) The presentation be circulated to the Committee.

36 Workplan 2017/2018.

The Chair presented an updated Work Plan 2017/18.

She added that the following items had been proposed for the Committee meeting on 8 March 2018: -

- 1) Wind Street Pedestrianisation;
- 2) Green Fleet.

Resolved that: -

- 1) The contents of the report be noted;
- 2) The additional items listed above for 8 March 2018 be added to the Committee Work Plan 2017/18.

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The meeting ended at 3.23 pm

Chair