

**Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 14 October 2021**

## **Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy**

<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this report is to inform Joint Committee of the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy for the Swansea Bay City Deal.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that Joint Committee:  1) Receive and approve the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy
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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. As per an internal audit recommendation an anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy has been developed to provide detail and clarity on expectations of members, employees and stakeholders and reporting routes should fraud or corruption be identified.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1 As part of the Swansea Bay City Deal internal audit a recommendation was made to implement an anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy to embed process and mitigate fraud, bribery and corruption as far as possible to safeguard the portfolio's assets and resources.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee is aligned to the CIPFA/SOLACE Governance Framework and will work alongside partner authorities to adopt this strategy to outline expectation of all those involve with the Swansea Bay City deal and clear routes of reporting should and u fraud or corruption be identified.

- 2.3 The Joint Committee does not tolerate fraud, bribery and corruption by its members, employees, suppliers, contractors, partners and takes a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of fraud, bribery and corruption. The Joint Committee will take steps to investigate all allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption, and pursue sanctions available in each case, including the removal of office, disciplinary action, civil action for recovery and/or referral to the appropriate police force and/or other agencies.
- 2.4 The role of the Joint Committee will play an important part to ensure the implementation and adherence of the 7 principles of Good Governance set out by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) by behaving with Integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values and respecting the rule of law. Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public finance management. Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting and audit to deliver effective accountability.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications within this report.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

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

- 5.1 The SBCD 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: Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Strategy