



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee – 30 July 2019

Swansea Bay City Deal - Progress Update

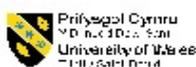
Purpose:	To approve commencement of recruitment for a programme director at the salary scale detailed within this report and Appendix A .
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress in relation to the City Deal including actions being taken to implement the recommendations of both the external and internal reviews.

2. Project developments

- 2.1 The UK Government and Welsh Government have agreed to release £18m initial funding for the Swansea Bay City Deal programme, subject to terms and conditions being met. The funding is based on the approval of business cases for the Yr Egin and Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District projects. The specific terms and conditions are awaited from both Governments.
- 2.2 The remaining Tranche 1 project, the Wellness Village, is currently being updated and will be submitted to the Economic Strategy Board during July.
- 2.3 Business cases for the Homes as Power Stations (HaPS) project, Pembroke Dock Marine and Skills and Talent business cases have been informally submitted to both Governments. A project review meeting has



been convened for 25th July for the HaPs project. Date awaited from Governments for the Pembroke Dock Marine project.

- 2.4 UK and Welsh Government are currently reviewing the appraisal process to ensure a quicker and more effective process for all parties going forward. UK and Welsh Government have suggested that the Region have Business Cases independently reviewed by a professional qualified at Better Business Case Practitioner Level in order to provide independent specialist assurance that relevant, detailed checks have been undertaken prior to formal submission to Governments.

3. Implementation of Review recommendations:

- 3.1 Following the acceptance of the findings of the Actica Consulting Independent Review and Internal Review, an action plan has been developed to take forward the review recommendations. The attached action plan (**Appendix A**) provides a detailed update on progress being made against each of the recommendations. A summary of progress is detailed below:

Recommendation	Progress
Appointment of programme Director and Programme Management Office	<p>Job description was agreed by the Joint Committee during May. Final job specification and associated budget to be agreed by Joint Committee at July meeting. Recruitment process to commence thereafter.</p> <p>Reports to identify members of the appointments panel have been presented to each Local Authority Council meetings during July.</p> <p>A draft PMO structure has been drafted. The structure may be subject to change following appointment of the Programme Director.</p>
Amendments to Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)	<p>JCA has been amended to reflect changes. Key amendments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-distribution of roles across the region - Recruitment of Programme Director and Programme Management Office - ToR of all boards have been reviewed
Membership of the Economic Strategy Board (ESB)	<p>ToR has been amended to include private sector members only.</p> <p>Process has been drafted to invite EOIs from potential advisors to supplement and broaden the role of the ESB. Recruitment process to commence following approval by Joint Committee in July.</p>

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A Detailed Update on Progress being made against each of the Recommendations