



Swansea Bay City Deal Economic Strategy Board

Terms of Reference

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide strategic direction for the Swansea Bay City Deal and provide strategic advice to the Joint Committee on matters relating to the Swansea Bay City Region. Specifically, the role shall:
- (a) Submit strategic objectives for the Swansea Bay City Region.
 - (b) Monitor progress with regard to the delivery of the Swansea Bay City Deal in accordance with diagram B in Schedule 8.
 - (c) Oversight of business case production.
 - (d) Consideration of regional added value and identifying opportunities for investment.
 - (e) Make recommendations to the Joint Committee.
 - (f) Produce a summary report of issues considered by the Economic Strategy Board to be annexed to the submission of any business cases

2 Reporting

- 2.1 Joint Committee

3 Membership

- 3.1 Members shall be appointed through an open recruitment and nomination process. Members including co-opted members of the Joint Committee shall submit proposals to the Joint Committee for the recruitment and nomination process. Those proposals shall be subject to unanimous agreement by members of the Joint Committee the Welsh Government and the UK Government. Members shall include:
- (a) 1 private sector chair or other suitable representative.
 - (b) 5 private sector representatives.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt the Joint Committee may appoint additional co-opted members should the Joint Committee determine appropriate
- 3.3 The Programme Director, head of paid service, monitoring officer and s151 officer of each of the Councils or their nominated representative shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Economic Strategy Board as an adviser or an observer but shall not have a vote.

4 Chair

- 4.1 The Chair shall be appointed following nominations by the unanimous agreement of: the Welsh Government, the UK Government and the Joint Committee.
- 4.2 The Chair shall be a private sector representative or other suitable representative.
- 4.3 The Chair shall be accountable to the Joint Committee.
- 4.4 The Chair shall be reviewed annually.

5 Voting/Agreement

- 5.1 The Economic Strategy Board shall not have any formal decision-making powers.
- 5.2 The Economic Strategy Board shall reach agreement by consensus.
- 5.3 Where alternative views and opinions are expressed these shall be recorded and included in any reporting process.

6 Conflicts of Interest

- 6.1 To allow the Economic Strategy Board to undertake all its functions a clear distinction shall be drawn between those involved in specific scheme development and those preparing recommendations on those schemes to the Joint Committee. A robust system of declaration of conflict of interest shall be put in place.
- 6.2 Occasions shall arise where conflicts of interest preclude specific named officers, individuals, committee members from taking part in discussions which shall form views and recommendations on specific matters. Members have an obligation to declare any such interests which shall then be recorded.
- 6.3 Co-opted members of the Economic Strategy Board shall be subject to the rules of conduct set out at Schedule 13 and shall sign an undertaking in the form set out at Schedule 13 to confirm that they will abide by those rules of conduct.

7 Proceedings of meetings

- 7.1 The Portfolio Management Office shall arrange for minutes of the proceedings of each meeting to be taken, approved, and recorded.

8 Quorum

- 8.1 For the Economic Strategy Board to agree and submit recommendations, membership must be represented up to a quorate equivalent to 50% of the membership of the Economic Strategy Board.

9 Frequency

- 9.1 The Economic Strategy Board shall meet with the following frequency or as and when required:
 - (a) Quarterly in advance of any Joint Committee meeting; and
 - (b) When necessary to deal with business as agreed by the Chair of the Economic Strategy Board.

10 Allowances

10.1 There shall be no allowances paid.

11 Servicing

11.1 The Portfolio Management Office shall organise appropriate servicing for the meetings.

12 Sub groups

12.1 Thematic sub committees may be established as and when required and shall report to the Economic Strategy Board.

13 Review

13.1 To be reviewed annually.