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accepted and funding arrangements discussed at a separate meeting in order to move the subject forward quickly. A job profile and outline of resources required for the role would be drafted for consideration at the next Joint Committee meeting.

A comment was made expressing support for the appointment of an independent Regional Office Director but suggesting that the current £50k Local Authority contribution toward the Swansea Bay City Deal should not be increased to fund the post. Each Authority made a significant financial contribution to the Deal and there was a need to look at whether there was scope within existing budgets initially.

The Chair advised that criticisms of processes in the reviews should not be confused with criticism of people and thanked City Deal Officers for their work. Members and Officers clarified that, while some projects were in the process of remodelling, no City Deal projects had been put on hold. It was suggested that the portfolio management approach recommended in the review provided useful flexibility and the opportunity to introduce new project elements.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

- 5.1. the report on the UK and Welsh Government Independent Review into the Swansea Bay City Deal be received;**
- 5.2. all seven recommendations made in the Independent Review report be accepted and referred to the Programme Board for the drafting of an implementation and action plan to be considered at the next Joint Committee meeting;**
- 5.3. a draft job profile and outline of funding options for the City Deal Office Managing Director be prepared for consideration at the next Joint Committee meeting;**
- 5.4. funding arrangements for the City Deal Management Director be left in abeyance and discussed at a separate meeting;**
- 5.5. the current LA contribution of £50k not be increased to fund the Managing Director post.**

6. SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL INTERNAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS REPORT MARCH 2019

The Joint Committee considered the Swansea Bay City Deal Internal Review of Governance Arrangements Report.

The Chair suggested that all recommendations made in the report should be accepted and implemented as soon as possible. Recommendations from both Independent and Internal Review could be included in the implementation and action plan (Minute Item 5 refers).



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The Chair thanked Jo Hendy and the other auditors for their work on the review and recommendations.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

- 6.1. the Internal Review be received;**
- 6.2. all recommendations made in the Internal Review be accepted and referred to the Programme Board to be included in the implementation and action plan (Minute Item 5.2. refers).**

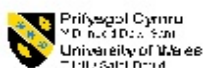
7. CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - LLANELLI WELLNESS AND LIFE SCIENCE VILLAGE REVIEWS

The Joint Committee considered reports on the Carmarthenshire County Council Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village Reviews, consisting of an Independent Legal Review and a Wales Audit Office (WAO) Review. The Joint Committee noted that the Independent Legal Review focussed on procurement and governance pre and post Collaboration Agreement and the WAO review assessed Carmarthenshire County Council's management of process, risk, and governance and the protection of public money in relation to the project.

The Joint Committee was advised that findings from both reviews had been unanimously accepted by Carmarthenshire County Council's Executive Board on the 4th March 2019. The Executive Board had welcomed the findings, which concluded that due process had been followed and the Council had acted properly. The Executive Board would continue to monitor progress and the Authority was pleased that the project was not on hold and would continue to be considered within the first tranche of projects. The Joint Committee was informed that the reviews had concluded that the Council was not precluded from further collaboration with Swansea University.

The Joint Committee was informed that WAO had provided a letter rather than a full report and that a representative of WAO, Mr Jeremy Evans, was attending the meeting to answer questions. A question was raised asking whether it was normal practice for WAO to issue letters rather than full review reports. Mr Evans advised that the letter and full report both had equal weight. WAO had found that the issuing of a letter was most appropriate to convey key findings in a timely and succinct manner without repeating details from other reviews.

In response to a query as to how the WAO review related to the findings of the Independent and Internal Reviews into the City Deal, Mr Evans advised that the reviews had a different focus, with the Internal and Independent City Deal reviews looking at the broader City Deal governance arrangements. To avoid unnecessary repetition, WAO had decided that it was appropriate to focus specifically on Carmarthenshire County Council's processes in relation to the Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village project and the findings were detailed in the report.



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UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note the findings of the Carmarthenshire County Council Independent Legal Review and the WAO Review of the Llanelli Wellness and Life Science Village.

8. PEMBROKE DOCK MARINE PROJECT

The Joint Committee was advised that several key issues in relation to the Pembroke Dock Marine Project had to be addressed in order for the project to be progressed. The case for a Joint Committee decision was set out in a memorandum from Milford Haven Port Authority (on behalf of the Pembroke Dock Marine Project partners) attached to the report.

The Joint Committee was asked to consider three key recommendations. It was informed that Pembrokeshire County Council had received advice from the Joint Committee Monitoring and S.151 Officers in relation to recommendations 2 and 3.

With regard to recommendation 2, Officers had advised that project delivery periods had always been five years from the commencement of the City Deal.

With regard to recommendation 3, Officers had advised that the Joint Committee could not be expected to agree the principle of shared NNDR uplift allocation as the issue would require a separate report and additional information from the Welsh Government was awaited.

It was suggested that Leaders and Chief Executives could convene an urgent meeting to discuss key decisions 2 and 3. The Joint Committee was advised that Welsh Government had to be further engaged in relation to NNDR uplift allocation.

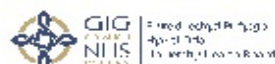
The Project Lead thanked the Joint Committee Monitoring and S.151 Officers for their advice.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

- 8.1. the change in the Pembroke Dock Marine project scope be approved, subject to any comments from the Economic Strategy Board;**
- 8.2. an urgent meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives be convened to discuss NNDR uplift allocation and the delivery period for City Deal projects;**
- 8.3. the outstanding decisions in relation to NNDR uplift allocation and the start date for the project delivery period be added to the issue log.**

9. DEVELOPMENT OF HOMES AS POWER STATIONS, DIGITAL, SKILLS AND TALENT AND PEMBROKE DOCK MARINE

The Joint Committee considered a report on the development of the Homes as Power Stations, Digital Infrastructure, Pembroke Dock Marine and Skills and Talents projects. The four projects had been recommended as part of the second



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12. CORRESPONDENCE:-

12.1. LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (15th February 2019)

The Joint Committee received a letter from the Chair of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee, dated 15th February 2019, which outlined findings and recommendations of the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 31st January 2019.

The Chair thanked the Joint Scrutiny Committee for its work and advised that a draft response to the letter would be issues shortly.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

12.2. LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (5th March 2019)

The Joint Committee received a letter from the Chair of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee, dated 5th March 2019, which included recommendations of the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 1st March 2019.

The Chair thanked the Joint Scrutiny Committee for its work and advised that a draft response to the letter would be issues shortly.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the letter be noted.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

14. YR EGIN RESUBMISSION

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 13 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as the report included the business case to be submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments for approval and contained indicative cost estimates, and disclosing those indicative cost estimates in advance of procuring a works contractor could prejudice the procurer's position.



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The Committee noted that the suggestion to resubmit the business plan was a response to the Independent Review's recommendation to move forward those projects closest to final approval (Minute Item 5 refers).

The S.151 Officer advised the Joint Committee that, given the recommendations of the City Deal Internal Review (Minute Item 6 refers), Items 14 and 15 should be considered on the understanding that Project Lead Authorities were taking full financial responsibility for their projects, including management of financial risks. The Chair confirmed that it would be a matter of each Local Authority to identify and manage its own financial risks.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

- 14.1. the formal submission of the Yr Egin full five case business plan, submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments on 26th November 2018, be withdrawn;**
- 14.2. the Yr Egin full five case business plan be resubmitted to the UK and Welsh Government for approval.**

15. SWANSEA CITY AND WATERFRONT DIGITAL DISTRICT RESUBMISSION

Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 13 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as the report included the business case to be submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments for approval and contained indicative cost estimates, and disclosing those indicative cost estimates in advance of procuring a works contractor could prejudice the procurer's position.

The Committee noted that the suggestion to resubmit the business plan was a response to the Independent Review's recommendation to move forward those projects closest to final approval (Minute Item 5 refers).

The Chair confirmed that the previous commitment in respect of Project Lead Authorities taking full financial responsibility for managing the risks and consequential liability would apply, and this was acknowledged by the City and County of Swansea.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that

- 15.1. the formal submission of the Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District full five case business plan, submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments on 26th November 2018, be withdrawn;**
- 15.2. the Swansea City & Waterfront Digital full five case business plan be resubmitted to the UK and Welsh Government for approval.**

CHAIR

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