



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee – 10 September 2020

Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee Statement of Accounts 2019/20

Purpose:	To seek Joint Committee’s approval for the SBCD Programme’s Annual Statement of Accounts for the 2019/2020 financial year.
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Joint Committee: 1) Approves the 2019/2020 post-audited SBCD Statement of Accounts to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, as amended in 2018
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1. Introduction

1.1 Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body is responsible for the financial stewardship of the Swansea Bay City Deal. Accounts in respect of the Swansea Bay City Deal were not required in previous years and were presented through an annual return. This is the first year the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee has had to compile a Statement of Accounts in line with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, as amended in 2018. The Statement of Accounts was reviewed by Audit Wales, with the audit letter included within the Statement of Accounts. The Statement of Accounts are attached at Appendix A.

2. Statement of Accounts 2019/20

2.1 The Statement of Accounts present full financial statements for the financial year 2019/2020, as required by legislation. This is the first year the Swansea Bay City Deal has presented financial statements, with previous years presented through the use of an annual return due to the minimal expenditure incurred.



- 2.2 To the period which ended on 31st March 2020, the expenditure incurred totalled £270k, with income contributions from partners and a one-off assurance grant both totalling £410k. This resulted in a balance of £140k being transferred to the City Deal reserve, which now demonstrates £273k in total. There was no drawdown of top slice of government grant during the year.
- 2.3 Further income received by the Joint Committee included the first instalment of Welsh and UK Government City Deal Grant of £18m and generated interest of £32k on cash programme cash surpluses. No grant was dispersed to the projects because of the delay in the approval of funding agreements due to the Covid-19 crisis.
- 2.4 Accrued interest will be dispersed to projects on an annual basis apportioned on the basis of the City Deal grant award. This was approved at Joint Committee on July 10, 2020.
- 2.5 Debtor and creditor amounts represent contributions outstanding from partners and funders, and the amount owing to Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The total annual expenditure of the Joint Committee was £270k, with income through partner contributions exceeding this. This resulted in £140k being transferred to a City Deal ring-fenced reserve. The current reserves reside at £273k for the Joint Committee, and £18m for the portfolio investment fund.
- 3.2 City Deal grant totalling £18m and generated interest of £32k was accounted for within the year. No grant was dispersed to projects due to the delay caused by the Covid-19 crisis in approval of funding agreements.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is required to approve a full set of accounts which comply with legislation.

5. Alignment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

- 5.1 The Swansea Bay City Deal programme and its constituent projects are closely aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the seven well-being goals for Wales. These alignments are outlined in a Portfolio Business Case for the SBCD, as well as in individual project business cases.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A: Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee - Statement of Accounts 2019/2020